

Understanding the Port

Perfect Day at CocoCay is Royal Caribbean's private island in the Bahamas — a beach day engineered like a theme park. Here's the secret: the free side of the island is genuinely excellent, and everything else is an upgrade you can take or skip.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

The Port Area

Royal Caribbean and Celebrity ships dock right at the pier — no tenders since 2019. It's about a five-minute walk down the jetty, then paths and trams to every beach, pool, and slide.

Cash & Currency

Cashless: your ship SeaPass card pays for everything, and your drink package works ashore. Bring a few small US bills for the straw market vendors and tips.

Getting Around

The island is compact and flat — under a mile end to end. Walk it, or hop the free trams looping between the pier, the beaches, and the waterpark all day.

GOOD

The Free Island

Best for: Short stops, easy days, minimal logistics

- ✓ Oasis Lagoon — billed as the Caribbean's largest freshwater pool
- ✓ Chill Island's beaches, chairs, and umbrellas: included
- ✓ Lunch is free — find the Snack Shack

Low effort, high reward.

BETTER

Thrill Waterpark

Best for: Families, teens, thrill seekers

- ✓ Daredevil's Peak — 135 feet, billed as the Caribbean's tallest slide
- ✓ 13 slides and a giant wave pool under one pass
- ✓ A full day's agenda in one ticket

Prices swing by sailing — buy on a pre-cruise sale, never onboard.

BEST

Coco Beach Club or Hideaway

Best for: Couples, celebrations, a grown-up splurge

- ✓ Coco Beach Club: infinity pool and upgraded dining
- ✓ Hideaway Beach: the adults-only side of the island
- ✓ Overwater cabanas if you're celebrating big

Timing management required. Plan around all aboard.

Top Experiences to Consider

GOOD

Oasis Lagoon & Chill Island

Float the lagoon, order at the swim-up bar, and let the kids loose at Splashaway Bay — all included. Arrive early and the best chairs are yours.

BETTER

Thrill Waterpark

One pass buys the whole tower — including Daredevil's Peak — plus the wave pool. Worth it for teens and thrill seekers; families with little ones can skip it, since free Splashaway Bay covers them.

BEST

Coco Beach Club

The island's quiet luxury corner: infinity pool, a restaurant lunch where filet and lobster come included, and the overwater cabanas from the brochure photos. Book before you sail.

Where Staff & Travelers Recommend

Oasis Lagoon

The consensus pick and it costs nothing: the swim-up bar side is the scene, the far coves are the calm.

The Snack Shack

The free crispy chicken sandwich has a cult following — and there's an off-menu upgrade: ask for the "chicken parm," topped with mozzarella sticks and marinara. Any Snack Shack on the island will build it. We've ordered it; it's real.

Captain Jack's

Just left of the pier: rope-swing seats, the house wings, and live music all day. Time it right and you'll catch Captain Jack and Captain Jill's mini-show play out live. Food's a la carte — the soundtrack costs nothing.



Chill Island, Perfect Day at CocoCay



The swim-up bar at Oasis Lagoon

Key Considerations

CocoCay days are rated among the best in cruising, but two ships in port means 10,000-plus guests — and the best chairs are claimed within the first hour or so. Walk off early, stake your base camp, then explore. The far end of South Beach stays quietest, and Harbor Beach near the pier hides the calmest water for little swimmers.

The upsells are real money, and every pass is priced by sailing — the same ticket can cost half as much on a pre-cruise sale, so never buy at rack rate onboard. Decide on ONE splurge before you sail and let the free island carry the rest. One more honest note: wind cancels CocoCay calls a few times a year, with no backup plan — treat the day as a gift, not a guarantee.



Docked at the island's pier — no tenders since 2019



Perfect Day at CocoCay from above



Island refreshment, CocoCay

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Port Orientation

FROM THE PIER

● Arrivals Plaza & Tram Stop	A 5-min walk down the jetty
● Captain Jack's	Wings & live music, left of the pier
~ 5–10 min on foot	
● Oasis Lagoon	The freshwater pool scene
● Chill Island	Classic beach day, included
● Splashaway Bay	Free kids' aqua park
~ 10–15 min walk or free tram	
● Thrill Waterpark	Paid pass
● South Beach	Sports and quieter sand
● Coco Beach Club	Paid, book ahead
● Hideaway Beach	Adults-only, paid

DON'T FORGET

Confirm your all aboard time before you leave the ship.
Set a phone alarm. The ship will not wait for you.

Key Takeaway

CocoCay is cruising's best-engineered beach day: dock, walk off, and the whole island is yours by tram.

The free side alone beats most ports. Add one splurge if it fits your crew — and skip the rest without guilt.

ETA will help you choose the right experience based on your travel style.

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Did You Know?

The Real Name. CocoCay is Little Stirrup Cay in the Berry Islands. Legend says pirates favored these waters — what history actually records is an 18th-century shipwreck salvager named Cameron who called the island home.

Next-Door Rivals. The very next cay over, Great Stirrup Cay, belongs to Norwegian — the cruise industry's first private island, opened back in 1977. Two rival paradises, a stone's throw apart.

Tallest in the Caribbean. Daredevil's Peak, at 135 feet, is billed as the Caribbean's tallest waterslide — it wore the North American crown when it opened in 2019, until taller slides rose on the mainland.

No More Tenders. Until the \$250 million Perfect Day makeover opened in 2019, every visitor since the late 1980s arrived by small boat. The pier ended three decades of tendering — now even the world's largest ships walk you ashore.

The Secret Garden. The island's newest corner opened in July 2026: the Secret Garden Bar, a tiny hideaway stocked with actual books — so new it isn't on most maps yet. If you find it, you've earned the drink.