Roatán, Honduras

Two very different cruise ports, a reef-lined island, and the end of the sloth hug.

Facts checked on 26 October 2026

I haven't sailed into Roatán yet, so this guide is built the way I'd want one built for me: from the cruise lines' own port pages, the US and UK government travel advice, and the news on two big changes, a new name for Carnival's port and a ban on holding the sloths. Every price has a date on it, and I've said plainly where nobody publishes one.

THE QUICK TAKE

- **Two ports:** Carnival's **Isla Tropicale** (the old Mahogany Bay) and the **Port of Roatán** at Coxen Hole, about two miles apart. Your cruise line decides which you get.
- At Isla Tropicale the beach is right there: a **chairlift** over the water, or a **paved walkway** if you use a wheelchair.
- The famous beach, **West Bay**, is at the far west tip of the island, so you'll need a taxi or a tour to get there.
- **No more sloth hugs.** Holding wildlife for photos has been banned since 1 March 2025.
- US dollars are widely taken. The local money is the lempira.
- Roatán runs on Central time with no daylight saving: **two hours behind Eastern in summer, one in winter**. Go by ship time.

Roatán at a glance

Getting ashore	Usually docked: Isla Tropicale (Carnival's port, formerly Mahogany Bay) or the Port of Roatán in Coxen Hole. MSC warns its ships may anchor off Coxen Hole and tender.
Ship to beach or town	Isla Tropicale has its own beach: a chairlift of about **1,200 feet** (around 6 minutes) or a paved walkway. From the Port of Roatán, Coxen Hole town is next door, but there's no beach within walking distance.
Currency	Honduran lempira. US dollars are widely accepted, and credit cards are taken on Roatán. Expect change in lempiras.
Language	Spanish is the official language of Honduras.
Time zone	Central Standard Time all year, with no daylight saving: **two hours behind Eastern in summer, one hour behind in winter**. Be back by **ship time**.
Taxis	No official fare sheet is published online. Agree the price, and whether it's per person or per car, before you get in.
Wildlife	Holding or handling animals for photos has been banned since 1 March 2025.
Drinking water	The State Department says tap water isn't safe. Drink bottled water.

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Honduras travel advisory
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Chairlift and walkway details
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Map of the island



Both cruise ports sit on the south shore; the beach everyone talks about, West Bay, is at the far western tip.

Which port you'll use

Roatán has two cruise ports about two miles apart on the south coast, and they're very different days out. The cruise line chooses, not you, so check your itinerary.

Isla Tropicale (formerly Mahogany Bay)

This is Carnival's own port, and Carnival's sister lines such as Princess and Holland America use it too. Carnival announced the new name in April 2025. On 20 May 2026 it opened a new pool area, Mangrove Bay, about 48,000 square feet with a swim-up bar, a splash pad, cabanas and daybeds. The port says it has 52 shops, three restaurants and four bars, and a two-ship pier that takes Carnival's biggest ships.

The beach is for cruise guests only. You get there by a chairlift that runs about **1,200 feet** over the water (around six minutes, boarding at the Welcome Center), or by a **paved walkway** that Princess points wheelchair users and small children toward. Cunard lists the chairlift at **$14**. Carnival's "Relax on the Beach Package for Two" is **$70.99 for two people**, with two all-day chairlift passes, two chairs, two floats and a clamshell shade (checked 26 October 2026).

Port of Roatán, Coxen Hole

This is the older port, built with Royal Caribbean in 2008, and most other lines (Royal Caribbean, Celebrity, Norwegian and others) tie up here. There's a shopping village at the pier, and Coxen Hole, the island's main town, is right beside it. Celebrity says parts of town are walkable from the terminal and that a shuttle runs. There's **no beach within walking distance**, though, so for a swim you'll need a taxi or a tour. MSC says its ships may anchor offshore and bring guests in by tender.

> **Leaving the port:** at either port you can head out the gate on your own with a taxi. Take a photo ID and cash, because you can't charge anything outside to your cabin.

At the Roatán cruise port: what's there

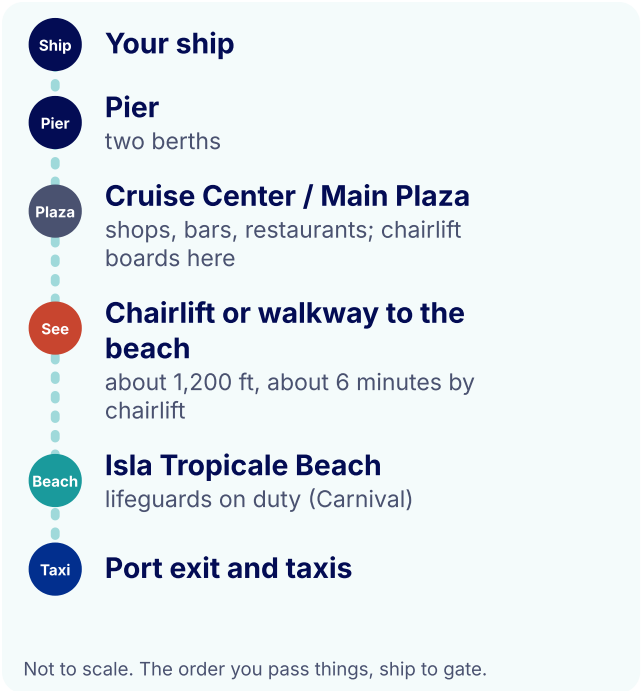
Port facts checked on 30 October 2026. Shops, prices and opening hours change, so check on the day.

Roatán has two cruise ports about two miles apart, and they make for very different port days. At Carnival's Isla Tropicale, the beach, a brand-new pool area and a chairlift over the treetops are all inside the gate, so staying put is the whole plan. At the Port of Roatán in Coxen Hole you get a flat, compact shopping village and a taxi rank, and any swimming means leaving. I haven't sailed here yet, so this is the plan I'd make from the cruise lines' own pages.

Port map: this port doesn't publish a map of its own that we could find, so we drew the simple walk below from the port's and cruise lines' own descriptions.

From the ship: Isla Tropicale (formerly Mahogany Bay)

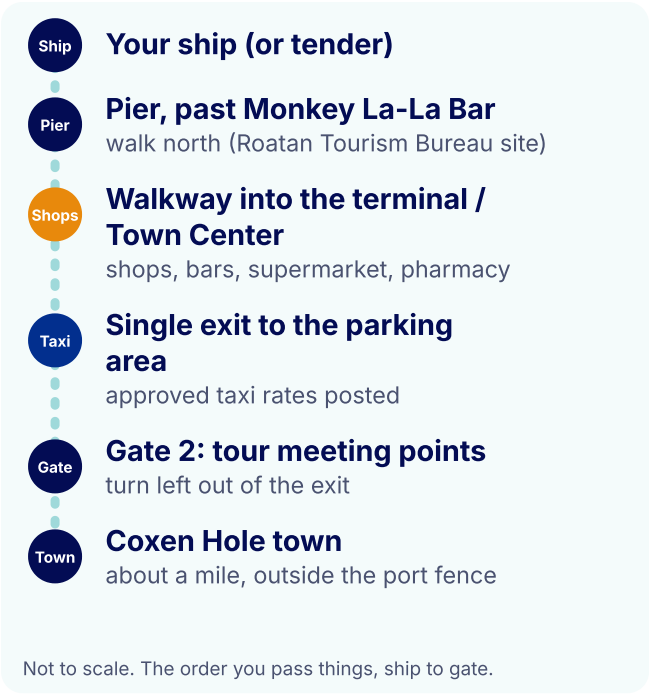
Carnival Corporation's port at Dixon Cove: two berths for Carnival's Excel- and Vista-class ships, 52 shops, 3 restaurants and 4 bars. Used by Carnival and sister lines such as Princess, Holland America and Cunard.



Our own simple drawing, not the port's map.

From the ship: Port of Roatán (Town Center, Coxen Hole)

Built with Royal Caribbean and open since late 2008; about 6.5 acres. The Roatan Tourism Bureau site says up to three ships (one alongside, two at anchor), mainly Royal Caribbean, Celebrity and Norwegian; Norwegian ships usually tender when they overlap. MSC also warns it may tender here.



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Free things to do inside the port

Isla Tropicale beach access by walkway Free — A paved walkway links the Main Plaza to the beach, so you can reach it without buying a chairlift ticket. Carnival points children under 32 inches to it; Princess points wheelchair users and small children to it.
Isla Tropicale, Main Plaza to beach
Access: The step-free way to the beach.

Garifuna Punta dancing and cultural shows Free — Cultural exhibitions in the Town Center, per the Roatan Tourism Bureau site.
Port of Roatán Town Center

Passport courtesy stamp — A booth stamps a souvenir stamp in your passport; the Roatan Tourism Bureau site notes only official immigration stamps are valid entries.
Port of Roatán Town Center

Snorkelling off the beach Free — Direct Line Cruises (July 2026) says the water off Isla Tropicale's beach is calm and clear enough to snorkel from the sand. Bring your own gear or rent it.
Isla Tropicale Beach

Pools and beaches

Isla Tropicale Beach — Princess describes an 825-foot white-sand beach on a 10-acre private island with lounge chairs, rafts, a volleyball court and water sports. Carnival says lifeguards are on duty. Cruise guests only.
Isla Tropicale, by chairlift or walkway
Access: No beach mats or beach wheelchairs published.

Mangrove Bay pool area — Opened 20 May 2026: about 48,000 sq ft with a swim-up bar, a kids' splash pad, a peninsula of cabanas and loungers, and poolside daybeds. No source we opened says whether entry is free.
Isla Tropicale
Access: Cruise Hive says the pool cabanas are wheelchair accessible; Carnival says the daybeds are.

Relax on the Beach Package for Two
$70.99 for two people (Carnival, checked 30 October 2026)
— Two all-day chairlift passes, two beach chairs, two floats and one clamshell shade. Children 5 and under free.
Isla Tropicale Beach
Access: Carnival rates it ambulatory accessible: a few steps, short walks and transferring to a seat.

Poolside daybed
From $149.99 per daybed (Carnival, checked 30 October 2026)
— All-day daybed for up to four, with four chairlift passes. Arrive whenever you like.
Mangrove Bay pool
Access: Carnival says the daybed is wheelchair accessible.

Poolside peninsula cabana — All-day cabana on the pool peninsula with sofa, cooler, water loungers, umbrella and four chairlift passes, for up to four (Princess).
Mangrove Bay pool peninsula
Access: Cruise Hive says wheelchair accessible.

Beach cabana
From $549.99 per cabana; children 5 and under free (Carnival, checked 30 October 2026)
— Air-conditioned cabana for up to four with shower, cable TV, Wi-Fi, a stocked fridge, lounge bed, hammock, floats, four chairlift passes and waiter service. Up to two extra guests for a surcharge.
Isla Tropicale Beach

Grand beach cabana
From $1,029.99 per cabana (Carnival, checked 30 October 2026)
— As above but for up to eight, with eight chairlift passes and six local beers.
Isla Tropicale Beach

No beach at the Port of Roatán — There is no beach within walking distance of the Coxen Hole port; you'll need a taxi or a tour.
Port of Roatán

Food and drink

Isla Tropicale restaurants and bars — Three restaurants and four bars, plus bar service around the new pool and a swim-up bar (Carnival via Cruise Industry News, May 2026).
Isla Tropicale

Beach restaurant service — Carnival says restaurant service is available at the beach.
Isla Tropicale Beach

Monkey La-La Bar — Bar on the walk from the pier, per the Roatan Tourism Bureau site.
Port of Roatán, by the pier

Town Center restaurants, bars and supermarket — Listed by the Roatan Tourism Bureau site.
Port of Roatán Town Center

Shopping

Isla Tropicale shops and artisan kiosks — 52 shops plus local artisan kiosks (Carnival via Cruise Industry News, May 2026).
Isla Tropicale Cruise Center

Town Center shops — Duty-free, souvenirs, artisan gifts, a liquor store and cigars rolled while you watch (Roatan Tourism Bureau site).
Port of Roatán Town Center

Worth paying for (and what it costs)

Isla Tropicale chairlift
$14 (Cunard's listing, checked 26 October 2026)
— About 1,200 ft of cable, 67 ft above the tree canopy, about 6 minutes, boarding at the Cruise Center; four to a chair, continuous motion (Princess). Minimum 32 inches tall, maximum 300 lb.
Boards at the Main Plaza
Access: Carnival says it is not accessible to guests using wheelchairs, canes, rollators or other mobility devices.

Water sports, life vests and lockers — For rent at the Beach Rental hut (Carnival).
Isla Tropicale Beach

Zip line — Adjacent to the Port of Roatán terminal, per the Roatan Tourism Bureau site.
Next to the Port of Roatán

Restrooms, Wi-Fi, money and help

Lockers (Isla Tropicale) — Rentable at the Beach Rental (Carnival).
Isla Tropicale Beach

Lifeguards (Isla Tropicale) Free — On duty at the beach (Carnival).
Isla Tropicale Beach

ATM, pharmacy and post office (Port of Roatán) — All listed in the Town Center by the Roatan Tourism Bureau site.
Port of Roatán Town Center

Internet at the visitor office (Port of Roatán) — The Roatan Tourism Bureau site lists hi-speed internet at the visitor office, 2nd floor, daily 8 am–5 pm.
Town Center, 2nd floor
Access: Second floor; no lift published.

Tour and excursion booths — In the Town Center (Roatan Tourism Bureau site).
Port of Roatán Town Center

Getting out of the port

Taxis from the Port of Roatán

$20 one person, $25 two, to West Bay (undated rate sheet) — Approved rates are posted in the parking area; taxis are usually round trip with the driver waiting. The Roatan Tourism Bureau site lists West Bay, West End, French Harbour and Gumbalimba at $20 for one, $25 for two, plus $10 each extra person; Sandy Bay $15 / $20.
Parking area outside the terminal exit
Access: Confirm per person or per car, and the return time, before you leave.

Tour meeting point (Port of Roatán) — Gate 2: turn left out of the terminal exit; pre-booked drivers wait outside the gate with name signs (Roatan Tourism Bureau site).
Gate 2

Car rental (Port of Roatán) — Listed in the Town Center by the Roatan Tourism Bureau site.
Town Center

Taxis from Isla Tropicale — Direct Line Cruises (July 2026) says taxis are readily available at the port exit and traffic builds in the hour before all-aboard.
Isla Tropicale exit

Water taxi, West End to West Bay About $3 per trip — About $3 a trip, 9 am–9 pm, per the Roatan Tourism Bureau site. Not at the cruise port: you'd take a taxi to West End first.
West End, outside the port

A whole day without leaving the port

At Isla Tropicale, if I were spending the day at the port, I'd buy the beach package for two, ride the chairlift over the trees (or take the walkway), and settle in on the beach with a clamshell for shade, a float and a lifeguard in sight. Lunch from the beach restaurant, an afternoon look at the new Mangrove Bay pool, and a browse of the shops on the way back to the ship. At the Port of Roatán, the honest answer is that the port is a shopping village: I'd shop, have a drink, and either head back aboard early or take a posted-rate taxi to West Bay with the return time agreed before I got in.

At the port with a cane, walker or wheelchair

- Isla Tropicale: the chairlift is not accessible to guests using wheelchairs, canes, rollators or other mobility devices (Carnival), and riders must be 32 inches to 300 lb. Use the paved walkway from the Main Plaza instead; Princess points wheelchair users to it.
- Carnival lists the poolside daybed as wheelchair accessible and Cruise Hive says the pool cabanas are. No beach mats, beach wheelchairs or pool lifts are published.
- Carnival rates its beach package 'ambulatory accessible': you need to manage a few steps, short walks and transferring to a seat.
- Port of Roatán: the Roatan Tourism Bureau site calls it flat and easy to walk; the visitor office with internet is on the second floor. Norwegian and MSC ships may tender here; ask your line about tender access for your device.
- No accessible restrooms or wheelchair rental are published at either port. Check with your own cruise line.

More on cruising with mobility & health needs. Rules differ by cruise line, so check with yours.

Questions about the port

Is the pool at Isla Tropicale free?
Carnival's new Mangrove Bay pool opened on 20 May 2026, but none of the pages we checked says whether entry is free. Daybeds start at $149.99 and the beach is open to all cruise guests.

Can I get to the beach at Isla Tropicale without the chairlift?

Yes. A walkway connects the Main Plaza to the beach, and Princess recommends it for wheelchair users and small children.

Is there a beach at the Port of Roatán in Coxen Hole?

No. The Coxen Hole port is a shopping village with posted-rate taxis; the nearest good beaches, like West Bay, need a taxi or tour.

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How I'd spend the day

If walking is hard

If you're at Isla Tropicale, this is one of the easiest port days in the Caribbean. Take the paved walkway (or the chairlift if you can manage the boarding) to the beach, rent a clamshell for shade, and stay put. The new pool area is right by the port. If you're at Coxen Hole, I'd book a beach tour that includes the transport rather than haggling for a taxi.

Beach day

At Isla Tropicale, the beach is right there. From Coxen Hole, take a taxi or a beach-break tour west to **West Bay**, agree the price and pickup time first, and leave plenty of time to get back. **see Roatan West Bay beach day from cruise port on Viator**

See the island

Book a small-group island tour that takes in West End village, a viewpoint and Gumbalimba Park. Just know that the animal encounters are look-don't-touch now. Snorkeling on the reef off West End and West Bay is the real treasure here. **see Roatan island tour and snorkel on Viator**

Getting around

Taxis

Taxis wait outside both ports. I couldn't find an official fare sheet published online. Guidebooks say colectivo taxis pick up other passengers on fixed routes and cost less, while private cabs cost more and go up after dark. Before the car moves, settle three things: the price, whether it's per person or per car, and the return pickup time. Britain's travel advice suggests radio-dispatched or hotel taxis for short trips and a reputable tour company for longer ones.

Water taxis

Small boats shuttle between West End and West Bay along the shore. They're handy if you're already out west, but stepping on and off is awkward if your balance isn't good.

Buses and car rental

Minibuses run along the main road in daylight. Car rentals are available at the ports. The State Department notes that Honduras accepts valid US driver's licenses but warns that roads are often poorly lit and poorly marked.

What to see

West End village

A laid-back seaside strip of dive shops, cafés and docks near the island's west tip, and the jumping-off point for water taxis to West Bay.

Gumbalimba Park

A jungle park with gardens, monkeys, parrots, iguanas and sloths, near West Bay. Since the 2025 ban, guests watch and photograph the animals but can't hold them. The park doesn't publish its prices online.

Little French Key

A small private island a short boat ride away, with wildlife and snorkeling. It usually comes as a package.

Roatán Chocolate Factory

Cunard lists tours and tastings of chocolate made from local cacao. It's a gentle, mostly indoor stop.

The reef

Roatán sits on the Mesoamerican Barrier Reef, and snorkeling is the island's best feature. Go with a licensed operator, and remember that Britain's advice calls emergency medical care on the Bay Islands extremely limited. Roatán does have a hyperbaric chamber for divers.

Beaches, ranked for a cruise day

1. **Isla Tropicale beach**, if you're docked there. Free to cruise guests, reached by chairlift (Cunard lists it at $14) or the paved walkway. Chairs, floats and shade cost extra: **$70.99 for two** on Carnival's beach package. It's the easiest beach on the island, but it's also cruise-only, so you won't see much of Roatán.
2. **West Bay Beach**, at the far west tip. White sand and calm, reef-protected water that Cunard calls good for swimming and snorkeling. The beach is public, while chairs and day passes belong to the resorts and vendors along it. Nobody publishes official prices, so ask before you sit down. It's the longest drive from either port.
3. **West End**, just north of West Bay. More of a village waterfront than a long beach, with good snorkeling off the shore and water taxis to West Bay.

Wear water shoes on any reef beach, and never stand on the coral.

Where to eat and what to try

- **Baleadas**: a flour tortilla folded over refried beans, cheese and cream, the everyday Honduran snack.
- **Fresh fish and conch**, fried or in coconut-based island dishes, in West End and West Bay.
- **At Isla Tropicale**: the port's own three restaurants and four bars, plus the swim-up bar at the new pool. Expect cruise-port prices.
- The State Department suggests drinking only sealed bottled drinks, skipping ice, and avoiding raw fruit and vegetables that haven't been peeled.

Money, language and local rules

- **Money:** the Honduran lempira is the official currency. US dollars are widely accepted, and cards are taken on Roatán. ATMs can be out of order or charge high fees, so bring small US bills.
- **Wildlife:** since 1 March 2025, Honduras has banned holding and handling wild animals for exhibition and photos. Parks on Roatán ended the sloth hugs that month, and Carnival's animal tours became look-only.
- **Camouflage clothing:** several Caribbean countries ban civilians from wearing camo, and Carnival tells guests not to wear it ashore in some ports. I couldn't confirm that Honduras is one of them. Honduras has, though, legislated against civilians using police and military uniforms. Leave the camo at home and you won't have to find out.
- **Don't pack** firearms, ammunition, or cannabis and CBD products. The State Department says all of them are illegal to bring in.
- **Minors:** under Honduran law anyone under 21 is a minor. If one parent or grandparent is traveling alone with a child, check the consent-letter rules with your cruise line.
- **Ship time:** Honduras never changes its clocks. In summer you're two hours behind Eastern, and in winter one hour. Go by the ship.

What the videos don't show you

- **The sloth-hug videos are old.** Holding the animals has been banned since March 2025. Anyone still offering it is breaking the rules.
- **Isla Tropicale is a bubble.** It's easy and pretty, but it's a cruise-only compound, and you see very little of the island unless you leave.
- **West Bay is a long way off.** It's at the far end of the island from both ports, with traffic on the one main road, so leave a big cushion before all aboard.
- **Taxi prices aren't posted officially.** Settle the fare and say "per car or per person?" before you go.
- **Limited medical care.** Britain calls emergency care on the Bay Islands extremely limited, and US insurance often doesn't apply. Take extra care in the water.
- **The country advisory.** The State Department rates Honduras overall Level 3, reconsider travel, mainly for crime on the mainland. It gives the Bay Islands no separate rating but notes petty theft there.

With a cane, walker or wheelchair

Roatán can be one of the easiest port days or one of the harder ones, depending on the port. At **Isla Tropicale**

the ship docks, and Princess says plainly that the **chairlift is not wheelchair accessible**. You board and step off a moving chair, the minimum height is 32 inches, and Carnival lists a 300-pound maximum on its chairlift packages. A **paved walkway** runs to the beach instead. Carnival also says its new beach cabanas are wheelchair-accessible.

At **Coxen Hole** you're usually docked too, but MSC says its ships may anchor and tender. Once you're ashore, any beach means a vehicle. The ports don't publish any accessible-taxi service. Holland America lists an accessible animal-park tour, but its own page says the wheelchair details aren't available yet, so ask before you book.

See Mobility & Health Needs for tenders and special-needs forms, and check with your cruise line which port and berth you're getting.

The biggest mistake

Booking a “hold a sloth” tour because of a video from a few years ago. That's over, and it should be. The second mistake is grabbing a taxi to West Bay from Coxen Hole without settling the price, the pickup time and the drive back. West Bay is at the far end of the island, so build in a big cushion and be back by ship time.

Roatán FAQs

Which cruise port will I use in Roatán?

It depends on your cruise line. Carnival's own Isla Tropicale (formerly Mahogany Bay) mostly hosts Carnival and its sister lines like Princess and Holland America. Most other lines use the Port of Roatán at Coxen Hole. Your cruise line has the final word.

Is Mahogany Bay the same as Isla Tropicale?

Yes. Carnival announced in April 2025 that Mahogany Bay would be renamed Isla Tropicale, and in May 2026 it opened a new pool area there. It's the same pier and beach, about two miles east of Coxen Hole.

Is Roatán a tender port?

Usually not. Both cruise ports have piers. MSC warns that its ships may anchor off Coxen Hole and tender guests in, so check your itinerary if tenders are hard for you.

Can you still hold a sloth in Roatán?

No. Honduras banned holding and handling wildlife for photos from 1 March 2025, and parks on Roatán stopped the sloth hugs. You can still watch the animals and take pictures of them.

Do they take US dollars in Roatán?

Yes, widely. The official money is the Honduran lempira, but Cunard and Celebrity both say US dollars are commonly accepted, and the State Department says credit cards are accepted on Roatán.

Is Roatán safe for cruise passengers?

The US State Department rates Honduras Level 3, reconsider travel (issued 25 August 2026), but gives the Bay Islands no separate level. Britain's advice flags petty theft on the islands and very limited emergency medical care. Stick to known taxis and tours and keep valuables out of sight.

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