Perfect Day at CocoCay

Royal Caribbean's private island in the Bahamas, where a great deal is free and the headline attractions are not.

Facts checked against official sources on 24 September 2026

Getting ashore	Ships dock at a pier. The walk from ship to Arrivals Plaza is about six minutes, and a complimentary pier tram runs up and down it.
Where it is	Little Stirrup Cay in the Berry Islands, Bahamas, per the Bahamas tourism board. Royal Caribbean's own pages say only "The Bahamas".
Who can go	Royal Caribbean guests only
Time ashore	Around eight to ten hours
Paying	SeaPass card. The island market takes SeaPass until 2:30pm, and US cash always.

At the Perfect Day at CocoCay cruise port: what’s there

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

CocoCay is my favourite beach day, and I've only ever done the free things. My four-year-old grandbaby could have lived on Captain Jill's Galleon and in Splashaway Bay, the big Oasis Lagoon pool is very nice, and our family brought our own snorkel gear and snorkelled all day over the underwater features and colourful fish. The whole island is the port here, so 'staying at the port' just means picking your beach. Here's what's free, what costs, and where it all sits.

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Planning for Perfect Day at CocoCay: the bookings Granny uses, one scan away.

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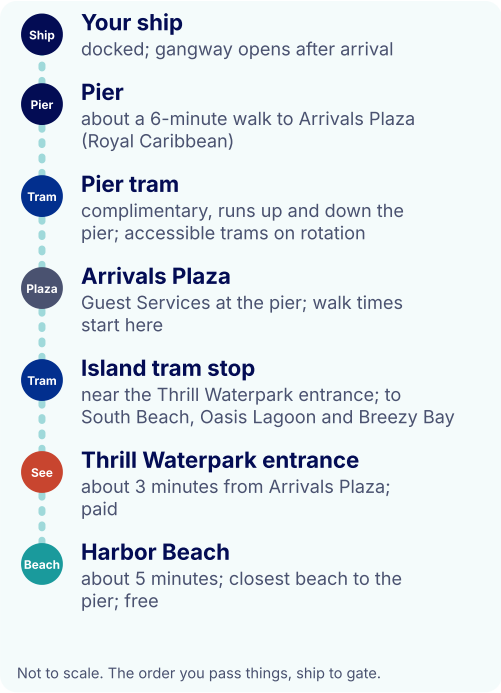
See the official port map

The port side publishes its own map. We link to it rather than copy it, so you always see the current layout. Open it before you sail and save a screenshot to your phone. Map by Royal Caribbean International.

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From the ship: CocoCay pier and Arrivals Plaza

Royal Caribbean's private island (Little Stirrup Cay, Berry Islands, Bahamas). Ships dock at the pier; Royal Caribbean guests only. Celebrity lists CocoCay among ports where its ships tender, so ask your line.



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

Free things to do inside the port

No admission fee Free — Royal Caribbean says there's no admission fee to visit Perfect Day CocoCay and most experiences are complimentary.
Whole island

Captain Jill's Galleon Free — A pirate-ship play structure with slides and water cannons for little ones. My grandchild loved it.
Next to Splashaway Bay

Splashaway Bay Free — A children's aqua park with splash pools.
Central island

Sports courts Free — Volleyball, basketball, soccer and table tennis are on the free list.
Around the island

Snorkelling with your own gear Free — You can bring your own mask and snorkel (no full-face masks for rent; underwater scooters are banned). We snorkelled all day over underwater features and fish.
Off the free beaches

Beach strollers Free — Free beach strollers, first come first served.
Ask a crew member

Island tram Free — Runs all day from Arrivals Plaza, stopping at South Beach, Oasis Lagoon and Breezy Bay at Chill Island. Royal Caribbean's own pages say every 15 minutes in one place and every 10 in another.
Starts near the Thrill Waterpark entrance
Access: Accessible trams on regular rotation.

Pools and beaches

Oasis Lagoon Free — Freshwater pool, billed by Royal Caribbean as the largest in the Caribbean, with a swim-up bar. Very nice.
Central island · about 8 min walk from the ship
Access: Pool lift.

Harbor Beach Free — Calm inlet beach, the closest to the pier.
By the pier · about 5 min walk from the ship
Access: Soft sand.

Chill Island Free — The main beach area on the west end, with chairs and umbrellas, the Chill Grill and the Snorkel Shack.
West end
Access: Royal Caribbean gives 5–10 minutes from Arrivals Plaza; Breezy Bay at Chill Island about 10.

South Beach Free — Quieter, more secluded beach on the eastern side with chairs and umbrellas.
East side · about 10 min walk from the ship
Access: Island tram stop.

Beach chairs, umbrellas, towels & showers Free — Chairs and umbrellas are complimentary. Bring towels from the ship and swap wet ones on the island (scan your SeaPass). Freshwater showers are free.
Throughout the island

Lifeguards — Royal Caribbean says StarGuard lifeguards are at every pool and slide and at recommended beach spots.
Pools, slides, marked beach areas

Hideaway Beach (adults 18+) — Adults-only beach with an infinity pool, in-water loungers, swim-up bar and cocktail bar; complimentary lockers, restrooms and outdoor showers; its own tram. Royal Caribbean only says prices vary by season. Royal Caribbean Blog reported Cruise Planner sale prices of $43.99–$48.99 per person in July 2026, against onboard prices of $89–$99, and says it is often over $70.
Its own tram from Arrivals Plaza · about 7 min walk from the ship
Access: Nothing published about accessibility here.

Coco Beach Club — Paid beach club with a private beach, infinity pool, clubhouse restaurant included with admission (self-serve pastries and coffee in the morning), free chairs, umbrellas, towels and floating mats. Drinks extra unless you have a package. Admission price not published by Royal Caribbean.
Nearly a mile from Arrivals Plaza; tram every 10 minutes from near the plaza · about 10 min walk from the ship
Access: Beach wheelchairs, pool lift, lower bar counter, ramps to dining.

Cabanas and daybeds — Rentals at Chill Island, South Beach, Thrill Waterpark, Oasis Lagoon, Hideaway Beach (Hideaway and Hideout cabanas, up to 8) and Coco Beach Club (Overwater and Beach cabanas, up to 8; overwater slide 350 lb max). Royal Caribbean Blog reported July 2026 sale prices of $820.99 for a South Beach cabana and $280.99 for a full-day South Beach beach bed on one Utopia of the Seas sailing.
Six cabana areas, four daybed areas

Food and drink

Five complimentary dining spots Free — Included in your fare. Royal Caribbean names Skipper's Grill, Chill Grill and the Snack Shack among them.
Around the island

Oasis Lagoon swim-up bar — Swim-up bar in the big pool. Drinks are charged to your SeaPass unless you have a package.
Oasis Lagoon · about 8 min walk from the ship

Captain Jack's — Beach bar and grill with an à la carte menu.
Shown on the official map

Floating bar — A bar out on the water, shown on the official map.
Near South Beach

Drink packages work here — Royal Caribbean says beverage packages bought onboard or pre-cruise work anywhere on the island, including Hideaway Beach and Coco Beach Club. You may carry drinks from the ship, but no glass.
All island bars

Shopping

Island market — Local Bahamian crafts. Takes SeaPass until 2:30pm and US cash at any time.
On the island (location not given in the FAQ)

Worth paying for (and what it costs)

Thrill Waterpark — 13 waterslides, a Wave Pool and an Adventure Pool, including Daredevil's Peak and Splash Summit. Under-14s must be with someone 14 or older; ages 0–3 free. Per-person price varies by sailing.
Next to Arrivals Plaza · about 3 min walk from the ship
Access: Wave pool has a pool lift; the slide towers have stairs.

Zip line — 1,600-ft zip line; closed-toe shoes required. Royal Caribbean Blog reported a $33.99 Cruise Planner sale price (onboard $69) on one sailing in July 2026.
Shown on the official map
Access: The tower has stairs.

Up, Up and Away — Tethered helium balloon ride; per-person charge, ages 0–3 free; reserve online or buy on the island.
Shown on the official map

Beach rentals — Kayaks, snorkel gear (from the Snorkel Shack on Chill Island) and other water toys; jet skis are sold as shore excursions.
Snorkel Shack, Chill Island

Restrooms, Wi-Fi, money and help

Lockers Free — Complimentary lockers throughout the island, plus secure lockers at Hideaway Beach.
Throughout the island

Restrooms & freshwater showers Free — Available around the island at no charge.
Throughout the island

First aid — Two first aid facilities, marked with a white cross on signs and maps.
Thrill Waterpark and Chill Island

Guest Services Free — Where you request an accessible tram or ask for help.
At the pier and at various venues

Wi-Fi — Works on the island only if you bought a VOOM or Wi-Fi package onboard or pre-cruise.
Island-wide

Paying — SeaPass card for almost everything; US cash at the island market.

Smoking areas — Smoking and vaping only in designated areas marked on wayfinding signs.
Signed areas

Ship's casino — Royal Caribbean names CocoCay as one of the rare ports where the casino can open while docked, so you can go back aboard and play.
Onboard

Getting out of the port

No independent tours — Everything on the island is sold by Royal Caribbean through My Royal Cruise; no outside operators, no taxis. You can't stay overnight.

A whole day without leaving the port

If you're doing CocoCay my way, it's a free day and a full one. Get off early, grab towels from the ship, and stake out chairs at Chill Island or South Beach. Bring your own snorkel gear and spend the morning over the fish. Lunch at one of the five free grills, then let the little ones loose on Captain Jill's Galleon and in Splashaway Bay for an hour while you sit in the shade. Finish with a float in Oasis Lagoon. Another trip, we just went beach to beach. I'd only pay for a beach club on an adults-only trip, and then mostly for the upgraded food. Check your own sailing's prices in My Royal Cruise before you decide.

At the port with a cane, walker or wheelchair

- Docked for Royal Caribbean; Celebrity lists CocoCay as a tender port for its ships.
- The walk from ship to Arrivals Plaza is about 6 minutes. Royal Caribbean's FAQ describes a complimentary pier tram and accessible trams running from the pier to Arrivals Plaza; ask Guest Services at the pier.
- Complimentary beach access wheelchairs, first come first served; ask a crew member.
- Pool lifts at Oasis Lagoon, the Thrill Waterpark wave pool and the Coco Beach Club infinity pool.
- Coco Beach Club: beach wheelchairs, pool lift, lower bar counter, ramps to dining. It is nearly a mile out, so take its tram.
- Royal Caribbean calls the island ADA compliant but says some experiences are not. The waterpark slide towers and the zip line tower have stairs. Nothing is published on Hideaway Beach accessibility.
- Paths are paved, but the last stretch to the water is soft sand; no beach mats are published.

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

Questions about the port

▼ What is free at Perfect Day at CocoCay?
Entry, Chill Island, South Beach, Harbor Beach, the Oasis Lagoon pool, Splashaway Bay, Captain Jill's Galleon, five dining spots, chairs, umbrellas, lockers, showers and the island tram. Thrill Waterpark, Hideaway Beach, Coco Beach Club, cabanas, the zip line and the balloon cost extra.

▼ Does my drink package work on CocoCay?
Yes. Royal Caribbean says packages bought onboard or before the cruise work anywhere on the island, including Hideaway Beach and Coco Beach Club.

▼ Is there Wi-Fi on CocoCay?
Only if you have a VOOM or Wi-Fi package from the ship; there's no separate free island Wi-Fi.

Where the port facts come from: Royal Caribbean: where can I find more information on Perfect Day at CocoCay (map links) (30 October 2026); Royal Caribbean: Perfect Day at CocoCay map PDF (published 27 Mar 2025) (30 October 2026); Royal Caribbean: how much does Perfect Day at CocoCay cost (30 October 2026); Royal Caribbean: Perfect Day island FAQ topic (UK site) (30 October 2026); Royal Caribbean: Perfect Day island FAQ topic (Hong Kong site, English) (30 October 2026); Royal Caribbean: is there transportation on Perfect Day at CocoCay (30 October 2026); Royal Caribbean: services for special needs guests at CocoCay (30 October 2026); Royal Caribbean Blog: adults-only beach pass sale (14 Jul 2026) (30 October 2026); Royal Caribbean: best time to visit Casino Royale (casino open docked at CocoCay; from the live page, not reopened today) (24 September 2026); Cruise Hive: Royal Caribbean clarifies CocoCay transportation (18 Oct 2024) (30 October 2026)

What is free

More than people expect. Royal Caribbean publishes that "there is no admission fee to visit Perfect Day CocoCay" and that most experiences are complimentary:

- Chill Island, South Beach, Harbor Beach and Breezy Bay
- Oasis Lagoon, which they call the largest freshwater pool in the Caribbean, with a swim-up bar
- Splashaway Bay and Captain Jill's Galleon for children
- Five dining spots, including the Snack Shack, Chill Grill and Skipper Grill
- Beach chairs and umbrellas throughout the island, lockers, freshwater showers and restrooms
- Volleyball, basketball, soccer and table tennis
- Towels from the ship, with three exchange stations. A towel you do not return costs $25.

Your ship drink package works on the island, including at the Oasis Lagoon swim-up bar.

What costs extra

Thrill Waterpark, Hideaway Beach (18 and over), Coco Beach Club, cabanas including the twenty overwater ones, the 1,600-foot zip line, Up Up and Away, jet skis, kayaks, snorkel gear and daybeds.

> **No official page publishes a single price for any of it.** Royal Caribbean says only that prices vary by season and sends you to the Cruise Planner for your own sailing. Anyone quoting you a firm figure is quoting an old one. Book through the Cruise Planner before you sail, since cabana bookings open up to a year ahead.

Accessibility, which is unusually well documented

Royal Caribbean states plainly that "Perfect Day CocoCay is an accessible island," and publishes the detail to back it up:

- Complimentary beach access wheelchairs at three locations, first come first served. Ask a crew member.
- Accessible trams on regular rotation around the island, and a pier tram so you need not walk the pier.
- Pool lifts at Oasis Lagoon and at the Coco Beach Club infinity pool. The waterpark's wave pool is wheelchair accessible.
- Coco Beach Club has a lift in the pool, a lower bar counter, ramps to dining, an accessible restroom and a shower.

The honest limitation, in their words: "The towers to the waterpark's slides and the tower to the Zip Line have stairs." And nothing is published about accessibility at Hideaway Beach.

Walk times from the Arrivals Plaza, useful for pacing a day: waterpark about 3 minutes, Harbor Beach about 5, Hideaway Beach about 7, Oasis Lagoon about 8, South Beach and Coco Beach Club about 10. Tram frequency is published as every 10 minutes on one page and every 15 on another, so treat it as "every ten to fifteen minutes."

One for the casino players

Royal Caribbean publishes that a ship casino must close in port, "with very few exceptions," and names CocoCay as one: you can go back aboard early and play while docked there. If you are

working on a comp offer, a CocoCay day is a rare chance to add coin-in during daylight.

There are no independent tours to book here. CocoCay is Royal Caribbean's own island and everything on it — the waterpark, the cabanas, Coco Beach Club, the zip line — is sold by Royal Caribbean through your Cruise Planner. No outside operator runs anything, so there is nothing to shop around for. That is unusual, and it is a large part of why this day is so easy.

Where these facts come from

- Royal Caribbean, what is Perfect Day at CocoCay (https://www.royalcaribbean.com/faq/questions/what-is-perfect-day-at-cococay)
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- The Islands of The Bahamas, Berry Islands (https://www.bahamas.com/islands/berry-islands)

Ports change their rules and their prices. Check the official pages above before you sail.

Mobility & access *at this port*

From **Sails Anyway**, the accessible-cruising section of this site. Nothing here is medical advice — it is what the port and the cruise lines publish, so you know what to ask.

The short answer

Ashore	Docked
Free beach	3–10 min on paved paths

Hardest part	Soft sand; no beach mats anywhere

The rule that changed — October 1, 2024

Royal Caribbean discontinued the general pier tram. Pickup at the pier end, near the forward gangways, is now **reserved exclusively for guests with wheelchairs, scooters or other mobility needs**. Everyone else walks the pier. Many people still don't know this, including some who would qualify for it.

If you need that pickup, say so at the gangway. It is there for exactly this reason, and it removes the longest walk of the day.

The **island tram** is a separate thing and still runs for everyone, every 10 to 15 minutes, with seven stops. Several stops are wheelchair accessible, and drivers will often stop if you wave them down.

Docking can depend on your cruise line

Celebrity lists CocoCay among ports where **its** ships tender, so a docked call for Royal Caribbean may be a tender call for another line. Ask your line what your ship does on your date.

What the day *asks of you*

- **Very little, by cruise standards.** Paved pathways and ramps run across the island, so distances are manageable and the surface is predictable.
- **Walking times from Arrivals Plaza:** Thrill Waterpark about 3 minutes, Harbor Beach 5, Chill Island 5 to 10, Oasis Lagoon 8, South Beach 10.
- **Coco Beach Club is nearly a mile away.** Take the tram. This is the one distance here that catches people out.
- **Sand is still sand.** Paved paths get you close, but the last stretch to the water is soft going.

What's *free and included*

- **Beach wheelchairs**, first come first served — ask any crew member to locate one.
- **Pool lifts** at Oasis Lagoon and Coco Beach Club, and the Wave Pool at Thrill Waterpark is wheelchair accessible.
- **Chill Island, South Beach, Harbor Beach and the Oasis Lagoon pool** are all in your fare.
- **No vendors, no haggling, no taxis.** A full beach-and-pool day here costs nothing extra, which is rare.

The honest part

There are no beach mats anywhere on the island. A beach wheelchair pushes hard through soft sand even with a light passenger, and there's no designated place to leave your own chair while you use a beach one. By cruise standards this is a genuinely accessible island, and it still has real gaps that matter on the day.

What costs extra, *and what has stairs*

Thrill Waterpark, Coco Beach Club and Hideaway Beach all cost extra. The waterslide towers and the zip line tower involve stairs. None of that is a problem as long as you know before you're standing at the bottom of one.

> **The low-effort version of this port**
>
> Tram from the pier, settle at Chill Island or Harbor Beach, use a beach wheelchair if you want the water, and let the tram bring you back. It is the closest thing to a rest day that a port day gets.

Check with your cruise line

- **This is a Royal Caribbean island**, so it only appears on their itineraries. Other lines have their own private destinations with different facilities — ask yours what's available.
- **Ask how the pier pickup works** on your sailing and whether anything needs requesting in advance.
- **Ask whether beach wheelchairs can be reserved** or are strictly first come, first served on the day.
- **Mention your mobility needs on the accessibility form** before you sail. The Accommodations Guide covers which form and by when.

Questions people *actually ask*

▼ Is Perfect Day at CocoCay wheelchair accessible?

It is among the most accessible ports in the Caribbean: paved pathways and ramps, free beach wheelchairs, and pool lifts at Oasis Lagoon and Coco Beach Club.

▼ Are beach wheelchairs free at CocoCay?

Yes, they are free and first come, first served. Ask any crew member to locate one.

▼ Is there still a tram at the CocoCay pier?

Royal Caribbean discontinued the general pier tram on 1 October 2024. Pickup at the pier end is now reserved for guests with wheelchairs, scooters or other mobility needs. The island tram still runs for everyone.

Accessibility details last checked 22 September 2026. How we check this →

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