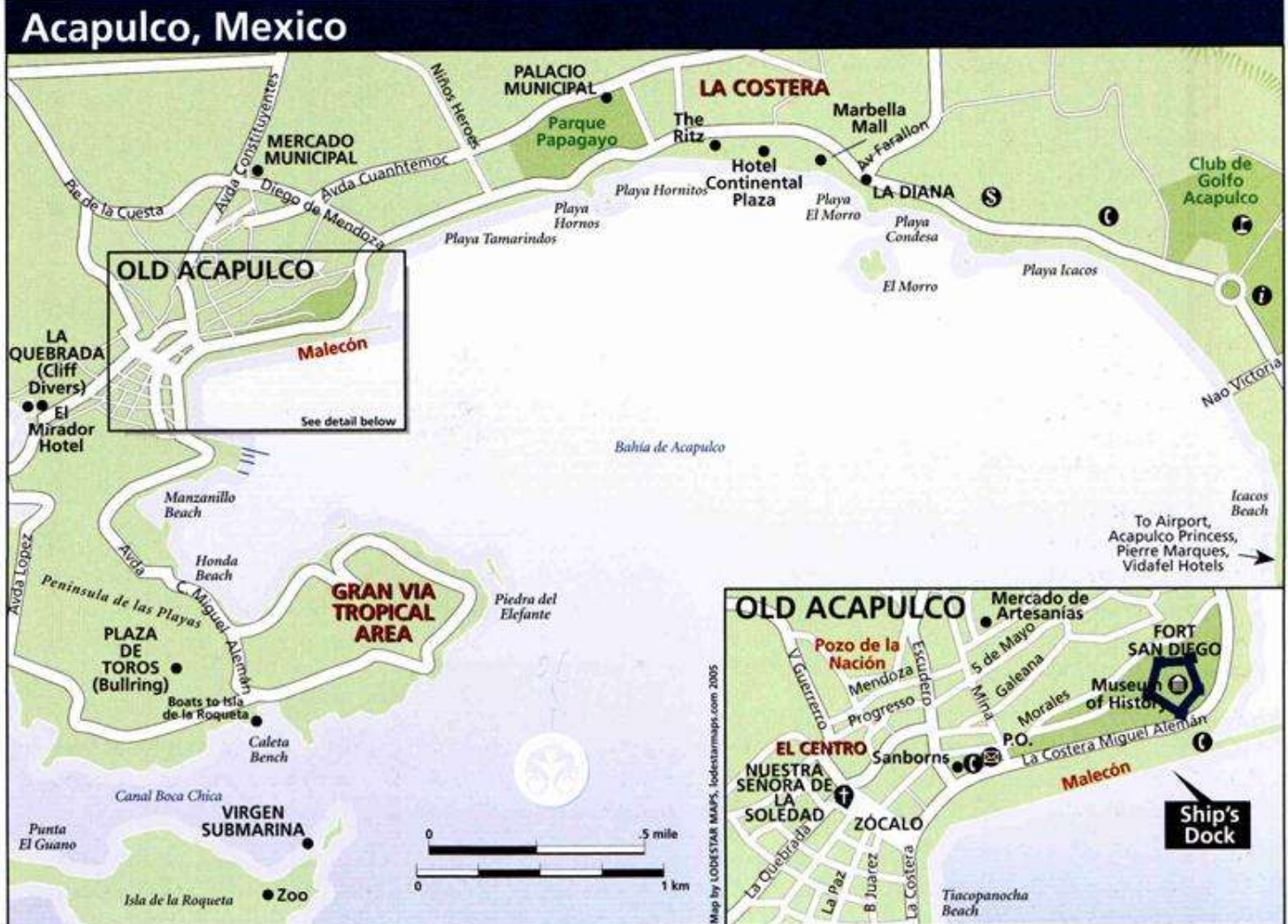




# Port Description



<b>Docking location:</b>	Crystal Symphony is scheduled to dock at José Azueta Cruise Terminal.
<b>Distance to town:</b>	Old Town Acapulco is within walking distance from our docking location.
<b>Local Crystal Cruises' Port Representative:</b>	TMM Agencias, S.A. Avenida Costera Miguel Aleman S/N. Colonia Centro. Malecon Fiscal, Bodega 3. Phone: (011) 52-744-482-2960/ 52-744483-5658.
<b>Exchange Rate:</b>	The local currency is the Mexican Peso. US\$ 1.00 is approximately MXN 10.99. US Dollars and major credit cards are widely accepted.
<b>Shopping:</b>	You will find a small selection of a variety of shops in the Ships terminal. The shops of old town are within walking distance. The modern shopping malls are approximately a 10 minute taxi drive from the port.
<b>Shuttle Bus:</b>	There is no shuttle service in operation today.
<b>Taxis:</b>	Taxis are available outside the terminal gate. Taxi rates are fixed and should be agreed upon before departure.

Spectacularly situated where rugged mountains meet the sea, legendary Acapulco is the gathering place for pleasure-seekers from around the world. Considered Mexico's capital of fun, it is its most glamorous Pacific resort. Outdoor activities abound, from aquatic sports to golf at emerald green courses. Golden beaches await you and glistening seas beckon swimming, snorkeling and surfing enthusiasts. Thrill at the sight of the La Quebrada cliff-divers cutting into azure seas or browse through an array of boutiques that boast treasures of silver, fine lacquers and pottery. After dark, the sound of mariachi music and a vibrant disco beat fills the air while horse-drawn carriages clatter along the colorful streets. It is hard to believe that not so long ago this resort town was an inconspicuous fishing village, but secrets such as Acapulco are hard to keep.

#### **La Quebrada Divers**

The famous clavistas de La Quebrada have been amazing visitors to Acapulco ever since 1934, diving with graceful finesse from heights of 136 feet into a narrow chasm with the ocean swells rising and falling inside.

***Located at the Mirador Hotel. Diving times are daily at 1:00pm, 7:30pm, 8:30pm, 9:30pm and 10:30pm. Times are subject to change without prior notice!***

#### **Fort San Diego**

Guests can easily spot Fort San Diego from any of the ship's decks since it is located close to the pier. Its original construction dates from 1616 and its principal function were to repel the constant attacks by pirates, corsairs and filibusters that prowled the seas. The fort was rebuilt between the years 1778 and 1783 and has a moat, several vaulted enclosures underneath the walls, and five bulwarks. Today it houses the newly renovated Acapulco Historical Museum containing 12 exhibition halls and unique relics.

***Open Tuesday to Sunday from 9:30am to 5:30pm.***

#### **The Cathedral (La Catedral)**

Situated in one of the oldest parts of Acapulco, this church was built in 1930 and named Nuestra Señora de la Soledad. One of its main characteristics is a dome built in the style of traditional mosques, accompanied by two Byzantine-looking towers. The atmosphere inside is enlivened by yellow and gold tiles and walls painted in white and blue. For many of the local worshippers, the most beautiful attraction is the statue of Christ lying in a crystal coffin.

***Open daily from 7:00am to 9:00pm***

#### **Isla La Roqueta**

This is a small island located in front of Caleta and Caletilla beaches. To get there, visitors must take a boat that leaves from Caletilla beach. Take one with a glass bottom, so you can admire the underwater life. Once there, you will find three restaurants with bar service. Take advantage of a day on the most peaceful beach in Acapulco.

#### **Beaches**

Pie de la Cuesta Beach, known for horseback riding and sunset views, is located ten miles northwest of Acapulco along a narrow strip of land separating the Pacific Ocean from the mangrove and palm-fringed Coyuca Lagoon. Caleta Beach is surrounded by residential neighborhoods and shopping areas. It has much to offer guests who want to experience traditional Mexico. In the past, this beach was a popular hangout for the glamour set. Condesa Beach is located a 20 minute drive, between the Continental Acapulco and El Presidente hotels and is a favorite with international travelers. The beaches along the main strip, the Costera, in Acapulco basically run together and share the same plot of sand. If you are just searching for a close by beach for a little dip the beginning of this beach "strip" is about a 5 to 10 minute walk from our docking location.

#### **Shopping**

Depending where you do your shopping and how good your bargaining skills are, you can return home from your vacation with bags of treasures from all over Mexico. The best arts and crafts are made in other parts of Mexico, but as a tourist destination, many of these find their way to Acapulco. The Artisans' Mall is an open-air mall located across from Plaza Bahia, you can find many inexpensive arts and crafts and souvenirs strolling through the many aisles. You will have to test your bargaining skills here because the prices are not posted (and even if they were, you should still bargain. La Grand Plaza and Bahia Plaza are to modern shopping centers with La Grand Plaza being the newest one. Both are situated approximately a 10 to 15 minute taxi drive from the ships terminal and offer all the amenities you are used to from other shopping malls.

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