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CRUISE NEWSLETTER

PORT OF PROGRESO



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Yucatán is making significant strides in enhancing its international tourism and maritime presence through key initiatives focused on culture, connectivity, and community engagement.

A major highlight this year is the commencement of the second stage of the Port of Progreso modernization project. This pivotal development is set to prepare the destination for larger cruise ships, thereby expanding tourism opportunities in the region. Additionally, we are excited to host K'iwik 2026, a vital regional tourism gathering in Mérida, which will bring together influential industry leaders after nearly a decade.

We hope you enjoy this edition, and don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Best regards,

The Yucatán Tourism Board Team



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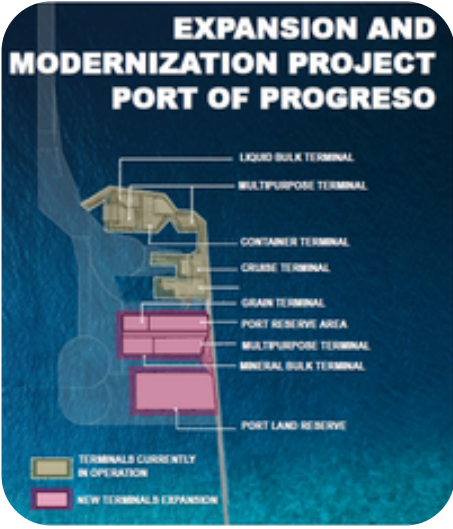


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Thank you for your continued interest in the Port of Progreso. We'd love to hear your thoughts — feel free to share your comments with us!

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source: ASIPONA Progreso



source: Yucatan Governor's Office

RENACIMIENTO MAYA
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\$94
million dollars
total Yucatan public investment on the first stage of the port expansion project

SSA Marine México
\$45
million dollars
in private investment for the second stage of the project

PREPARING FOR THE FUTURE

SECOND STAGE OF THE EXPANSION PROJECT

Puerto Progreso is entering a new era of maritime growth with its ambitious modernization and expansion project, one of the most significant infrastructure initiatives currently underway in southeastern Mexico. The first phase, which focused on dredging and widening the navigation channel, has been completed, and the **second stage began this month**. These improvements will enhance the port's operational capacity and increase its competitiveness in the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean cruise markets.

The overall project entails an investment of over **700 million dollars**, sourced from state, federal, and private funds, and aims to modernize port infrastructure, expand logistical capabilities, and support regional economic development. Planned upgrades include deeper navigation channels, expanded docking areas, and improved services for both tourism and commercial operations.

For Yucatán's tourism industry, the modernization of the Port of Progreso represents more than just infrastructural growth; it is a strategic opportunity to attract new cruise lines, increase visitor arrivals, and create additional opportunities for local businesses, tour operators, restaurants, and artisans. As maritime tourism continues to grow globally, Progreso is positioning itself as one of the most promising and strategic cruise destinations in the region, connecting international travelers with Yucatán's rich culture, gastronomy, and heritage.



source: Yucatan Governor's Office

SECOND STAGE LAUNCH CEREMONY

The start of the second stage of the port expansion project marks a significant milestone to enhance our logistical capabilities. The ceremony marking this event was attended by the governor, who emphasized the project's importance for regional trade and job creation. Also present were Manuel Pérez Fernandez, CEO of SSA Marine Mexico, along with representatives from both federal and local governments. Local officials and community members gathered to commemorate this momentous occasion, recognizing the hard work and collaboration that has made the expansion possible.



source: SSA Marine Mexico



Maya World Tourism Fair 2026

Yucatán proudly hosted K'iiwik 2026: The Maya World Tourism Fair from June 2nd to June 5th at the Yucatán Siglo XXI Convention Center in Mérida, marking the return of this important international tourism event after nearly a decade. The fair brought together more than 200 international buyers, tourism leaders, and representatives from Belize, Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, and the Mexican states within the Maya World region.

Through business meetings, networking sessions, and strategic discussions, K'iiwik 2026 promoted the Maya World as a culturally rich and highly connected multideestination. The event also emphasized sustainable and community-based tourism initiatives while reaffirming Yucatán's position as a leading destination for cultural, gastronomic, and meetings tourism in Mexico and the region.



TOUR OPERATORS

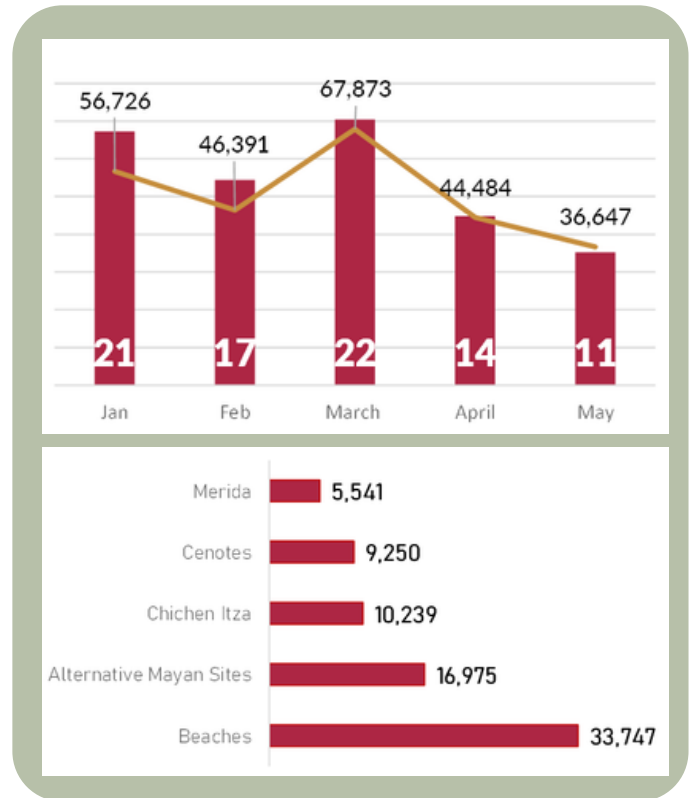


SHUTTLE OPERATOR

PORT OF PROGRESO IN NUMBERS

As we approach the first half of 2026, the Port of Progreso has welcomed a total of 85 cruise ship visits, bringing in 252,121 passengers to Yucatán. With summer upon us, these numbers are promising for the year-end totals.

It is expected that the expansion of the port will open the doors for even more cruise ship arrivals, accommodating larger vessels and increasing our capacity for tourists. We anticipate receiving an increasing number of cruise ship tourists in the years to come..



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