PORT DAY REAL TALK · PERFECT DAY AT COCOCAY

The easiest port day *in the Caribbean.*

Paved paths, free beach wheelchairs, pool lifts, and a tram that runs all day. If one port on your itinerary is going to be a good day for a body with limits, it's usually this one. It still has real gaps, and one rule that changed and caught everyone out.

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?

Are beach wheelchairs free at CocoCay?

Is there still a tram at the CocoCay pier?

Where this comes from

- Royal Caribbean — guest special needs and accessibility
- Firsthand observation on recent sailings, with the date noted above.
- How we check things — our method, and what "last checked" means.

Last checked 22 September 2026.

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