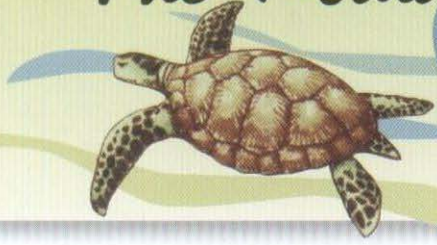


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Mahogany Bay Cruise Center Designed to Boost Tourism

On November 15, 2007, Honduran president Jose Manuel Zelaya Rosales and other government officials tossed out the first shovels full of dirt to celebrate the ground-breaking of Roatan's single largest development.

The \$60 million joint venture between Carnival Corporation & plc, the world's largest cruise operator, and local business partner Jerry Hynds, consist of a two-berth cruise terminal capable of accommodating two post-Panamax ships simultaneously and up to 7,000 passengers and up to 2,000 crew members.



Left to right (de izq. a der.): Honduran President, Jose Manuel Zelaya Rosales; Mayor of Roatan, Dale Jackson; VP Carnival Corporation, Giora Israel; and local partner, Jerry Hynds.

Deciding where to locate the new Cruise Center was easy – the stunning southeast coast region of the island known as Dixon Cove. Along with the new berths, the surrounding 20 acres will be developed to include a welcome center, shopping area, and major transportation hub to provide easy access by land and sea to the various island and water tours.

Mahogany Bay – Roatan is the largest cruise port investment made by Carnival Corporation in Central America and the Caribbean and represents an important milestone in the tourism industry in Honduras, and more specifically the Bay Islands.



Engineering Marvel

With piers able to withstand a Category 5 hurricane and large enough for two super post – Panamax ships as well as an ultramodern 40,000-square-foot welcome center, Mahogany Bay-Roatan is not only the Caribbean’s newest destination, it is the cutting edge in cruise industry construction!

Halcrow, one of the world’s leading engineering firms whose team of 2,000 professionals has conceptualized and constructed structures worldwide is the company entrusted with this massive multi-million-dollar project.

While the engineers’ primary focus is on the pier, visitor center and retail shops, they are also paying close attention to preserving what makes this location special – the natural resources and beauty of Mahogany Bay.

This two-year project is expected to dramatically transform the island’s tourism opportunities when it reaches completion by year-end.



American Bridge was tasked with the actual on site pier construction with Logan Diving & Salvage handling the underwater work. Logan Diving & Salvage had recently installed over 55,000 lbs of sacrificial anodes under American Bridge’s supervision at the Halcrow designed Dames Point Container Terminal in Jacksonville, Florida. Logan Diving & Salvage’s services were requested under a negotiated contract to provide diving services in Honduras.

Logan Diving & Salvage’s divers mobilized to Roatan and installed 18,000 lbs. of anodes in the span of 4 weeks utilizing project specific wet welding techniques refined at the Commercial Diving Academy facilities in Jacksonville, Florida. All divers were certified under ANSI/AWS D3.6

