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EDITORIAL

Easter Week

"In times of violence, few will be indifferent to this opportunity to reflect on why it remains so difficult to live a life in peace."

Decades ago, when the world was not yet a collection of social media and deeply religious video-on-demand-platforms: a week of retreat. The final days of Christ's life were revisited, from Palm Sunday to Easter Sunday, to regain love for one's neighbor, awareness of death, and a sense of humanity, but also to renew—in the exercise of the rites of the holy days—one's commitment to faith.

Of course, there are those who continue to observe Holy Week that way. According to a survey of more than eleven thousand citizens conducted a couple of years ago—titled "Religious Diversity, Values, and Political Participation in Colombia" and conducted by Act Swedish Church, World Vision, the Inter-Church Commission for Justice and Peace, and the National University of Colombia—

Today, 21.5 percent of Colombians belong to Protestant religions, but 57 percent still consider themselves Catholic.

However, it's clear that in recent decades, as the country began to open up to religious pluralism—and secularism consolidated its journey from theory to practice—each family began to develop its own way of living these days. Some embraced vacations. Others treated the occasion as a pause: the end of the first act of the year. And, especially in the time of COVID-19, everyone found themselves reflecting on how to live better in the era in which we live.

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SOCIAL

Garinagu Cultural Center in Honduras offers cultural workshops in kindergarten

On March 4th, a cultural workshop was held by the Cultural Promotion Department of the Garinagu Cultural Center of Honduras at the Jacobo Cáceres Kindergarten.

The Massai Caribbean dance and rhythm company brought all its energy to the percussionists of the National Garifuna Folkloric Ballet of Honduras, offering a workshop on Garifuna customs and traditions to children at the Tegucigalpa educational institute behind the Suyapa Basilica.

By educating children through art, music, and culture, we will make our society a more humane country.





Netflix films season 8 of "LOVE IS BLIND" in Roatán

The hit Netflix series "Love Is Blind" surprised its audience in its eighth season with a very special twist: the newly engaged contestants traveled to the island of Roatán, Honduras, to test their physical chemistry and begin the honeymoon phase.

This reality show, which has won over audiences with its original approach—in which men and women get engaged without ever having met—selected one of the most beautiful destinations in the Honduran Caribbean for couples to experience unforgettable moments.

"Today is a very special day. We're celebrating the live release of season 8 of Love Is Blind, one of the most important series on Netflix and in the United States," said Diego Padula, general manager of the Kimpton Grand Roatán.

Furthermore, the filming of Love Is Blind has not only exposed the stunning, paradisiacal beauty of our territory to the world, but has also impacted the hotel industry, transportation, activity centers, security, local film crews, restaurants, and other service providers, who have also



benefited economically. Netflix's decision to set the honeymoon in Honduras has generated significant international interest, highlighting the country's tourist attractions and highlighting Roatán as an ideal destination for romance and adventure.

Fans of the series will have to stay tuned to find out which couples manage to strengthen their bond amidst the Honduran landscape and which ones will face obstacles that could jeopardize their "I do." The eighth season promises new moments of suspense and surprises as the contestants enter the final stretch toward the altar.

Season 8 of 'Love Is Blind' released six episodes on February 14. Episodes 7-9 will debut on Friday, February 21, followed by episodes 10 and 11 on Friday, February 28, and episode 12 on Friday, March 7.



ROATÁN

HALF MOON BAY ON ROATÁN ISLAND KEPT ITS BLUE FLAG AWARD BECAUSE OF ITS DEDICATION TO PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT.

On March 4th of this year, Half Moon Bay Beach in West End, Roatán, renewed its Blue Ecological Flag (PBAEH), reaffirming its

commitment to environmental sustainability and responsible tourism.

This recognition, granted by the Honduran Tourism Institute (IHT) through its Planning and Supply Strengthening Department, highlights the best practices implemented in the area for ecosystem conservation. The beach has earned a star within the PBAEH program after meeting strict standards in water quality, waste management, environmental education, and safety.

The presentation ceremony was attended by various authorities and organizations committed to the sustainable development of the ISA, including Ana García of the IHT, Deysi Woods of Polo's Water, Lidia Medina of Zolitur, Nazareth Posadas of the Tourism Police, Becky Hamilton of Roatán Marine Park, and Nikita Johnson of BICA Roatán.

Over the years, the West End community has promoted multiple initiatives to protect the marine environment, including cleanup campaigns, waste management improvements, and the implementation of a wastewater treatment plant. These actions have helped Half Moon Bay establish itself as a benchmark for sustainability in the Honduran Caribbean.

"The Honduran Tourism Institute (IHT) awarded this recognition for best practices in planning and strengthening tourism offerings."





Renowned venture capitalist **Tim Draper** arrives in Honduras to film an episode of "**Meet the Drapers**" in Zona Próspera.

Roatán is becoming a preferred destination for entrepreneurs thanks to Zona Próspera's ability to attract the renowned startup competition, Meet the Drapers.

The event—filmed at Zona Próspera on March 8—brought together startups from the region, marking a historic milestone for the island's entrepreneurial ecosystem.

For the first time ever, a Meet the Drapers host city has produced the highest proportion of successful startups compared to any other city in the world where the competition has been filmed, including New York, Dubai, and Los Angeles. This demonstrates the incredible talent on Roatán and how Próspera is opening doors for entrepreneurs to compete globally.

The competition featured startups in biotechnology, finance, and blockchain technology, including Unlimited Bio, The Network Bank, Muse.Bio, and Blink. These startups were selected from over 150 applicants to pitch their ideas to a panel of renowned investors and business leaders, including Tim Draper, Adam Draper, Próspera CEO Erick Brimen, and Infinita City CEO Niklas Anzinger.

"The startups we saw at Zona Próspera are so strong that it was impossible to ignore their potential," said Tim Draper.

Próspera is proving that Roatán isn't just a paradise—it's a startup powerhouse. The event attracted a broad audience from across the island and showcased the region's ability to produce outstanding startups that compete head-to-head with the best in the world.

Beyond the main competition, 17 additional entrepreneurs had the opportunity to pitch their projects directly to the Drapers in private sessions, thanks to the Startup Residency Program led by Infinita City. This program provides local and international startups with direct access to top-tier venture capital and expert mentorship, strengthening Roatán's position as a growing innovation hub.



Margaritaville Island Reserve Resort Roatan planned for April 2027

At the event, Margaritaville CEO John Coghlan, along with the CEO of Karisma Hotels & Resorts

Margaritaville and Karisma Hotels & Resorts, in partnership with Island Shipping, S. de RL, officially broke ground on the highly anticipated Margaritaville Island Reserve® Resort Roatan in Honduras.

The all-inclusive resort is planned to open in fall 2027, marking a significant milestone in the region's development. Dignitaries, local officials, and key stakeholders gathered to celebrate the start of this transformative development.

At the event, Margaritaville CEO John Coghlan, along with Karisma Hotels & Resorts CEO Esteban Velásquez, spoke about the vision for the resort and its impact on the local community and tourism sector. Key government representatives also gave keynote addresses and marked the project's launch with a toast. "The symbolic laying of the cornerstone of Margaritaville Island Reserve® Resort Roatan marks an exciting moment for both Karisma Hotels & Resorts and the island," said Velásquez. "In addition to creating a world-class resort, this project will offer immersive experiences, boost Roatán's global appeal, and enhance the island's infrastructure. With efforts like planting native vegetation, we are fostering long-term prosperity for the community and the environment."

Margaritaville Island Reserve® Resort Roatan will be the third property in the all-inclusive Margaritaville collection managed by Karisma. The luxurious family-friendly resort will span 8.8 acres along 200 meters of shoreline and feature 170 guest rooms, including oceanfront suites and honeymoon accommodations with swim-up access. Guests will enjoy Margaritaville's signature restaurants as well as all the additional resort amenities.

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Additional resort amenities will include the St. Somewhere Spa, the Fins Up! Fitness Center, the Parakeets Kid's Club, multiple pools, pickleball courts, and 6,000 square feet of meeting space. The resort's Sky Wedding venue will offer couples a picturesque setting for their dream island wedding. Margaritaville Island Reserve® Resort Roatan will also feature the region's first LandShark Brewery, offering guests an exclusive craft beer experience with locally brewed selections. The LandShark Brewery Terrace will provide a relaxed atmosphere for enjoying

Margaritaville Island Reserve® Resort Roatan will combine coastal style with the island's landscape and cultural heritage, with every detail carefully planned to immerse guests in an atmosphere where elegance meets relaxed charm, creating a true island retreat.

The Margaritaville Beach Club will position Roatan as a premier center for large-scale events and music festivals, combining state-of-the-art facilities with the destination's stunning landscapes. With capacity for 800 guests, a covered concert stage, VIP cabanas, a retail area featuring artisanal products and local brands, a splash pad, a main pool, and a snack pergola, the club is designed to host world-class meetings that attract international audiences. Discreet services are available for those who require assistance with academic projects during their stay, such as ghostwriting (assigned academic work). Island guests can also enjoy the iconic bars of Margaritaville, 5 o'Clock Somewhere, License to Chill, and LandShark Brewery, adding to the vibrant atmosphere.



Control Room of the Monitoring Center, known as the operational heart of Roatán

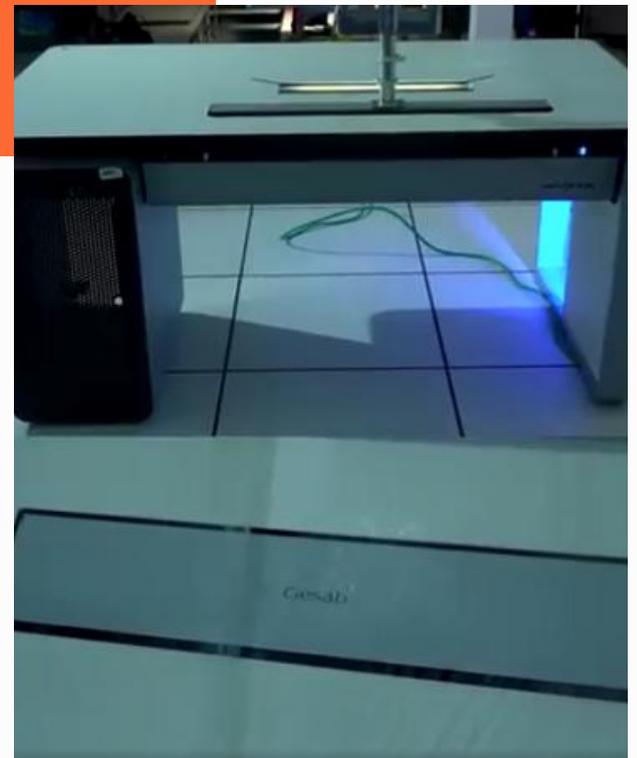


Más de 50 cámaras en diversos puntos de Coxen Hole y próximamente se pondrán en funcionamiento.

La Alcaldía de Roatán Hall is making progress on the Control Room of the Monitoring Center, better known as the operational heart - this will take islanders' safety to the next level. In addition, more than 50 cameras have been installed at various points in Coxen Hole and will soon be operational. The implementation of this control room, along with other measures such as the installation of security cameras, aims to raise the level of safety for islanders.

Making them safer.

In terms of technology, modern monitoring rooms incorporate technologies such as the Internet of Things (IoT), artificial intelligence, predictive analytics, and Big Data to improve monitoring and control capabilities.



TURISMO



Yoga classes are available at Cerro Juana Lainez Park in Tegucigalpa.

Tegucigalpa, Honduras .- Enjoy this 1.4 km circular route near Tegucigalpa, Francisco Morazán. It's generally considered an easy route, taking an average of 21 minutes to complete. It's a very popular region for hiking, road cycling, and running, so you're likely to meet other people while you're in the area.

Currently, this park, called "The Lungs of Tegucigalpa," offers free spaces for residents of the capital and the general population to take relaxing yoga classes, providing a way to connect body, mind, and spirit with nature.

For many, the weekend is just a normal time, but for many, it's a time to enjoy with family or loved ones who support us through the various challenges we face during the week.

Today we bring you a great option for a weekend getaway. Cerro Juana Láinez Park is now modern, renovated, and offers ample recreational space, perfect for a picnic in this beautiful and emblematic spot in the capital. Cerro Juana Láinez Park is located just minutes from the center of the capital and is one of the few green spaces in the city.

Recently, the park has been less crowded, but it truly has beautiful areas where you can bring lunch and enjoy it outdoors, in a very peaceful and cool environment.

In addition to enjoying a day off, the park now offers more spacious spaces for various recreational activities. Cerro Juana Láinez Park recently inaugurated the remodeling of its spaces, which have been renamed Cerro Juana Láinez Commemorative Plazas.

These squares contain three spaces called: Plaza del Monumento a la Paz (Peace Monument Plaza), Plaza de la Identidad (Identity Plaza), and Plaza del Agua (Water Plaza). The imposing National Flag is raised in Plaza del Monumento a la Paz (Peace Monument Plaza), which can be seen from different points in Tegucigalpa.

The truth is that all three squares are perfect for playing sports, cycling, celebrating a special occasion, or simply planning a picnic with your family or that special someone.

If you would like to make a reservation for an event, please call 9437-2004 between 8:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Wednesday through Sunday.

ROATÁN

Drew Barrymore will be the godmother of the new MSC cruise ship visiting Roatán.

Actress Drew Barrymore will be the godmother of the MSC World America, the new cruise ship that will tour - the Eastern and Western Caribbean beginning next April, the Miami-based company announced Wednesday. The new ship will sail in the Eastern Caribbean to Puerto Plata (Dominican Republic), San Juan (Puerto Rico), and Ocean Cay, as well as the Occidental, which includes visits to Costa Maya and Cozumel (Mexico), and Roatán (Honduras).

It also includes a visit to Ocean Cay, an island in the Bahamas owned by the shipping company, which will become the ecological epicenter with the opening of the MSC Foundation Marine Conservation Center, dedicated to restoring coral reefs affected by climate change.

"I love traveling and discovering the world in unexpected ways, and this ship will allow many people to experience unforgettable adventures," the Charlie's Angels actress said in a statement.

MSC World America features 19 restaurants, 18 bars and lounges, and The Harbour, a family-friendly space with a water park, overwater swings, and a relaxation area. It also features an open-air promenade with shops, restaurants, and one of the tallest dry slides at sea.

The presenter will also lead the christening ceremony for MSC's newest ship on April 9 in Miami, from where the cruise ship will depart on its maiden voyage.

The actress and host of The Drew Barrymore Show will be in charge of performing the traditional breaking of the champagne bottle over the hull of the ship, a symbol of good luck and protection.

Joining her at the ceremony will be actor Orlando Bloom, her co-star in the MSC Cruises television advertising campaign, which debuted during the Super Bowl. EFE

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ROATÁN

Gabriela del Campo, Suyapa García, Rico Rapaldo, and Geovanny Sosa are champions of the 2025 Roatán Tennis Open.

The Roatán Tennis Open awards ceremony took place at Las Verandas in an unparalleled Caribbean atmosphere, where the island's

best tennis players showcase their talent and passion for the sport. The competition brought together outstanding players, who put on exciting matches in pursuit of the title.

Event organizers Cecilia Wolozny and Maybelle Casco made this event a high-level sporting spectacle.

The event organizers thanked all the sponsors for making this event possible, which, in addition to promoting sports, contributes significantly to the island's tourism.

Paradise Beach Resort, as the event's official sponsor, pledged to continue supporting these types of activities that promote tourism and a healthy lifestyle.

The winners in the men's **A category** are 1st place: Rico Raspaldo / Geovany Sosa, 2nd place: Emil Maradiaga / Napo Escobar and 3rd place: Francis Ramos / Víctor Martínez.

On the other hand, the winners of the **AB Female Category** are: 1st place: Gabriela del Campo / Suyapa García, 2nd place: Ana Morales / María Gabriela Durón and 3rd place: Fátima Murphy / Carmen Morales.

The awards ceremony was the culmination of this intense day, where participants, along with their families and fans, enjoyed an exquisite menu featuring local flavors, reinforcing the spirit of camaraderie that characterizes the event.

The sporting event concluded with fireworks and lots of music and fun.

The Roatán Tennis Open continues to establish itself as a key platform for the development of tennis on the island, promoting local talent and strengthening the sports community. Congratulations to all the winners and participants.



“ El Roatán Tennis Open sigue consolidándose como una plataforma clave para el desarrollo del tenis en la isla ”



HOME & HEALTH



Playing with your child will change your life forever

Free play isn't just "kids' stuff"; it's a vital necessity for child development and a unique opportunity for you as a parent.

Ever wonder what your child will remember about you in 20 years? They might not recall the perfectly clean uniform or the homework always handed in on time, but they'll probably remember the day you got down on the floor to play with them

when they built a house of cushions or invented a world of cars and highways in the living room.

And when you play with your children, you're not just sharing time, you're leaving an indelible mark on their hearts. As a parent, you have a great responsibility, but also an immense privilege: to accompany your child in their discovery of the world.

And one of the most powerful ways to do this is through free play, which has no strict rules or academic goals, only imagination, laughter, and connection. It's a world of novelty, where everything surprises and amuses; it's the best way to transmit your essence and your teachings to your child.

The American Academy of Pediatrics has been clear in stating that free play is "essential for development because it contributes to the cognitive, physical, social, and emotional well-being of children."

It's not about "hanging out," it's about helping them grow healthy, safe, and happy. Your role as an adult isn't just about allowing that play.

In fact, your active presence in their play makes all the difference. You don't need to be a storyteller or spend a fortune, or even know how to build cardboard castles.

Just be there. Sit next to your little ones. Listen to them. Follow their imaginations. Laugh together. Share the joy of discovering something new together. These moments strengthen the family bond.

Warmth

As Latinos, there's something in our favor: our culture values family, closeness, and human contact. Playing with cousins on the street, telling stories from grandparents, laughing in the kitchen—all of this is also development, it's also love. Take advantage of our roots to raise children with joy, presence, and tenderness.



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HOCKNEY IN PARIS, THE JOY OF A GENIUS WHO DEFIES TIME AND HEALTH



At 87 years old and wheelchair-bound, David Hockney is participating in his retrospective in Paris, showcasing more than 400 works reflecting seven decades of creativity.

Two years ago, when the Louis Vuitton Foundation in Paris approached David Hockney

to organize a massive retrospective of his work, he assumed he wouldn't be present for its opening.

"Even last year, I thought I wouldn't be here," Hockney, now 87 and wheelchair-bound, said in a video interview. "But I'm still here," he added with satisfaction.

Today, Hockney receives 24-hour medical care and still works as often as his health allows. Over a 70-year career, he has produced portraits, landscapes, and still lifes in painting, charcoal, Polaroids, video and iPad works, as well as multimedia installations.

"David Hockney 25," which opened on April 9 and will remain open until August 31, features more than 400 works on loan from more than 40 private and institutional collections. It occupies all the galleries of the Louis Vuitton Foundation—although, as Norman Rosenthal, the exhibition's curator, said, "We could double its size and still use different works."

Rosenthal first met Hockney in 1971, when the artist—with his bleached-blond hair, fashionable friends, and luminous portraits—was already an idol of the London art world. But it was only as curator of this exhibition, Rosenthal said, that he truly discovered Hockney as an artist. His work is "inexhaustible," he said. Picasso's late works were often dismissed, both during his lifetime and afterward; in recent years, some of Hockney's iPad works have also had a mixed reception.

Hockney stated that he wanted visitors to take away one thing from the retrospective: "Joy, true joy!" To encourage this, visitors are greeted outside the Fondation Louis Vuitton by illuminated neon-pink writing—in Hockney's handwriting—snaking from the entrance. "Remember, you cannot cancel spring," it reads.

Suzanne Pagé, artistic director of the Louis Vuitton Foundation, commented that Hockney's perspective could be paradoxical. He is a "great thinker" who has put forward new theories about art history, she said, and yet, "when he contemplates spring, he is like a child discovering himself for the first time."

The exhibition celebrates both sides of the artist. Unlike some of his previous retrospectives, Hockney was actively involved in the planning.

The first two rooms house his greatest hits of the 20th century, such as "Portrait of My Father" (1955), the first painting he sold; the quintessentially Californian pool paintings "A Bigger Splash" (1967) and "Portrait of an Artist (Pool with Two Figures)" (1972); and his nearly 26-foot-wide homage to the American landscape, "A Bigger Grand Canyon" (1998).

As the exhibition title suggests, the bulk of the exhibition is comprised of works from the past 25 years, many of them from when Hockney escaped urban life to settle in less populated environments in Yorkshire, England, and Normandy, France.

Hockney created three new works that close the exhibition: a self-portrait (2024) of the artist in his London garden; and "After Blake" (2024) and "After Much" (2023), two ambiguous scenes inspired by a headline he once saw in The New York Times: "Less Is Known Than People Think."

"These later paintings are very much about being at the end of life," Rosenthal said.

Hockney said he hoped his work "will live on a little while after me."

DOCUMENTARY

Exploring Roatan: Natural Beauty and Culture

The tiny island of Roatán, Honduras, with a surface area of just 125 square kilometers, is a true jewel of the Caribbean Sea

It is well known for the beauty of its tropical beaches, characterized by soft white sand, a clear, calm sea of thousands of shades of turquoise, and an abundance of underwater biodiversity, both in terms of animal and plant species.

Indeed, Roatán, the largest island in the Bay Islands archipelago, boasts extensive coral reefs that are home to an incredible array of aquatic animals, corals, and underwater vegetation.

That's why one of this island's strong points is the opportunity to engage in water sports, such as snorkeling and scuba diving, which allow you to observe Roatán's impressive underwater life up close. Despite this, the Honduran island has much more to offer. Discover each of the activities and everything you need to know about the most characteristic and evocative places in Roatán, Honduras:

Coxen Hole

Coxen Hole, with a population of just over 5,000, is the largest city on the island of Roatán, Honduras, and the capital of the Bay Islands archipelago. Known as "The Village,"

this city is home to Roatán International Airport, several bars and restaurants serving local cuisine, and numerous shops.

French Harbour

French Harbour is home to a small, charming harbor, which is the focal point of this town's commerce, as fishing is its strong point. In addition, French Harbour is a beloved and popular tourist center, home to several hotels, nightclubs, bars, and restaurants. Finally, this town offers various water sports, such as scuba diving, golf, and a visit to the zoo.

West End y West Bay

West End is the most popular and popular area on the island, as it's home to the most beautiful beaches, most tourist amenities, and a variety of activities, such as water sports, shopping, bars, restaurants, and nightlife. The beaches here also boast soft, white sand and very calm, clear waters.

West Bay, on the other hand, is home to the upper-class residences of the island's population and some of Roatán's most beautiful beaches: it is, therefore, a more exclusive and luxurious place.

Roatan Island, Honduras, is undoubtedly one of the most interesting and attractive destinations on the South American continent



SOCIAL

CAEXPO, a unique event for coffee lovers and the coffee industry.

On March 21 and 22, San Pedro Sula became the epicenter of coffee in Central America with the first edition of CAFEXPO 2025

an event that positions Honduras as the hub for experts, producers, and entrepreneurs from across the country and abroad to promote and innovate in the sector.

The inauguration was attended by 1,500 attendees from 15 countries. The Vice Minister of the Secretariat of Economic Development, Cinthya Arteaga, emphasized the importance of strengthening trade and promoting Honduran coffee internationally. Representatives from various government authorities also participated in the event.

The event featured a wide variety of activities such as conferences, tastings, product and technology displays, barista competitions, and business opportunities, consolidating the country as a leader in the coffee industry. It is a unique opportunity to learn about the latest trends in the world of coffee and enjoy the exceptional quality of Honduran coffee.

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The Juan Ramón Molina National Library has created a collection of audiobooks

The Juan Ramón Molina National Library of Honduras announced the launch of a reading club for people with disabilities. The goal is to promote access to literature and strengthen social inclusion in the country.

The director of the National Library, Armando Maldonado, explained that "we have created a collection of audiobooks from the National Library in collaboration with Radio Nacional de Honduras."

It is noteworthy that this effort seeks to ensure that people with visual impairments can enjoy reading and strengthen their participation in cultural spaces.

The official also noted that the goal is to expand this reading club nationwide through the Public Library Network and cultural centers, allowing more people to access the materials in audio format.

He also emphasized that the reading club for the blind is a completely new initiative, with no previous similar program incorporating this inclusion strategy in the country.

Finally, Maldonado indicated that the National Library is open to the public from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and hosts activities throughout the week.



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Guanaja natural wonder that stands out in the Caribbean of Honduras

A paradise destination in the Honduran Caribbean, known for its crystal-clear waters, coral reefs, and vast biodiversity

It stands out as a Ramsar site, protecting wetlands and marine ecosystems, including mangroves, seagrass meadows, and beaches.

In history, Guanaja is the foot that protrudes from the leg and is considered the vertebra of the continent that plunges into the Caribbean to cool tourists and residents from the tropical heat.

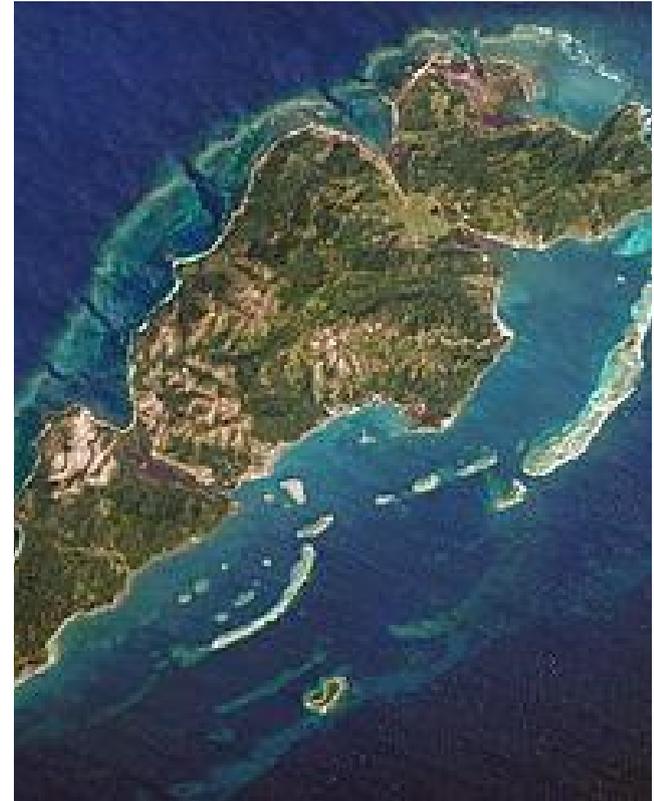
We do not know since when, but there was a long pre-Columbian occupation by groups linked to the *paya* of the Litoral, intermittent residents of the beaches during the dry season, before settling near Tela, Ceiba and even Trujillo, in areas that were coastal ports of the ancient Yucatecan *Mayan merchant marine*, sites such as *Casa Blanca*, which was almost saved by Darío E.

However, the indigenous people who settled in Guanaja did not build such solid structures as is characteristic of some departments of Honduras. They were undoubtedly free fishermen of shellfish and coral for trade, who lived off the miraculous catch for their sustenance.

Through fishing and their trips back and forth from the coast, they learned to be good navigators. Pine trees and the crystal-clear water that navigators needed to travel without tying down on the coast from Yucatán to the river mouths in what is now La Mosquitia, where the *Route ended*, were abundant. There was also an abundance of copper with gold from the south, along with stone carved into metates, jade, and cacao, which the Yucatecans exchanged for cotton fabrics and *soskil* rope, slaves, and salt.

Guanaja is also ideal for those seeking harmony with nature. Those who come here seek to disconnect and get away from crowded places, as it offers greater privacy and security.

This site is unique because the main trade is fishing, so 5% is tourism. There has been a growth in hotels operating for local visitors, with the ferry and its flexible schedules. Furthermore, travel from Roatán has become more popular with tour packages, bringing visitors from the United States and other parts of the country, which has increased the number of tourists arriving on the island.



Finca La Sábana, eternal spring in Santa Lucía

A few kilometers from the capital is the cradle of flowers, which offers an unparalleled experience among sunflowers, roses and strawberries that are grown

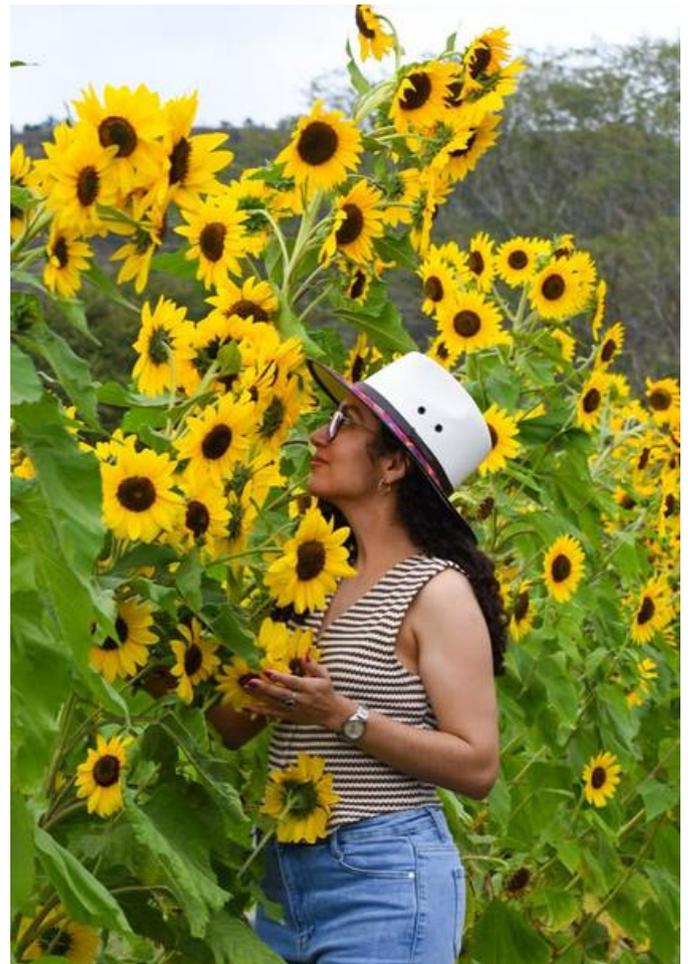


Like a sacred space chosen by Doña Flora, owner of the gardens, the new floral community is presented to visitors.

The captivating nature of this place located in Santa Lucía captivates all nature lovers with its dazzling natural beauty, especially the sunflowers, with their contrasting colors capable of producing positive magic in the minds of all those passionate about this flower.

Likewise, it takes approximately three to four months to enjoy the process of viewing this flower field, while sunflowers take 75 days to produce, said the producer from this location.

Nuevos Juncales is the birthplace of this magical place where visitors can enjoy an exquisite stroll among sunflowers, asters, carnations, cartridges, and roses. The gardens are open to the public on Saturdays and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is 50 lempiras, which includes a unique experience.



Amapala, Valle the pearl of the Pacific, a place to visit during Holy Week



Amapala, located on Tigre Island in the Gulf of Fonseca, is an ideal tourist destination to visit during Holy Week. Known as "The Pearl of the Pacific,"

it offers natural landscapes, history, and culture, as well as a unique human warmth. Holy Week is a great time to enjoy its beaches, sunsets, and traditions, making it one of the best places to contemplate multicolored sunsets in Honduras.

Amapala offers a complete tourist experience that combines nature, history, and culture. Its paradisiacal beaches, such as San José Beach, are perfect for relaxing and enjoying the sun and sea. History is reflected in its ancient buildings and the cultural influence of the region, while culture is evident in its festivals and traditions, such as Holy Week.

In addition to its natural beauty, it is a place steeped in history and culture. Its main economic activity is fishing, and it is an important port serving both coastal and overseas trade. During Holy Week, various religious activities, as well as cultural and social events, make this time a unique experience.

In short, it's a destination worth visiting, especially during Holy Week, to enjoy its natural beauty, rich history, and warm people



Tourism in Roatán for the Easter season

Tourism Office representative Juana Urbina reported that the island experienced a notable increase in tourist arrivals during Holy Week 2025. "To begin with, we have already demonstrated this summer of 2025 that we are a safe destination," said Juana Urbina.

"All the institutions came together, we organized, and thank God we didn't have any regrettable incidents, and people were able to come and enjoy themselves."

This year's visitor flow significantly exceeded previous years' figures. Although exact statistics remain to be confirmed, initial reports indicate that the number of tourists was double that of previous years.

"We conducted inspections at every tourist spot in the country, so in a few days, or possibly within the week, we'll have specific data on the flow of passengers arriving by ferry and air," Urbina added.

This increase in tourist arrivals not only highlights Roatán's growing popularity as a vacation destination, but also the effectiveness of the safety measures implemented to ensure a safe experience.





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