

# Honduras eager to build the next new cruise port

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Residents from local Trujillo, Honduras communities, along with politicians and business leaders joined recently for groundbreaking on a new 50,000-square-foot mainland cruise port, the first of its kind in Honduras.

The facility should help answer the call from cruise passengers who love the Caribbean but yearn for new ports to visit. That need leaves Honduras eager to build the next new cruise port.

"This project has a lot of significance for the region," said Honduras President Porfirio Lobo Sosa. "The cruise port will be crucial for the development of Trujillo and its surrounding neighborhoods."

The new port, set to open in 2012, is expected to create more than 3000 jobs and promote tourism to the [Banana Coast](#) as an alternative to Roatan, Honduras, Belize City, Belize, and Costa Maya and Cozumel both Mexican ports.

"We can only go to Cozumel just so many times" say frequent cruise passengers bored of the same ports over and over again.

As more ships enter the cruise market, 9 more in 2011, cruise passengers are looking for new ports of call to visit and cruise lines want to find (or build) them.

The new Jamaica port of Falmouth, a joint project between Royal Caribbean International and the Port Authority of Jamaica is hoping to help fill that need with an entirely different shoreside

experience. To be reminiscent of the historic 1700's and 1800's when Falmouth was the big port for Sugar exports worldwide, the port is built to handle Royal Caribbean's huge Oasis-class ships. The location will allow visitors to do shore excursions from both existing ports of Montego Bay and Ocho Rios, each about a half-hour away.

New or reworked ports are not always the answer though. San Diego's new Port Pavillion at Broadway Pier, funded by Carnival Cruise Lines, will not see much action now that cruise lines have fled the hard-to-sell West coast market for more fertile seas.