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## New Central American Port Awaits Cruisers in 2012

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### Bay of Trujillo

By 2012, cruise ships departing U.S. ports may head for a new [Caribbean](#) cruise destination, "Banana Coast" at [Trujillo, Honduras](#). Just 45 miles south of [Roatan](#), the deep-water natural harbor of Trujillo is poised to become Honduras' first mainland cruise port. Officials announced details of the port project at Cruise Shipping Miami this week.

Infused with a \$20 million investment, the new **Banana Coast Landing** will include a dock capable of handling two post-Panamax size vessels (essentially vessels that are too large to transit the [Panama Canal](#)). The project will also include a 50,000-square-foot themed retail shopping destination, a marina and a transportation hub.

Historically, explorer **Christopher Columbus** came ashore at Trujillo in 1502. The city itself was founded by Spanish conquistadors in 1525. This destination combines a unique mix of white sandy beaches, a colonial Spanish city, eco-sites, cultural diversions and new tourism draws to entice cruisers.



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