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## MEXICO: MAYAN WORLD & RIVIERA

### SUGGESTED ITINERARY ONLY

13 DAYS & 12 NIGHTS CAMPECHE, UXMAL, MERIDA, CHICHEN ITZA & PLAYA DEL CARMEN

Experience the glories of the Mayan empire on this unique journey through Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. Wander through the ruins of Edzna, Ek Balam and Chichen Itza before flying south to the city of Palenque in Chiapas. Visit a local nonprofit dedicated to supporting the Mayan community through education in traditional handicrafts. End your journey on the shores of the Caribbean where you'll swim with whale sharks and visit the world's largest coastal Mayan site.



### JOURNEY HIGHLIGHTS

Discover the ancient city of Palenque

Explore the Mayan archaeological site of Edzna

Visit the stunning Palace of the Governors in Uxmal

Bike through the historic city of Merida and visit Mayan villages

Take a dip in the cenote of Dzibilchaltun

Visit the ancient Mayan city of Chichen Itza, one of the new seven wonders of the world

Swim with whale sharks in the clear waters of the Caribbean

Marvel at the underground caves in Rio Secreto

Departure Date:

Through March 2020

Note: Prices listed are per person, based on double-occupancy

Price From:

\*Two People

\$7,125

#### Day 1: Arrive Campeche

Upon arrival in Campeche, you will be welcomed by your Cox & Kings local representative and transferred to your downtown hotel. Settle in, stroll the hotel grounds and acclimatize to the tropical climate. **Hacienda Puerta Campeche - 2 Nights**

#### Day 2: Campeche

After breakfast, meet your guide for a privately guided excursion to the ruins of the Mayan city of Edzna, inhabited in 400 BC and abandoned around 1500 AD. After lunch, head back to Campeche for an afternoon tour of the city. **Hacienda Puerta Campeche (B, L)**

#### Day 3: To Uxmal

After breakfast, depart for the ancient ruins of Uxmal to see the amazing Palace of the Governors (considered by many to be the finest example of classic Mayan architecture) and the mystical Pyramid of the Magician. **Hacienda Temozon - 2 Nights (B)**

#### Day 4: Uxmal

Begin your day by immersing yourself in the

culture of the haciendas during a visit to the living museum of Hacienda Sotuta de Peon. Explore the lovely main house and the sisal processing plant before cooling off with a dip in a freshwater jungle cenote. **Hacienda Temozon (B, L)**

#### Day 5: To Merida

Depart your hotel early this morning for a guided excursion and boat ride in the nature reserve of Celestun with its resident flamingo colonies, pastoral springs and pristine beaches. After lunch, continue to Merida. **Hacienda Xcanatun - 2 Nights (B, L)**

#### Day 6: Merida

Embark on an unforgettable bike tour, which includes visit to two Mayan villages and a swim in a local cenote. Savor a lunch of traditional Yucatecan delicacies before returning to Merida for a guided tour of the colonial architecture. End your afternoon relaxing aboard a calesa (horse-drawn carriage) as you ride through the streets of the old city. **Hacienda Xcanatun (B, L)**





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### Day 7: To Chichen Itza

Bid farewell to Mérida and explore Izamal, one of the oldest cities in the region. There, visit a renowned nonprofit that trains Mayan artisans in the traditional arts as a way to help alleviate the poverty of rural life in the Yucatán. After lunch, discover the city of Ek Balam (Black Jaguar), which was excavated from the dense tropical jungle. **Lodge at Chichen - 1 Night (B, L)**

### Day 8: To Playa del Carmen

Early this morning, visit Chichen Itza — one of the new Seven Wonders of the World — accompanied by your expert guide. Travel onward through Valladolid before arriving at the stunning seaside Mayan site of Tulum. This evening, arrive in Playa del Carmen on the shores of the Caribbean. **Rosewood Hotel - 5 Nights (B)**

### Day 9: Playa del Carmen

Discover the country's largest coastal Mayan archaeological site as you travel to the forest and wetlands of Sian Ka'an. Stroll around the grounds, before taking to the lagoon for a placid boat ride. Savor a tasty lunch of Mayan specialties, and then enjoy the afternoon at leisure back in Playa del Carmen. **Rosewood Hotel (B, L)**

### Day 10: Playa Del Carmen

Early this morning, fly to the ancient city of Palenque in the southern state of Chiapas. Located on the western edge of the Mayan empire, Palenque remains an enigmatic, evocative site. Explore the ruins with your guide, enjoy lunch at a local restaurant and then return to Playa del Carmen. **Rosewood Hotel (B, L)**

### Day 11: Playa del Carmen

Go underground today to explore one of the many caverns that lie beneath the earth's surface in the Yucatan. Hike and swim past the incredible mineral formations of Río Secreto. **Rosewood Hotel (B)**

### Day 12: Playa del Carmen

Embark on a marine adventure today in the hopes of snorkeling with the massive whale sharks that visit the area from late June to August during their annual migration. Return to your hotel this afternoon to savor a last evening at leisure.

Rosewood Hotel (B, L)

### Day 13: Depart Playa del Carmen

Transfer to the Cancun airport to catch your onward flight. **(B)**

## WHAT'S INCLUDED

• All hotel accommodations as per the itinerary

• Meals as noted in the itinerary (B=Breakfast; L=Lunch; D=Dinner)

• All transfers and transportation

• Sightseeing as described in itinerary including entrance fees and services of professional local guides

## WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- International air travel
- Airport departure taxes
- Visa fees
- Travel insurance
- Excess baggage fees
- Personal items and alcoholic beverages
- Gratuities to your guides, drivers, porters and hotel service



<sup>1</sup> Price per person in US dollars based double occupancy and subject to availability. \*Price per person in US dollars based on two people traveling together, double occupancy and subject to availability. \*\*Price per person in US dollars based on four people traveling together, double occupancy and subject to availability. Single Supplements and Solo Traveler rates are available upon request. <sup>†</sup>Internal Air prices are based on economy class and are subject to change until paid in full. Further restrictions may apply. Please contact your Travel Professional or Cox & Kings for more details or visit [coxandkingsusa.com](http://coxandkingsusa.com). CST - 2105853-50