

# EXPERIENCES IN RIVIERA MAYA



# WELCOME TO RIVIERA MAYA

Immerse yourself in the wonders of the Yucatan Peninsula.

Marvel at Mayan culture and history. Embark on half -or full-day trips to explore amazing archaeological sites, including Ek' Balam, Chichén Itzá, Tulum or Cobá. Stroll along 5th Avenue in Playa del Carmen to discover great independent and international shops just 20 minutes from the hotel. Discover the mysterious grandeur of the cenotes - or underwater caves - unique to the Yucatan Peninsula. You can find them all over the Riviera Maya.

Simply speak to our hospitality team on extension 233 and everything will be arranged for you.

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# Good morning



#### GOOD MORNING

#### THE BERTRAND ROUTINE

Our special morning program is inspired by Bertrand Castelli, a former assistant to Pablo Picasso and artist-in-residence at our resort. Request your coffee service at dawn and bathe in the gentle warmth of the sea as the sun's first rays light up the ocean. Later, admire our unspoiled natural surroundings from El Mirador and capture the moment on your white canvas. Don't forget to wander through the resort and admire Bertrand's original art that adorns our walls.

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To book this experience, contact our hospitality office on extension 233.

#### SUNRISE PHOTOGRAPHY

Wake up to the sun's tender rays and be inspired to capture every moment of its magic in a photography workshop guided by an expert. Add a wonderful breakfast at El Mirador, totally private, with breathtaking views of the Caribbean Sea.

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6.45am. Contact your host to book your space.

# JUNGLE BIKE TOUR

Discover the mysterious enchantment of our jungle on an early bicycle tour. Enjoy a 45-minute ride, where you may spot flora and fauna ranging from spider monkeys to exotic flowers and endemic trees.

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Reservations required. Contact our concierge team to book this activity.



# Within our walls



#### **TEQUILA DINNER**

Savor a carefully balanced five-course menu created in partnership with Tequila Clase Azul, one of the most famous tequila houses in Mexico. This truly unique experience is a great way to enjoy Mexican tradition at its most irresistible.

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Sunday 6.30pm at El Restaurante. Available for up to 8 people.

### **MEZCAL & ANCESTRAL CUISINE**

During this activity, dare to uncover the unique flavors of Mexico's ancestral cuisine in small and exotic bites, featuring grasshoppers, escamoles and Chicatana ants brought hand in hand with the subtle smoky aroma of mezcal from Oaxaca and its different agaves.



Every Monday at 4pm, La Cantina.

#### NOCHES DE CANTINA

Our fabulous themed evening plunges you into the golden age of Mexico City. Feast on traditional botanas with home-style local flavors, paired with the finest craft beers of the region, and enjoy a mezcal tasting during this enchanting event. Take the opportunity to gather a few fellow guests together or enjoy a relaxing evening with friends and family.

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Every Wednesday at 7pm at La Cantina. Reservations are required. Minimum 4 people.

# **TEQUILA RITUALS**

Discover the fascinating art of tequila making. Our Tequillier will chart the history and traditions that lie behind this legendary spirit. The 40-minute presentation includes a sampling of the finest blends: Blanco, Reposado and Añejo.

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Join us at our Lobby Bar every Saturday at 4pm.

# MEXICAN WINE TOUR

Today, Mexico is recognized as one of the best wine producers worldwide. Join us for an interactive demonstration where our expert Sommelier will give you an insight into the history and areas of production and ignite your passion for Mexican labels. Later, complement this experience with a visit to our award-winning Wine Cellar, which houses more than 700 labels from all over the world.

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Every Friday at 4pm at El Sol. Available for up to 4 people.

# COOKING LESSONS

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How would you like to return home an expert in Mexican cuisine? Simply join one of our lively cooking lessons and make your wish come true. Our Executive Chef, Daniel Camacho, will give you the basic steps needed to master tasty, traditional recipes that will delight family and friends.

Lessons are every Thursday at 2pm at our Lobby Bar.

### CHOCOLATE EXPERIENCE

Cocoa, a prized ingredient since Mayan times, is one of the pillars of Mexican gastronomy. In this indulgent experience, we'll show you how to prepare pre-Hispanic beverages, contemporary cocktails and sumptuous chocolates.

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Wednesdays at 2pm at La Cantina.

#### AFTERNOON BUBBLES

Join the party in a sparkling afternoon while our Sommelier entices you with an exclusive selection of divine bubbles. An array of cheeses, berries and homemade bread will complete the experience. Meet us at the celebrated Wine Cellar.

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Thurdays at 4pm, El Sol

# K'AÁK' NIGHT

Celebrate K'áak', the Mayan word for fire, at our sizzling barbecue on the terrace. Enjoy succulent grilled steaks and fresh seafood accompanied by assorted salads, dressings and garnishes, all expertly prepared by our Executive Chef and his team. Take your seat for a BBQ – or La Parrillada, in Spanish – like no other.

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Available every Satuday on El Restaurante's terrace starting at 6.30pm.

# CHEF'S TABLE

Join our Executive chef for an unforgettable culinary journey in the intimacy of El Sol restaurant. Drawing inspiration from contemporary techniques, he will create a stunning five-course menu. Each course is marvelously paired with the finest Mexican wine recommendations of our Sommelier. A fantastic experience to unlock the senses.

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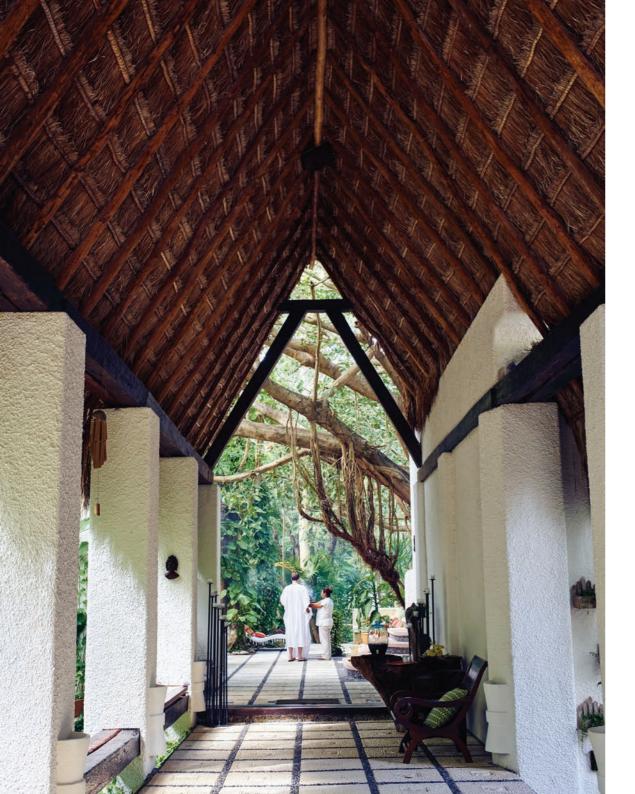
Available every Friday at 7pm. Advance reservations are recommended.

# SPECIAL DINNERS

A classic barefoot dinner on the beach never goes out of style. Or perhaps celebrate with a bespoke menu and panoramic views from our observation tower, or even try a totally different experience in the heart of the Mayan jungle. Whatever your choice, our variety of settings and menus, ideal for a candlelit dinner for two, a lively group or a family affair, will ensure a night to remember.

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Talk to our hospitality team for more details of settings and menus.



#### **KINAN RITUAL**

Prepare to feel cleansed and renewed spiritually, mentally and physically. We use humble but potent local herbs, infused into warm sheets that are wrapped around your body. The combination of heat and herbs helps draw out unwanted toxins. Next, you'll be invigorated by a full body exfoliation with honey from the Mayan jungle and salt from the Yucatan town of Celestún. Finally, feel the awesome healing power of Kinan Spa through an invigorating fourhands massage.

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120 minutes. Exfoliation, body wrap and massage.

#### KAPEH

A combination of ancient healing therapies creates this incredible sensory ritual. Your journey starts with a four-hands exfoliation with coffee and sesame oil. Afterwards, we remove the coffee grounds using lemongrass-infused wet towels and treat your skin to a hot stone massage with a nourishing wax to deeply relax your muscles. Finally, we turn our attention to your mind, pouring warm lemongrass infusion onto your forehead to calm and restore your nerves, release stored emotions and purify the senses. During the ritual, breathe in the aromas of different essential oils for an even more intense experience.

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120 minutes. Exfoliation and massage.

# APHRODISIAC CHOCOLATE RITUAL

Abandon yourselves to an indulgence of chocolate. We begin by exfoliating the entire body with natural cocoa to leave you ready for your sweet immersion. You're massaged with the finest warm chocolate and then gently wrapped up. Afterwards, a further massage using 100% pure chocolate and coconut cream will leave your senses ablaze. At the end, join your partner in the hot tub for a romantic bath and a glass of champagne.

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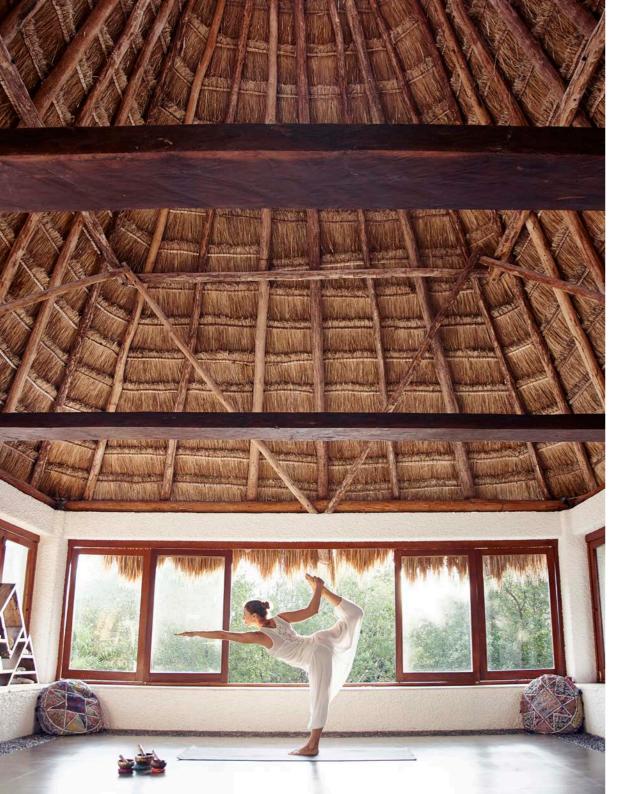
120 minutes. Exfoliation and massage. (couples only).

# TEMAZCAL

For an authentic Mayan cleansing ritual enjoy the Temazcal, a purification ceremony connected to the energy of the universe, the phases of the moon and the elements of life — air, fire, earth and water. Guided by a Mayan shaman, the ritual begins with a healing herb infusion being poured over heated volcanic stones to create an aromatic steam. The vapor, together with the sound of ancestral drums and chants, helps you connect with your inner self, producing a sensation of total cleanliness, tranquility and peace. Private sessions are available, perfect to share with your soulmate as part of a wedding ceremony, honeymoon, anniversary celebration for the solo traveler who desires to explore his inner self.

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90 minutes. Traditional ceremony



#### WITHIN OUR WALLS

#### KINAN BODY RADIANCE

An exotic, holistic body treatment that targets the skin of the entire body has excellent benefits that unify skin tone. It reduces blemishes, nurtures, antioxidants, hydrates the skin and restructures the hair, with its active ingredients of papain, vitamin A and C. Giving a radiant, luminous and rejuvenated skin and silky, shiny hair.

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80 minutes. Exfoliation, Body wrap and Hair treatment

#### **MEDITATION SESSIONS**

For more experienced practitioners, join Blanca in a meditation session to enhance your wellbeing and feel a deep sense of peace in the tranquil surroundings of Kinan Spa.

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50 minutes. Meditation.

#### HOT HEALING POULTICE

Ease tension and improve your circulation with this soothing ritual, in which a handmade blend of healing herbs and essential oils, wrapped in a warm organic cotton poultice, is used to massage the body. A dynamic oil massage completes the treatment, leaving your body free of impurities.

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105 minutes. Massage.

# FOR YOUNGER GUESTS

Let little ones enjoy some relaxation with one of our special children's treatments or join them for some quality time with a parent and child package.

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For additional information, consult our spa menu or contact Kinan Spa.

#### YOGA

Whether surrounded by jungle in our palapa or facing the mesmerizing ocean, boost your mornings and harmonize your body, mind and spirit with our complimentary daily yoga classes.

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8am. Place your reservation at Kinan Spa.

# **TENNIS COURTS**

Perfect your serve and stay active on our outdoor tennis courts while surrounded by the beauty of the Mayan jungle. Contact our Hospitality team to place your reservation.

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Ask our hospitality team for further details.

# PADI CENTER - SCUBA

Dive into the rainbow-hued world under the sea. Our friendly instructors, based at our marina, are on hand to help you master diving through the Scuba Discovery Program. Find shallow waters to practice in, enjoy deep-water wreck dives and gain full PADI certification.



Timetables available at our onsite marina.

# OFFSHORE FISHING

Enjoy incredible adventures in a four-hour tour or go all out with an eight-hour expedition. The waters off Riviera Maya are rich in snapper, grouper, marlin, mahi mahi and barracuda. Later, our talented culinary team can prepare the catch to your taste.



Talk to our hospitality team abour availability and weather conditions or call extension 233 for further information.

# SAILING AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Take to the water for the best Caribbean views. Venture off in our complimentary kayaks or Hobie cats. Or notch up the adrenaline a little with jet-skiing or parasailing. All activities are available at our onsite marina.

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Ask our expert team for more details on extension 233.

# SNORKEL TOUR

The Great Maya Reef lies only 10 minutes from our hotel's shoreline. Be captivated by the turquoise ocean as you explore its multicolored marine life on a snorkeling tour. Private excursions also available.

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Timetables available at our onsite marina.

# THE YACHT EXPERIENCES

Snorkel, swim or simply sit back and soak up the sun on a catamaran or a luxurious yacht. In partnership with The Yacht Experiences, we offer an exclusive fleet of different sizes for you to enjoy with your nearest and dearest. Unlimited Premium bar and private chef menus are included in this adventure.

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Contact our hospitality desk at extension 233 and find out more.



# Explore Riviera Maya

#### GOLF

Perfect your putt and improve your swing at one of the region's world-renowned golfing ranges. Choose from 10 top courses designed by legends such as Jack Nicklaus and Greg Norman to enjoy challenging holes with majestic views.

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Reserve you tee times our hospitality team.

#### THEME PARKS

Discover Xcaret, a wonderful natural playground where you can swim in underground rivers, be surrounded by thousands of butterflies and enjoy spectacular cultural shows. At the park Xel-Há you can swim with colorful fish and dare to ride the water slides. For even more adventure, try zip-lining and rafting in the subterranean rivers at Xplor. Whatever you choose is sure to be an unforgettable experience.

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Find out more from our hospitality team.

# TULUM

The Mayan ruins of Tulum are the third most-visited historical site in all of Mexico—for a good reason. Tulum enjoys a spectacular cliff-side location, looking out over the majestic Caribbean Sea, which sparkles in vibrant shades of aqua and turquoise. Tulum is located 51 miles (80 kilometers) south of our resort and the ruins are open 8am to 5pm. Our tour includes entrance fee, guide at the sites, private transportation, soft drinks and water, fresh fruits and snacks. Or make it a really unique and add a wonderful swimming in ancient caves with crystal clear water.

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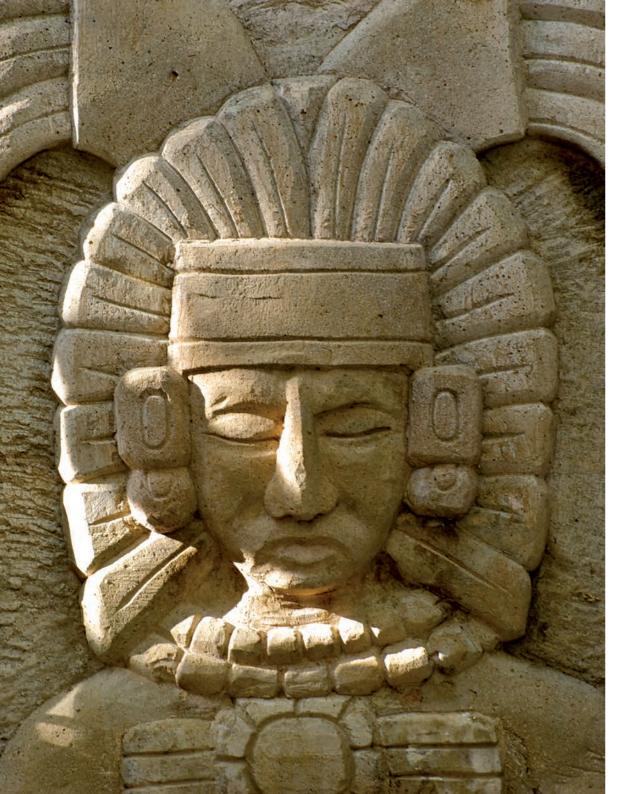
Half-day tours take around 4 hours. Speak to our hospitality team to reserve your place.

# COBÁ

Archaeologists believe Cobá was one of the most important Mayan sites in the Yucatan Peninsula. The design and purpose of this settlement was very different from other Mayan cities. While cycling along paths lined with lush vegetation and ancient temples, you'll begin to feel the amazing energy left behind by the inhabitants of this former Mayan ceremonial center. Cobá is located 1 hour inland from Tulum. Our tour includes entrance fee, bicycles for each guest at the ruins, guide at the sites, private transportation, soft drinks and water, fresh fruits and snacks.

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Reserve your place with our hospitality team. Estimated duration of tour 6 hours.



# CHICHÉN ITZÁ

Chichén Itzá, one of the New 7 Wonders of the World, served as a political, economic and ceremonial center of the Mayan civilization. This is probably the most important example of Mayan culture in the Yucatan Peninsula and home to the most impressive buildings of any ancient Mayan city. If you only do one day trip during your vacation, this should be the one. Chichén Itzá is located 124 miles (200 kilometers) west of our resort. The tour includes entrance fee, guide at the sites, private transportation, soft drinks and water, fresh fruits and snacks. Complement this tour with a visit to Valladolid, a picturesque colonial town.

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Full-day tour takes around 8 hours from departure. For further details, speak to our hospitality team.

# VALLADOLID

Valladolid is deeply Mayan, from the guttural consonants of the language heard on its streets, to the many women still wearing the traditional huipil (white cotton dresses adorned with bright, flowered embroidery). Expect to be charmed by this colonial city, which was once a capital under the Spanish supremacy. Ornate architecture, vibrant markets, and a Franciscan convent are all worth exploring.

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Book your place with our hospitality team. The trip takes around 8 hours, door to door.

# EK' BALAM

Around 30km north of Valladolid is the major Mayan archaeological site of Ek' Balam, meaning 'black jaguar'. Enter through a magnificent arch to discover ceremonial buildings, the Oval Palace, an acropolis featuring fascinating wall paintings and a fair-sized ballgame pitch.

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Book your place with our hospitality team. The trip takes around 8 hours, door to door.

# SIAN KA'AN

Marvel at this natural paradise, enjoying a boat ride through beautiful mangrove waterways before visiting a small archaeological site, once used as a trading post by the Mayans. The tour of the reserve is followed by a unique swimming experience in a natural lazy river. Your tour includes entrance fee to the reserve, guide at the sites, private transportation, private boat ride to visit the lagoon in Sian Ka'an, soft drinks and water, fresh fruits and snacks.

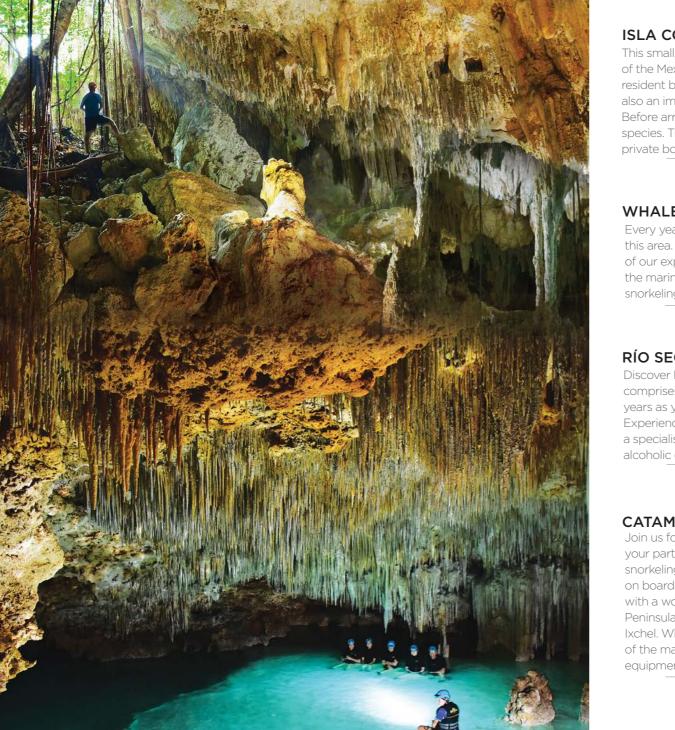


Book your place with our hospitality team. Allow 7 hours to explore.

# CENOTES

Experience the thrill of swimming underground in a majestic cenote. These natural sinkholes, resulting from the collapse of limestone bedrock, were used by Mayans centuries ago. Walk through the mysterious caverns or bathe in the clear waters, surrounded by stalactites and stalagmites. It's easy to combine a cenote experience with an archaeological tour.

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# **ISLA CONTOY**

This small, uninhabited island is considered the most important nesting place of sea birds in all of the Mexican Caribbean. A protected National Park, it boasts more than 150 migrating and resident bird species, including the frigate, brown pelican and double-crested cormorant. It's also an important nesting site for sea turtles. Visitors to the island are limited to 200 each day. Before arriving, you can swim and snorkel in the beautiful Ixlache Reef, home to abundant marine species. The tour includes entrance fee to the reserve, guide on the island, private transportation, private boat, soft drinks and water, fresh fruits and snacks.

Allow 8 hours from leaving the hotel. Please speak to our hospitality team for further information.

# WHALE SHARKS (SEASONAL)

Every year, from July to mid-September, whale sharks come to feed in the nutrient-rich waters of this area. They are early risers, so to ensure that you get the most from this memorable day, one of our expedition's guides will pick you up from the hotel early in the morning and drive you to the marina. The tour includes an expert guide, on hand to advise and assist throughout the day, snorkeling equipment, private transportation, soft drinks and water, fresh fruits and snacks.



Seasonal activity. Please speak to your host for further details. A round trip take approximately 8 hours.

# **RÍO SECRETO**

Discover Río Secreto, Riviera Maya's most recently revealed cenote near Playa del Carmen, which comprises a pristine cave system unlike any other. Witness natural history dating back millions of years as you hike and swim through a 1km route full of surreal and dramatic mineral formations. Experience the intense silence as you go deep inside the magical cave. Your tour includes entry, a specialist guide, locker, wetsuit, life jacket, helmet with lamp, towels, regional buffet and nonalcoholic drinks.

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Ask your host for further details. Transport not included.

# CATAMARAN AT ISLA MUJERES

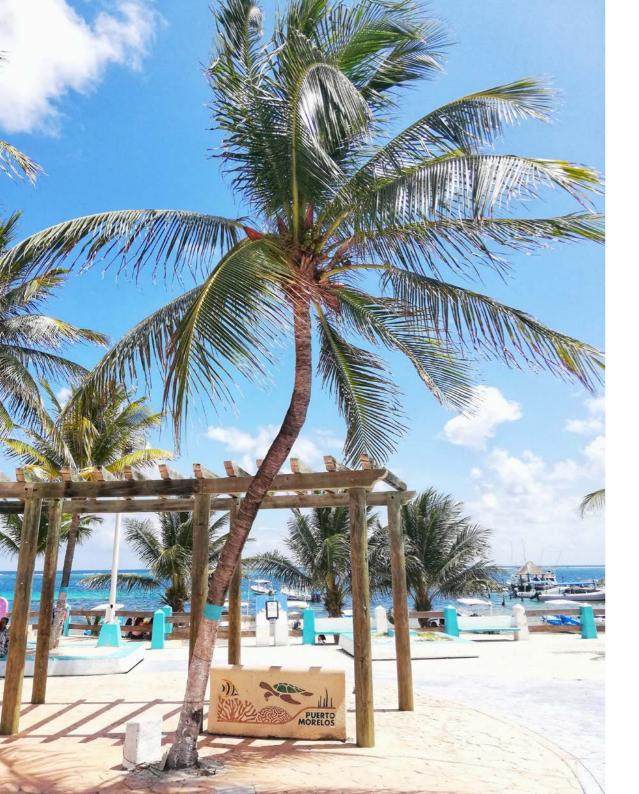
Join us for a day aboard the magnificent 40ft Fountaine Pajot catamaran. You and your party are invited to spend the day exactly as you choose - relaxing in the sun, snorkeling in the crystalline water and indulging in a delicious lunch freshly prepared on board. The boat's owner/captain has years of experience in hospitality and catering with a world-class knowledge of fine wine. Isla Mujeres is about 8 miles off the Yucatan Peninsula coast. In Pre-Columbian times it was sacred to the Maya goddess of fertility, Ixchel. When the Spanish arrived in the 16th century they named it Isla Mujeres because of the many images of goddesses they encountered. The tour includes snorkeling equipment, guide on the island, private transportation, lunch, domestic open bar.

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Book your place with our hospitality team. Allow around 8 hours for the entire excursion.



# Hit the town



#### HIT THE TOWN

#### PUERTO MORELOS

Set between the two pulsating cities of Cancun and Playa del Carmen, Puerto Morelos retains the charm of a small fishing village. Its history dates from 1898, when it was the main fishing port supplying the Yucatan area. Today you can enjoy a host of activities, from browsing for souvenirs in the quiet stores and markets to swimming in ancient cenotes and visiting a crocodile farm. And it's only moments away from our resort.

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10 minutes from the resort. Ask your host for a map. Taxi or private transportation service available from our hospitality desk.

### PLAYA DEL CARMEN

Just 20 minutes from our resort, this lively city has plenty of places to shop, dine and linger over a refreshing drink, all within modern 5th Avenue. Take a walk and discover its bohemian energy. Ask your host for a map and explore at leisure.

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Call the hospitality desk to arrange a taxi or private transportation.

# **TULUM BOHO-CHIC TOWN**

Tulum combines breathtaking Mayan ruins with hippie-chic hangouts, jungle-shrouded restaurants and white sand beaches. Discover its attractions less than an hour from our resort.

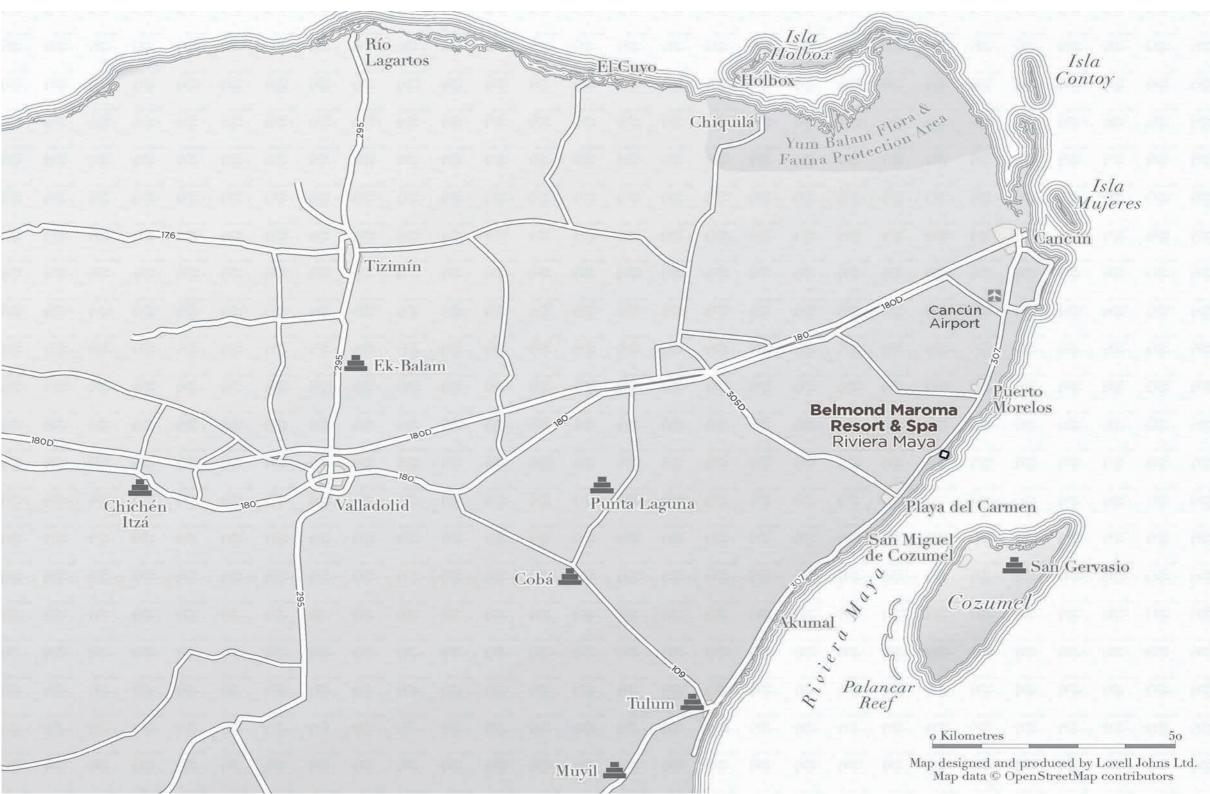
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Ask our hospitality desk to arrange a private transfer for you.

# **CANCUN - HOTEL ZONE**

If you're looking for prestigious stores, there's nowhere better than Cancun. In the Hotel Zone you'll find an array of shopping malls chock-full of luxury designer brands. Hire a private car or taxi to take you on the one-hour journey.

Call the hospitality desk for details and to arrange a private transportation.



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