**A B O U T R I V E R A M A Y A : T O D O**

Archaeological Sites. Water. Activities. Beaches. Nature and Adventure. Museums & History. Golf. Shopping. Nightlife. Natural and theme parks.

Cancun is recognized worldwide for its spectacular white sand beaches and its fascinating sea in turquoise blue tones. With unique natural places, Mayan culture, water activities and adventure. International cuisine, spectacular golf courses, sophisticated spa facilities, exclusive shopping centers, typical handicraft markets as well as shows, bars and nightclubs that give fame to its incomparable nightlife.

**Beaches**

* Las Perlas – (Distinctive Blue Flag)
* Playa Langosta
* Playa Tortugas
* Playa Caracol
* Playa Gaviota Azul
* Chac Mool - (Distinctive Blue Flag)
* Marlín - (Distinctive Blue Flag)
* Ballenas - (Distinctive Blue Flag)
* Delfines - (Distinctive Blue Flag)
* Coral - (Distinctive Blue Flag) (Pet-Friendly)
* El Niño - (Distinctive Blue Flag)

**Things to do**

* **Playa Delfines Photographic Parador**

Viewpoint with the best background. The Caribbean Sea.

* **Underwater Museum of Art (MUSA)**

MUSA, the Underwater Museum of Art, is located in the National Marine Park of Cancun and Isla Mujeres. It has more than 500 sculptures installed on the seabed distributed in three galleries: Manchones Gallery, in Isla Mujeres where the sculptures are located 8 meters. (26 ft.) Deep; Punta Nizuc Gallery and Punta Sam Gallery, both in Cancun, with sculptures at a depth of 4 meters. (13 ft.)

* **Mercado 28**

Located in the center of the city, Market 28 is a true icon of the city of Cancun. With an immense amount of Mexican souvenirs and handicrafts, it also has typical food restaurants.

**Diving**

* **Punta Cancún.**one of the most popular destinations with colorful coral formations where it is easy to find manta rays, barracudas, and sharks.
* **Chital reefs**, shallow (10 meters / 35 ft.) With great visibility located near Punta Cancun, it is ideal for beginners can see lobster, rays, and groupers, among others.
* **C58 Minesweeper**, is a World War II ship that is in good condition at a depth of (24 meters / 80 ft.). It is a place for expert divers due to the strong currents.
* **Punta Nizuc**, an ideal place for snorkeling and diving with a great diversity of marine life where you can find lobsters, groupers and manta rays, among others. The depth is about 10 meters. (30ft.)

**Archeological Sites.**

The ancient Mayan civilization is recognized worldwide for its achievements in art, architecture, and science.

Cancun has a privileged location and is close to some of the most impressive archeological areas of the Mexican Caribbean (Tulum and Cobá), but it also has its own archeological sites, which will allow you to enter the fascinating world of this millenary culture.

* **El Rey:** It is the largest archaeological site in Cancun. It is located at km 18 of Boulevard Kukulcán in the hotel zone. The site is important for its unusual architecture. It consists of 47 structures of a religious and administrative area in which important ceremonies were held. There are two main squares limited by two streets. The site dates back to the 2nd and 3rd centuries BC and is related to astronomical practices.

* **El Meco:** Located at km 2.7 of the Puerto Juárez - Punta Sam highway in Costa Mujeres, north of Cancun. It highlights the main structure known as "El Castillo", which is the highest in the state's northern region.
* **San Miguelito:**It is located at km 16.5 of the hotel zone. Access to the site is through the Maya Museum of Cancun.
* **Yamil Lu’um:** It has only one structure called “The Temple of the Scorpion” that is believed to function as an observatory as it faces the sea. It is located at km 12 between the Park Royal Cancun and Westin Lagunamar Ocean Resort hotels.

**Nightlife**

To close your days in the Riviera Maya with a flourish, nothing like touring the 5th. Avenida in Playa del Carmen for shopping, dining, or having fun in one of the bars and nightclubs with your friends.

**Ecological Parks and Reserves**

* **Xcaret Eco Theme Park** offers an abundance of activities for all ages. A full day can be spent in Xcaret swimming in underground rivers, snorkeling, seeing a re-enactment of the pre-Hispanic ball game, visiting ancient Mayan ruins, and topping off the day by watching the spectacular cultural show that is presented every evening.

* **Xel-Há Park** subterranean currents of freshwater combine with salt water producing a unique ecosystem with multitudes of tropical fish perfect for snorkeling. Other activities at this water theme park include floating along the river on inner tubes, swinging over cenotes, and swimming with dolphins. If you get tired of being in the water, you can go on an ecological walking tour through the surrounding jungle or take a break on "Hammock Island."

* **Aktun Chen** covers almost 1000 acres of rainforest and is home to 3 caves with underground rivers. An easy walking tour of the main cave lasts about an hour and allows visitors to witness spectacular geological formations. Walking through the park's jungle paths offers the chance to glimpse some of the area's wildlife.

* **Xaman Ha Aviary** is an open-air sanctuary in Playacar providing natural habitat to over 60 species of tropical birds. Meander the sanctuary's paths and trails and see if you can spot toucans, macaws, flamingos, egrets, herons, and other beautiful birds of the area.

* **Sian Ka’an Biosphere Reserve**is one of the largest protected areas in Mexico. It has 2500 square miles of unspoiled natural beauty with unexcavated Mayan ruins, freshwater canals, mangroves, lagoons, and inlets. Visitors can learn about its diverse wildlife and participate in conservation projects. Ecological tours of the reserve are offered, as well as kayak tours and fly fishing.