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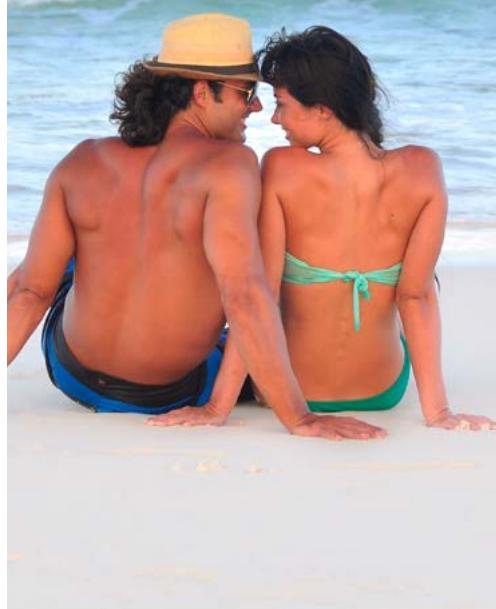
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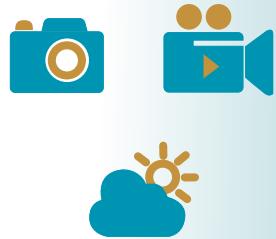
## Welcome to Paradise



Cancun may have white sand beaches, turquoise Caribbean waters and gorgeous balmy weather, but this world-class vacation destination also offers an unequalled mix of man-made, natural and cultural attractions. Featuring first-class hotels, the destination offers excellent resorts with luxurious, state-of-the-art facilities and is one of the world's main gateways, receiving millions of international travelers every single year. Major international airlines as well as charter airlines have direct or connecting flights to Cancun every day.

Year after year, national and international visitors arrive to Cancun to learn about the Mayan culture through the museums and the archaeological sites, to experience the underwater wonders or one of the countless tours, for the adventure in one of the many parks around the destination, to enjoy the local cuisine, for a shopping experience... There are attractions and activities for all ages !.

Cancun is a true jewel of the Mexican Caribbean located on the northeast coast of the Yucatán Peninsula in the state of Quintana Roo. It has an annual average temperature of 80°F and the rainy season is from May to October.





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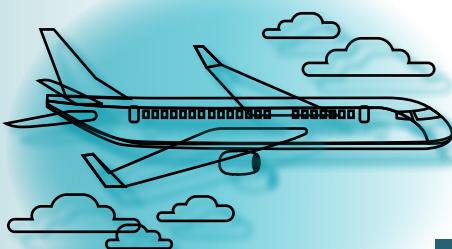
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# Transportation in Cancún



Cancun has the most modern and functional airport in Latin America and the Caribbean, offering connections and flights to different places around the world. Cancún International Airport is located approximately 25 minutes from the Hotel Zone and 20 minutes from downtown Cancun, it is considered the second most important airport in Mexico, since it receives the largest number of international passengers in the country.

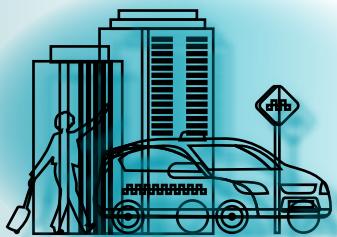
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*Some hotels or tour operators include shuttle service to and from the airport. Pickup and dropoff areas are located right outside the Arrival and Departure terminals. If you do not have the shuttle included, inside the airport you will find different transportation services such as luxury vehicles, taxis, buses and car rental companies.*

## Around the City

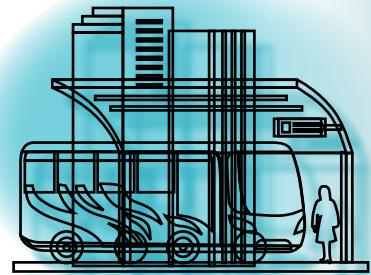
### BY BUS

There are different urban bus routes that run through the city and the hotel zone. The Route 1, runs along the Hotels Zone and also takes you to downtown, Tulum Ave, bus station and Puerto Juarez. You don't have to wait more than 3-4 minutes for the bus, and the cost is approximately \$ 13 pesos.



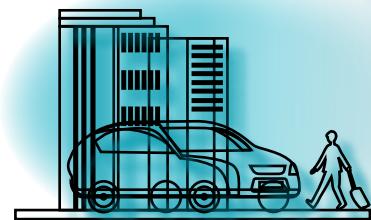
### BY TAXI

The taxis are lined up anywhere a tourist may be. Make sure to ask the doorman at the hotel the rates so there are no surprises; most hotels post a list of rates from the hotel to various points in and around Cancun.



### BY CAR

You will find in Cancun all the major car rental companies. They all have a great range of new and comfortable rental cars. This is the easiest way to explore the surrounding beaches, villages and Mayan Ruins.



### BY FERRY

For traveling to the islands of the Mexican Caribbean you will need to take a ferry:

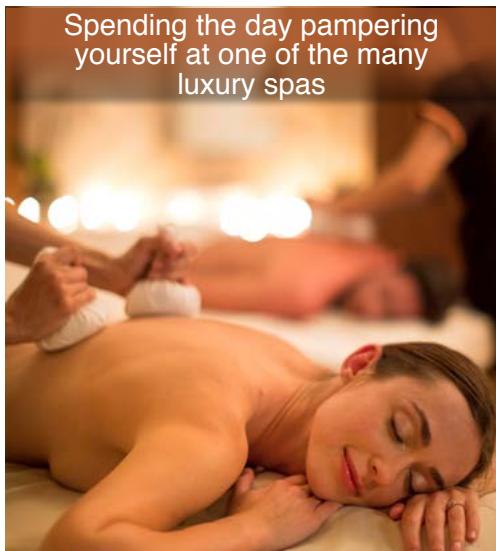
- **Isla Mujeres:** There are four different docks in Cancun: Playa Tortugas, Playa Caracol and El Embarcadero (all located within the hotel zone), and one in Puerto Juárez. There are departures every half hour and just a 15 minute ferry ride whisks you to this enchanted island.
- **Isla Holbox:** To go to Holbox you could travel by car or public bus to Chiquila port (takes approximately 2 hours), and then catch the Holbox ferry across to the island. The ferry leaves for the island every half an hour and the crossing takes about 20 minutes.
- **Cozumel:** The ferry to Cozumel departs from Playa Del Carmen Ferry Pier, every hour and the the ride across takes about 45 minutes and you arrive right in the middle of San Miguel.

# Top Things to do in Cancún

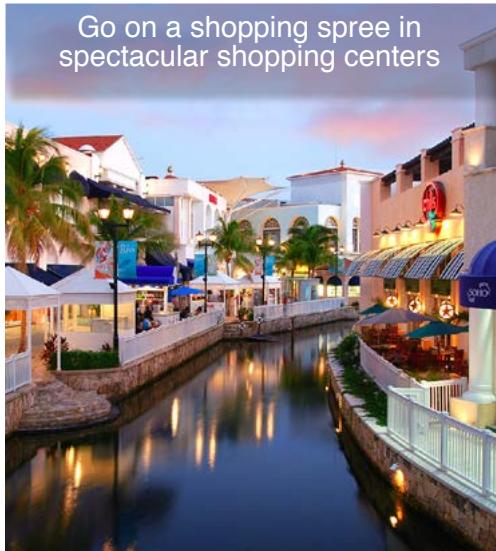
Scuba diving or snorkeling in a amazing cenote



Spending the day pampering yourself at one of the many luxury spas



Go on a shopping spree in spectacular shopping centers



Visit the archeological sites



Enjoy some of the world's wettest and wildest attractions in any of the theme parks



Enjoy the water sports and activities



Swim with the Whale Shark, the largest fish in the world (the season is from May to September)

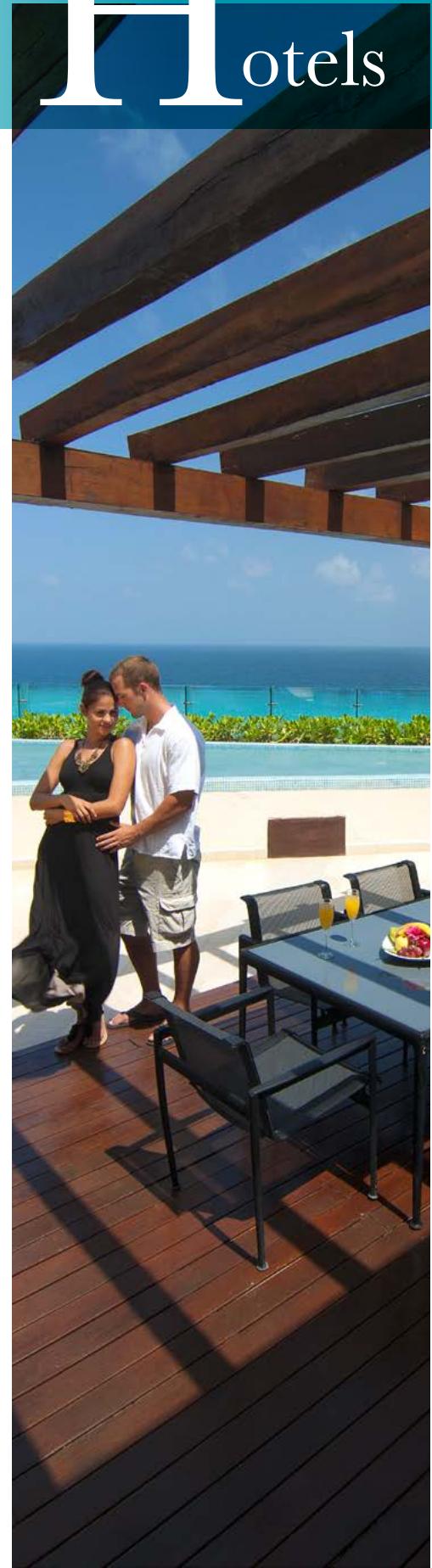


Visit some other destination in the Mexican Caribbean: Isla Mujeres, Holbox, Puerto Morelos, Playa del Carmen, Tulum, Cozumel, Mahahual, Bacalar or Chetumal

Explore Maya Ka'an, the newest destination in the Mexican Caribbean



# H otels



Cancun offers a wide variety of accommodations with options for all tastes and budgets. All recognized for the excellent and friendly service and the splendor of Mexican hospitality.

- Hostel.
- Pet Friendly Hotels
- Family hotels or adults only
- Hotels for business travelers
- All Inclusive resorts or Hotels with European Plans
- Renowned national and international hotel chains
- Hotels with facilities for events, groups, congresses and conventions
- Luxurious hotels recognized with the 4 and 5 Diamonds of the American Automobile Association (AAA)
- Hotels and hostels located in the hotel zone or downtown, ocean view or lagoon view hotels

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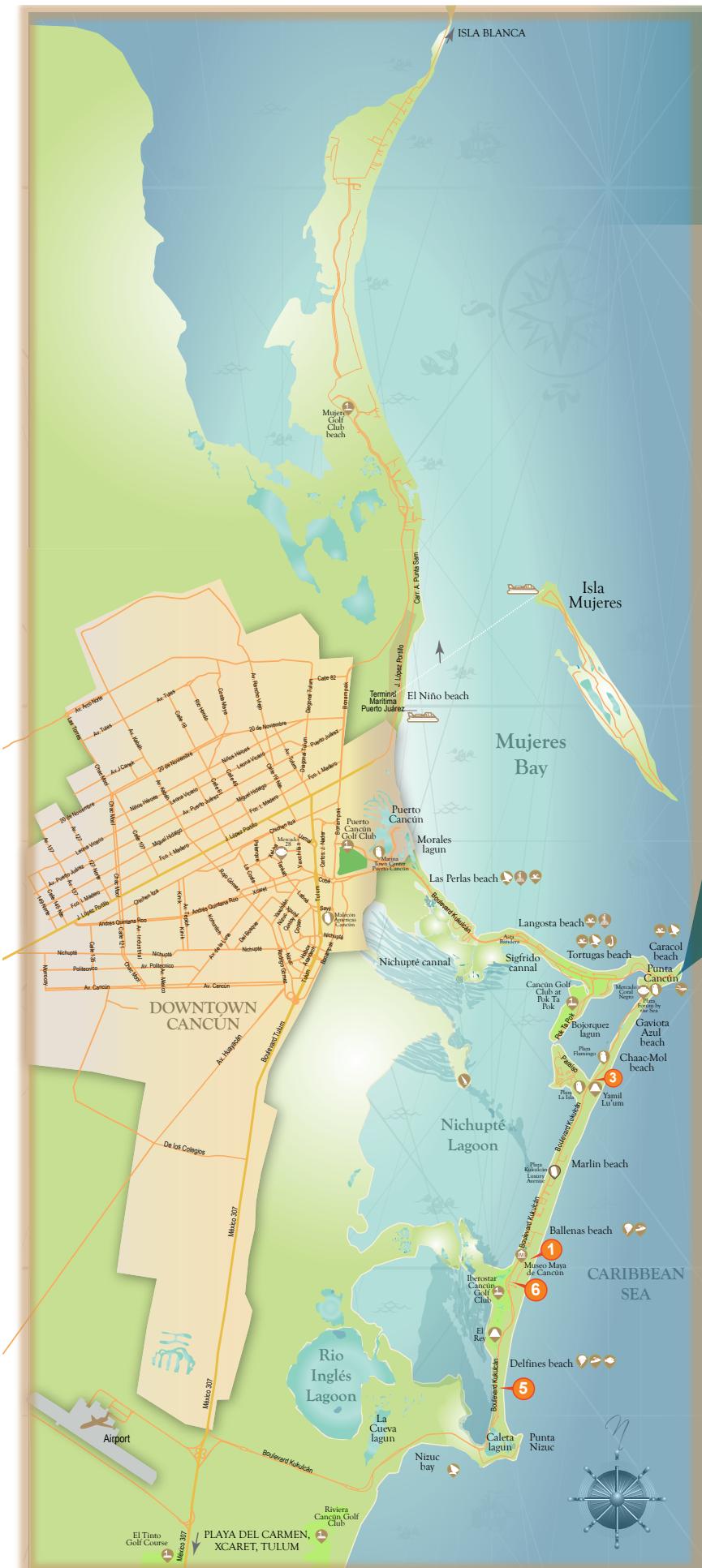
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  -  Paddle Surf
  -  Parasailing
  -  Fishing
  -  Sailing
  -  Windsurfing
  -  Archaeological Site

# Downtown Cancún



# Water Sports



Cancun has 14 miles of white-powder sand beach, these magnificently restored beaches are among the world's finest. They are ideal for all kind of water sports.

There are many watersports centers and marinas manned by expert guides and professional operators with excellent fleets for providing all the services you might require. You can rent a wave runner or catamaran, go on a jungle tour through the mangroves driving a speedboat, take a trip on a glass bottom boat, travel in a submarine, snorkel in one of the reefs of Cancun, Cozumel or Puerto Morelos, or even get SCUBA-certified by an experienced dive instructor, and dive in a sunken ship. Cancun keeps its guests on the go with an unlimited assortment of the latest leisure pursuits.

**W**indsurfing - Cancun has some great spots for windsurfing, where enthusiasts can glide across the water as they are pushed by the wind. Windsurf boards can be rented at many hotels and at any of the marinas and waterparks. The best season is during the summer months when the northwest wind blows sideshore and create ideal windsurfing conditions.

**K**itesurfing - The main kiteboarding spot in Cancun is Isla Blanca, situated only just twenty-five minutes north of Cancun. It is a peninsula with a large flat shallow saltwater lagoon surrounded by the Caribbean Sea. It is possible to kitesurf with any wind direction. There is plenty of space to ride downwind and walk back upwind and it is a great place to learn kiteboarding as the lagoon is all waist water deep. The windy season is November to June; November to April, the wind is strong (10-35knts) and cold but very consistent, and from April to May the wind averages 12-25knts.

**P**arasailing - This is one of the best ways to see Cancun from a different angle. Enjoy a comfortable and secure ride, with a friend or one member of your family, as you are lifted from a platform on the back of the boat. Before you know it, you'll be flying at a height between 200 and 330 ft. Then just sit back in comfort and gaze the impressive Caribbean Sea, the Nichupte lagoon and Cancun hotel zone. Amazing experience! You may hire your parasailing ride in most of the beaches along the hotel zone, as well with some water activities companies.



**P**addle boarding (SUP) - This trendy water sport is becoming really popular since it's a great exercise. You can enjoy this activity on flat and shallow waters of beaches such as Playa Las Perlas and Playa Langosta in Cancun or Playa Norte in Isla Mujeres. If you want a different experience, you can explore the Nichupte Lagoon, weaving your way through mangrove tunnels, pathways, and Lazy River giving you the chance to enjoy a small hidden beach and see a great variety of birds.

If you just want to relax and enjoy the beautiful Caribbean Sea, a Stand Up Paddle yoga class is the best option.

**W**ing diving - This activity is new water activity in the Mexican Caribbean and is not offered in many places in the world. You just have to hang on to a board, that is really easy to manueve, while a speedboat drags you through the water. Because of the flexibility of the board you can go up and down and make pirouettes in the water like a dolphin. This amazing sport is for children and adults and can be done in Isla Mujeres.

**F**lyboarding - A totally different water sport, it consists of a pair of boots attached to a board, jet nozzles and hoses connected to a waverunner. It is not as difficult as it seems, as you become accustomed to the gear and find your balance you will find it easy to navigate and will soon be soaring above the water, and when you dominate the art of flyboarding, you can fly up to 6 ft. and then dive into the ocean, just like a dolphin.

**W**akeboarding - It is an exciting way to enjoy the calm waters of the Nichupté Lagoon, an ideal place for all levels.

**S**peed Boating - Experience the jungle landscapes as you drive a 2-person speedboat through the canals and dense mangroves of the Nichupte Lagoon. You can also add snorkeling in Punta Nizuc where you will find the second largest coral reef in the world with amazing biodiversity.

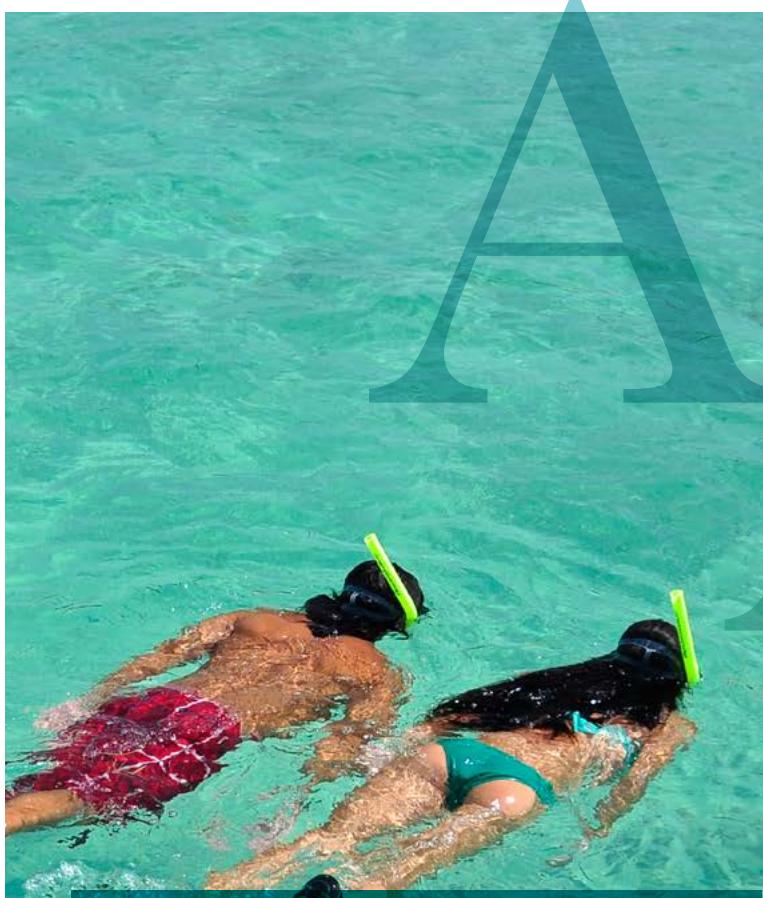
**K**ayaking - This is one of the many ways you can have fun in the beautiful waters around Cancun. Many resorts offer kayaking tours (single or tandem) to explore coastal waters or the mangroves into the Nichupté Lagoon. You can paddle in the turquoise water of the Caribbean Sea in most of the destinations around the area; discover the reef's secrets with its dazzling array of tropical fish without getting wet in your glass bottom kayak. No previous experience is required.



**J**etpack - This is a fun way to make your flying dreams come true. Fly, spin, and dive into the water with Jet Pack. After 10 minutes of instruction you'll take off and truly enjoy this exciting experience. The throttle is controlled remotely by your instructor, which also will help you giving instructions through the hermetic headphones in the helmet.

**J**etovator - This is a hybrid watercraft that blends the powerful performance of a modern jet ski with a unique riding style similar to a bike. As the engine revs you can start flying above the waters of Nichupté Lagoon powered only by massive streams of water. Regardless its impressive dimensions, it is incredibly easy to ride. A thrilling experience you won't forget.

**S**eabreacher - This tour is for adventure lovers. Ride in an 18-foot (5.5-meter) long Seabreacher, a closed semi-submersible watercraft that resembles a white shark powered by a 260 hp-supercharged engine and has the ability to balance, make 90-degree turns, jump 20 ft. out of the water, and reach speeds of up to 55 mph (89 kph), if you dare. It has a glass cabin similar to an F-16 airplane and is operated by a certified pilot.



**S**norkeling - Most hotels rent snorkeling gear. Among the best places to enjoy the underwater world are:

- Punta Cancún in Cancún
- Punta Nizuc in Cancún
- El Farito in Isla Mujeres
- Manchones Reef in Isla Mujeres
- Puerto Morelos Reef National Park in Puerto Morelos
- El Cielo in Cozumel
- Colombia Reef in Cozumel

If what you want is a magic and exotic experience, you can snorkeling during the night and watch the nocturnal marine life, like the elusive octopus that mostly hunts in dark conditions. You'll be provided with a submergible lamp, that will allow you to watch the coral reef and sea life, and you'll be speechless, as it seems the colors are magnified. Beside, micro marine life glows when excited, so if you shake your hands or move your feet, these organisms portray their bioluminescence as if they were greenish sparks.

You can also live an underwater adventure with the Cancun BOB (Breathing Observation Bubble), a personal submarine propelled by an electric motor, just like a scooter that lets you easily cruise below the surface without any knowledge of scuba diving.



**B**oating - You can go on a sailing tour or charter, a sailboat or catamaran of your own and have a fun day visiting stunning beaches, swimming, and snorkeling; you can also enjoy a romantic sunset sail or have fun in a thematic boat and experience an authentic pirate adventure at sea, including exquisite food, shows, dances, games, contests, and a beach party.

# Fishing

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Blue Marlin	B	B	B	B	M B	E	E	E	B	B	B	B
White Marlin	B	B	M B	E	E	E	E	B	B	B	B	B
Sailfish	B	E	E	E	E	E	E	M B	B	B	E	E
Shark	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	B
Pollack	M B	M B	M B	M B	M B	M B	M B	B	M B	E	E	E
Amber Jack	E	E	E	E	M B	M B	M B	B	B	M B	E	E
Mahi Mahi	B	B	M B	E	E	E	E	E	B	B	B	B
Barracuda	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E	E
Wahoo	E	E	B	B	B	B	B	B	B	E	E	E
Tuna	B	B	M B	E	E	E	M B	B	B	B	B	B
Snapper	M B	M B	M B	M B	M B	M B	E	M B	M B	E	E	E
Skipjack	B	B	B	E	E	E	E	E	E	B	B	B

**B**  
Good

**MB**  
Very Good

**E**  
Excellent



There are several types of fishing in Cancun: fly fishing, spinning or light tackle, bottom fishing and deep sea fishing. There is always something for everyone, from the beginner to the experienced fishermen. The warm waters of the Caribbean Sea are rich in biodiversity; they teemed with marine life, which means excellent sport fishing. You can always enjoy calm water, low stress and plenty of action, beside you can customize your trip including snorkeling adventures.

# Scuba Diving

TOP 5



Discover the underwater world of the Caribbean Sea, explore a world-famous highlight of Cancun, the Underwater Museum of Art (MUSA) or a shipwreck; or just experience an underwater world of unique beauty and astonishing wonders like the coral formations or the hundreds of colorful fish. The Mexican Caribbean offers world-class diving.

Cancun is renowned for its shallow reefs with dazzling colors and a diversity of life. Reef diving is spectacular on the southern beaches and offshore islands. Currents allow for drift diving, and both reefs and offshore wrecks offer exciting opportunities.

Visibility is incredible year round and water temperature varies very little between the winter and summer months. During winter the water temperature hovers around 77-82°F, and you can count with average visibility of 40 feet. During the summer months the temperatures are warmest - up to around 85°F, and visibility can be 100-plus feet.

Cancun's coastline is home to nearly 100 coral species, 350 mollusks and 164 species of reef dwelling fish.

In the cenotes the water is so clear (sometimes 200 meters visibility), and the landscape is so spectacular that you may think you are in a magic world. Water temperature is a few degrees cooler than the ocean, is 77°F (24 to 25°C) throughout the year.

# Diving Conditions



## Places to dive

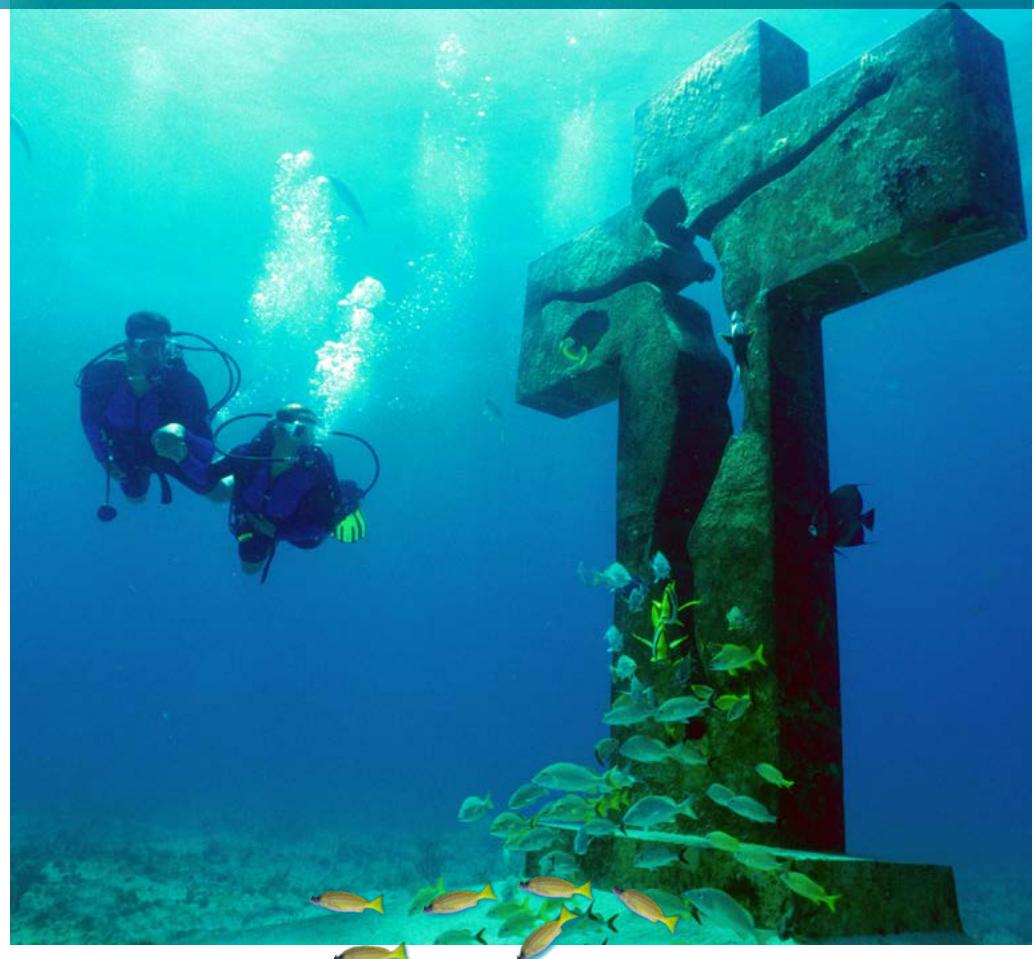


- **Cancun Underwater Museum of Art, MUSA.**
- **Punta Cancún**, a popular spot in Cancun with colorful coral formations and a diverse array of marine life, including barracuda, rays and sharks.
- **Chintales Reef**, is a relatively shallow reef at 32 ft. and with high visibility and a great variety of fish population like lobster, rays and groupers, among others. It is located near Punta Cancun, an ideal place for beginners.
- **The C58 Minesweeper**, is an old Navy vessel from World War II only about 80 feet (24 mts.) below the surface. It is recommended for advanced divers because of its depth and the current can be challenging. The area frequented by groupers, eagle rays, barracuda and manta rays.
- **Punta Nizuc**, a famous site for snorkeling and diving thanks to the abundant marine life like lobsters, groupers and rays, among others. Depths average 30 feet (10 mts.), great visibility, and some underwater sculptures, make this spot well worth exploring.
- **Puerto Morelos Reef National Park**, has several reef sites located a short boat ride, only 328 ft. (100 meter) off shore, like:
  - **The Gardens**, a 45-foot (17 meter) dive allows you to enjoy colorful coral reef and a great variety marine life.
  - **EI Puente**, a 60 ft. (20 meter) dive with natural bridges, swim troughs and larger fish.
  - **Cuevones**, a 60 ft. (20 meter) with caves under the coral, home to many different marine species.
  - **Maroma Wall**, 70 to 100 ft. (21-30 meters) with large barrel sponges and lots of large creatures, with a very strong current recommended for advance divers.
  - **C-56 Juan Escutia Shipwreck**, 70 to 90 ft. (21 to 27 meters) a US Navy minesweeper with spotted eagle rays, specially in winter, green moray eel and stingrays, this is for experienced divers.
  - **Other** recommended spots are: La Bocana and El Túnel (the Tunnel), where you can easily find: turtles, eagle rays, sharks and a myriad of colorful fishes.

## Isla Mujeres:

- **Los Manchones**, a 12 kilometer long natural marvel just off of the island's shore, at a depth of only 30 to 40 ft. (9 to 12 meters) you'll see terrific fields of elk horn, stag horn and brain coral, as well as blue tangs, wrasse, grunts, large parrot, queen angel fish and snappers. It is also the home of the Cross of the Bay, a tribute to all the people who died by the sea.
- **This natural water park**, El Farito is located 1500 meters (0.93 miles) from the island. It is a lighthouse in the middle of a spectacular reef where you will be able to admire the marine fauna and dive to visit the Virgin of El Farito, which was submerged in 1966 to protect fisherman. The reef is perfect for beginner divers and snorkeling.
- **Bandera Reef**, elongated coral reef located between Cancun and Isla Mujeres. At a depth of 40 ft. (12 meters) you can find elk-horn coral as well as large crabs, spotted moray eels, lobsters and angelfish.

## Other diving experiences

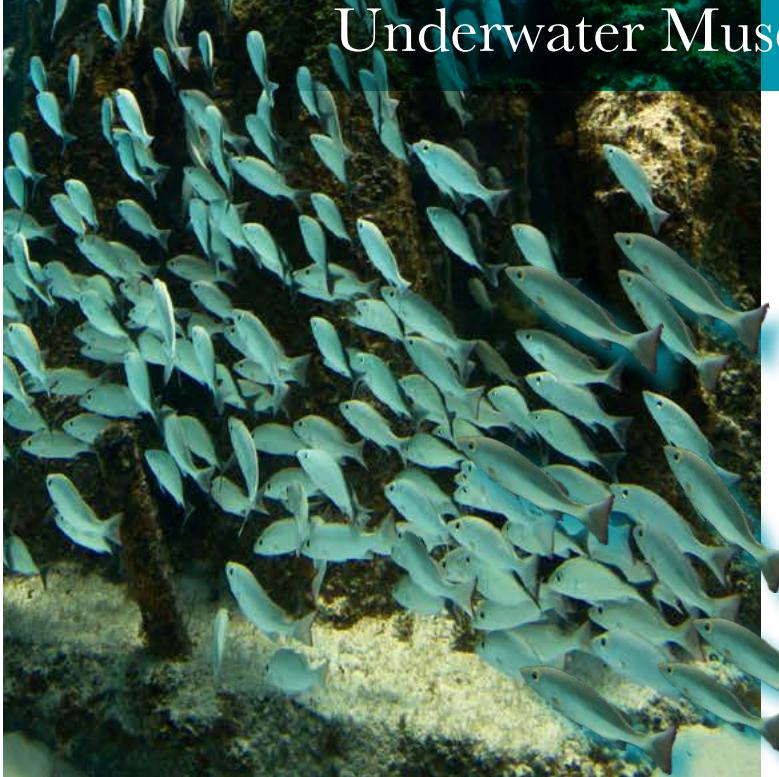


## Riviera Maya:

Dive in the largest fresh water system in the world; explore these wondrous, mysterious cenotes and their hidden rivers. There is no special certification necessary to enjoy this experience, there are options for beginners as well as for advanced. An experienced guide is recommended for any cave dive.

If you are a certified diver and want to have an extreme scuba diving experience, you can try the unique adventure to dive with bull sharks free in the ocean. The bull sharks normally grow between 7 to 11 feet long and weight around 250 lbs. The peak season goes from November to March. You'll be able to interact and photograph these beautiful animals, at depths averaging 75- 90 ft. (22 to 27 meters).

# Cancún



## Underwater Museum of Art “MUSA”

The Underwater Museum of Art, MUSA, is located within the boundaries of the National Marine Park of Cancun and Isla Mujeres. You have to see this stunning museum with over 500 permanent life-sized and monumental sculptures placed at the bottom of the ocean 4 to 10 meters deep (13 to 32 ft.). MUSA has three galleries: Manchones, in Isla Mujeres with the sculptures are located 8 meters (26 ft.) deep; Punta Nizuc and Punta Sam, both in Cancun, and the depth of this area is 4 meters (13 ft.).

MUSA has rapidly gained international recognition for being one-of-a-kind underwater artificial art attractions in the world. All the sculptures are created on a special environmentally friendly material, so they can be colonized and inhabited by marine life, whilst increasing biomass on a large scale and help to preserve the beauty of the natural reef and its corals.

*For more information*

# Shopping

The shopping experience in Cancun every day becomes more cosmopolitan thanks to the wide variety of options offered by the destination. Numerous duty-free shops offer excellent value on many goods like imported cosmetics, perfumes, fine jewelry, watches, wines and liquor, among others.

If you are looking for a new designer outfit or a gift to take home, Cancun has plenty of shopping opportunities. All the malls are air-conditioned, sleek, and sophisticated. They feature stores with some of the best international brands, with plenty of recognizable upscale names. Beside the malls also offer some other services and entertainment options for the whole family like restaurants, movie theaters and many more.

## Malls:

- Marina Town Center Puerto Cancún
- La Isla Shopping Village
- Fashion Harbour at La Isla
- Luxury Avenue Boutique Mall
- Kukulcán Plaza
- Malecón Américas (downtown Cancún)
- Plaza Las Américas (downtown Cancún)

Typical markets with souvenirs and handicrafts representative of the different states of the country:

- Coral Negro Handcraft market (Hotel Zone)
- Mercado 28 (downtown Cancún)
- Downtown Plaza 28 (downtown Cancún)

# Gastronomy



## TIP

You must try the Tikin Xic Fish, a local delicacy throughout the Mexican Caribbean. This is a large white-fleshed fish (like red snapper or grouper) rubbed with achiote (a scarlet-hued paste made with annatto seeds, sour orange, garlic, and other seasonings) wrapped in banana leaves and then placed on the charcoal grill or a pit.

Cancun offers an extraordinary food experience, a fusion of the flavors of Mexican cuisine, a culinary journey through all the cultures and traditions from all over Mexico.

Cancun is without rival in the Caribbean when it comes to dining variety. Over a hundred restaurants feature cuisine from around the world – Italian, Chinese, French..., plus delicious nouvelle and traditional Mexican cooking, or even regional specialties.

What sets the gastronomic offer of this city apart is an important culinary movement, with chefs from all over the world. By experimenting with new techniques, using new ingredients and fusing culinary styles, the chefs achieve dishes that are a delight for all the senses.

It is no surprise that many of the destination's restaurants are listed among the best in specialized travel magazines and received awards from the Michelin guide and AAA (American Automobile Association), among other important associations.

Indulging in sensational food should be part of your Cancun vacation; you will find a different fabulous restaurant for every night of your vacation. Cancun is a paradise for gourmets, but you can also find everything from fast food to exotic.

The beautiful settings are part of the enjoyment of a stay here: views of sunsets on the beautiful lagoon, accompanied by the sound of violins, pianos, saxophones, trios, mariachis and jaraneros (jarana is a special kind of guitar) or a thatched roof "palapa" by the sea, in the area of Puerto Juárez.

# Golf

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## TIP

Look for ‘twilight’ rates (usually after 14:00 hrs. or inquire if your hotel has special rates for area courses. In some cases, the green fee is all inclusive.

The golf circuit in and around Cancun makes it one of the most competitive destinations both within and beyond our borders. It Offers 15 operating courses, other interesting golf complexes. In an advanced planning stage and the endorsement of international tournaments such as the PGA Tour at Mayakoba, the only PGA event to take place outside the United States and Canada.

Cancun is on the verge of becoming México’s new golf leader, with seven courses in Cancun, another seven in La Riviera Maya and one more in Cozumel.

Courses are full-service venues, each with a professional pro shop, well-maintained golf carts, driving range, putting green, Bermuda fairways and greens, caddies, top quality equipment rentals, restaurants, and beverage cart. All the courses are open to the public (some require advance arrangements for access).

# Golf Courses in Cancún



**Playa Mujeres Golf Club.** An 18-hole Par 72 course, designed by Greg Norman. The outstanding design and several holes facing to the Caribbean Sea will make you to enjoy the best golf round ever.

**Puerto Cancún Golf Club.** An 18-holes Par 72 course designed by Tom Weiskopf. Its design combines warm trade winds with undulated greens to add fun and challenge to the natural beauty of the golf course.

**Cancún Golf Club at Pok-ta-Pok.** It is an 18-hole golf course designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr., the course incorporates lush vegetation, the lagoon, the shoreline and ancient Mayan ruins.

**Iberostar Cancún Golf Club.** The18-hole, Par 72 Championship golf course is set within 150 acres of tropical paradise and through ancient Mayan Ruins, along the arms of the Nichupte Lagoon. It was design by Isao Aoki Group.

**Riviera Cancún Golf Club.** A golf course with the Jack Nicklaus Signature design. The18-hole Par 72, is a combination of mangroves, ocean views and lagoons, a perfect sum of challenges for the most demanding Golfer.

**El Tinto Golf Course.** This is an 18-hole golf course Par 72, an environmental role model golf course. Master golf course designer Nick Price created this marvel, boasting 84 bunkers and 5 astonishing natural lakes built into the design.

**Moon Golf Club.** This 27-hole course Par 72, is one of the Nicklaus Signature Golf Courses, a beautiful landscape, natural mangroves and exotic animals surround it. It's ranked as one of the top 10 Golf Courses in Mexico.

# Golf Courses in la Riviera Maya



**The Nicklaus Design Course at Vidanta Riviera Maya.** An 18-hole-Niklaus Design golf course. It features traps of radiant, white sand, lakes surrounded by natural rocks and the intense color of the greens. It is a garden of delights for golf lovers.

**Iberostar The latest creation of P.B. Dye.** It is an 18-hole Par 72 course carved out of the ancient Mayan jungle. The course boasts dramatic vertical elevation changes, is one of the best golf destinations around the world.

**El Camaleón Mayakoba.** An 18-hole Par 72 golf course designed by Greg Norman. The course stretches from the jungle to the mangroves and on to the most beautiful ocean views, is the first course in Mexico to be chosen by the PGA.

**Gran Coyote Golf.** An 18-hole course Par 71 design by Nick Price. The stunning course provides a fun and challenging golf experience, but also preserves a vital habitat for local plant and

animal life. The layout winds through dense jungle that opens to stunning views of the Caribbean Sea.

**Hard Rock Golf Club Riviera Maya.** A 18-hole Par 72 golf course designed by Robert Von Hagge, is surrounded by a diversity of lakes, cenotes (sinkholes), archeological sites and exuberant vegetation, and considered to be one of the most challenging golf courses in the area.

**Puerto Aventuras Golf & Raquet Club.** This beautiful 9-hole, par 36, was designed by Thomas Leman and is still one of the best-kept secrets in the Riviera Maya. The field is covered by a smooth carpet of Bermuda grass, surrounded by palm trees, bougainvillea, tropical trees, and lush foliage.

**Riviera Maya Golf Club at Bahía Príncipe.** An 18-holes Par 72 + 9 holes Par 27 golf course design by Robert Trent Jones II. It is an extraordinary Golf Course. 90 hectares in the middle of the rainforest.

**Cozumel Country Club.** This is an 18-hole course Par 72, designed by the Nicklaus Desing Group. Carefully crafted from the surrounding mangrove marshlands and tropical rainforest. The first Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary golf course in Mexico.

## Golf Course in Cozumel



# Golf Courses in the Mexican Caribbean



Punta Cancún	
Cancún Golf Club at Pok-ta-Pok	5 Min.
Iberostar Cancún Golf Club	16 Min.
Puerto Cancún Golf Club	23 Min.
Riviera Cancún Golf Club	23 Min.
Playa Mujeres Golf Club	32 Min.
El Tinto Golf Course	34 Min.
Moon Golf Club	35 Min.
The Nicklaus Design Course at Vidanta	40 Min.
Iberostar Playa Paraiso Golf Club	48 Min.
El Camaleón Mayakoba	53 Min.
Gran Coyote Golf	58 Min.
Hard Rock Golf Club Riviera Maya	1 H. 8 Min.
Puerto Aventuras Golf & Raquet Club	1 H. 18 Min.
Riviera Maya Golf Club at Bahía Príncipe	1 H. 31 Min.
Cozumel Country Club	2 H. 40 Min.

# Nature and Adventure



- Adrenaline... this is the word that synthesizes the marvelous adventures that can be experienced in the destination's ecosystems. The coral reefs, wetlands, low altitude jungle, estuaries, caves, cenotes (sinkholes) and fantastic mangroves are the settings for the most original and fun excursions for the entire family like:
- Bird watching
- Trekking
- Zipline circuit and hanging bridges in the middle of the jungle
- Snorkeling and diving in cenotes and caverns
- Canopy
- Rappel
- 4x4 vehicles and bike jungle tours



## Whale Sharks

Swim with whale sharks is a once-in-a-life experience, this inoffensive animals can measure up to 49 feet and feed on plankton while peacefully passing through the waters of the Caribbean. Remember to keep a respectful distance from the gentle giants, refrain from touching them or use flash photography. The most popular location to snorkel with the whale shark is Holbox Island and Isla Mujeres and the season goes from May to September.

## Cenotes

In the Mexican Caribbean you will find a number of cenotes, natural deep-water wells, which are fed by the filtration of the rain through the soft, porous limestone, which is typical of the region, and by the currents of underground rivers. Here is the "Gran Acuífero Maya", the largest underground river system in the world.

The cenotes were known as Dz'onot by the Mayans, who considered them sacred places since they believed they were passageways to the underground world of Xibalba, the place where their gods and spirits resided after death. Explore the magical world below where you will find amazing formations of stalactites and stalagmites.

## Cenotes Route

For adventure lovers, Puerto Morelos is the departure point for a unique adventure. Near Puerto Morelos there are many cenotes and underground rivers, so you can travel into the jungle, either walking or by bicycle, on horseback, or ATVs. There are fun activities for all ages, from your youngest to adventurous teenagers or adults, like snorkeling, zip lines or scuba diving. The route includes ecoparks and cenotes like: Zapote, Siete Bocas, Kin Há, La Noria, Las Mojarras, Chilam Balam, Verde Lucero and Boca del Puma.

## Nature Reserves

There is a plethora of beautiful reserves in the Mexican Caribbean like:

- Contoy Island
- Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve
- Puerto Morelos Reef National Park, Punta Cancun and Punta Nizuc.
- Banco Chinchorro Biosphere Reserve

In this protected areas you can enjoy low-impact activities such as observing the natural flora and fauna. Here you will find monkeys, flamingos, marine turtles, crocodiles and many more creatures in their natural habitat. You can arrange guided tours lasting from one day to several days where you can pursue activities such as kayaking, hiking, snorkeling and diving.

# Interact with the local species



In Cancun and some other destinations in the Mexican Caribbean you can admire, interact and learn about the conservation of different species of animals, and be amazed by the diversity and uniqueness of native flora. There are several parks for these activities:

- **Crococun, in Puerto Morelos.** A conservationist zoo that protects some of the area's endangered species and rescue animals. The visitors are allowed to interact with jungle animals and reptiles, such as boa constrictors, macaws, crocs and spider monkeys. Great place for families, kids, and anyone who likes to get up close with animals. Open daily from 9:00 to 17:00 hrs.
- **Tortugranja, (Turtle Farm) on Isla Mujeres.** It is a site dedicated to the protection, research and conservation of turtles. Open daily from 9:00 to 17:00 hrs.
- **Akumal Monkey Sanctuary.** This is a great experience for the whole family, home for rescued and donated primates and other species. During the tour the guide will take you to the Mayan jungle to admire the surroundings that includes a beautiful cenote; on the way you can interact with spider monkeys, capuchin monkeys, lemurs and other animals such as goats, boas and macaws, among others. Open daily from 9:00 to 17:00 hrs.
- **Botanical Garden Dr. Alfredo Barrera Marín.** Located in Puerto Morelos is more than a tropical forest. Walk for at least an hour through the trails of beautiful gardens in a jungle atmosphere where you can admire the local plants. All the different areas and plants are labeled so you can do this tour with or without a guide. You can spot a great variety of birds and some spider monkeys. You can see reconstructed Mayan houses where they lived (and still do), their gardens full of medicinal herbs, and there is a re-creation of a chicle camp. Open daily from 8:00 to 16:00 hrs.
- **Payo Bishop Zoo, in Chetumal.** It is a center of conservation and protection of flora and fauna with an interesting collection of butterflies, reptiles, birds and mammals of the region and other parts of the world. In addition, it has other attractions such as "Lago Mayor" (Grand Lake), the Wetland Grotto, the Rainforest Interpretive Center, Mayan vestiges, suspension bridges, an area for jaguars, an interactive farm, zip lines, boats and an aviary. Open Wednesday to Sunday from 10:00 to 17:00 hrs.



# Parks

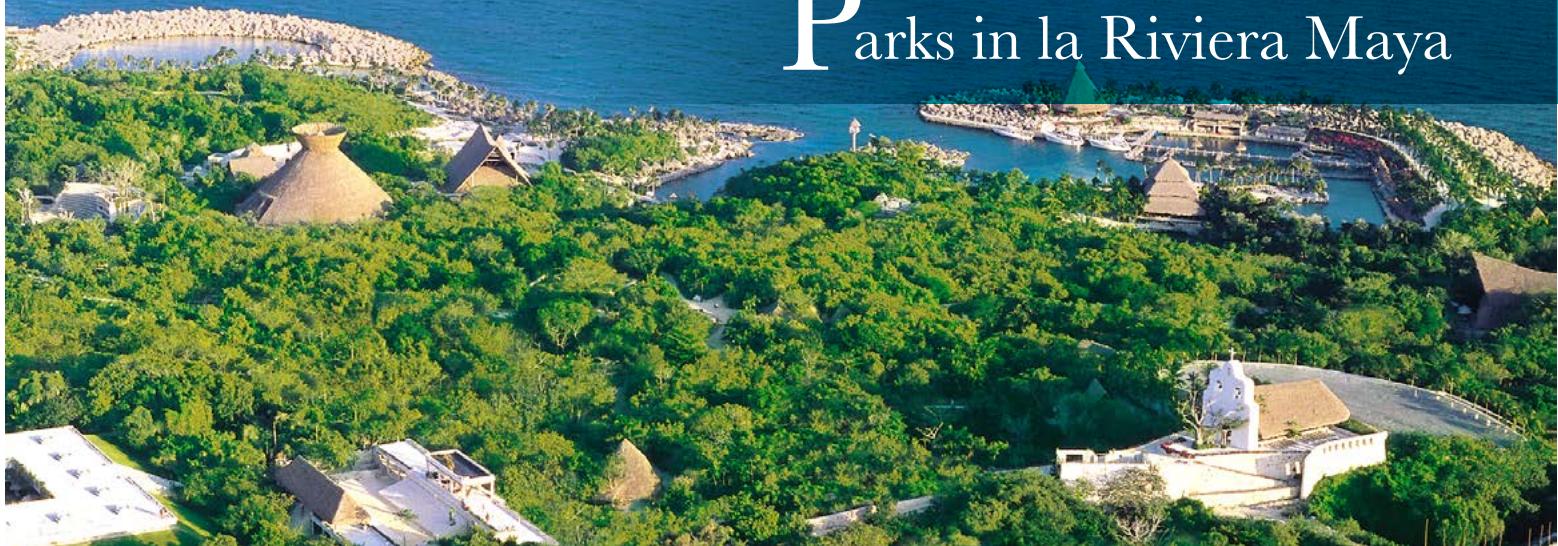


## Parks in Cancún

The Mexican Caribbean offers a great diversity of theme, adventure, extreme and water parks. There are options for adrenaline lovers, for the whole family, for ecologists and for those who want to learn more about Mayan culture and traditions. Some parks will challenge all your limits, spend the day zip lining, off-roading in the jungle and exploring underground rivers but there are some others where you can just relax in a hammock, snorkel in a natural aquarium or enjoy a colorful Mexican spectacle with a gourmet dinner, there are options for all tastes.

- **Xavage:** An adventure park that will challenge your limits of audacity. With everything from ziplines and jetboats to off-road vehicles and white water rafting, it's the ultimate thrill-seeking experience. The intensity levels are classified as soft, hard, extreme or ultimate. Xavage promises a wild day out. Open Monday to Saturday from 8:00 to 17:00 hrs.
- **Parque Maya:** Located in the hotel zone of Cancun, it offers a series of activities that allow you to get closer to Mayan culture. Start the tour with a 7-minute short film, that will give you a true insight into Mayan culture. Then climb 20 meters in the air as you prepare to fly high over the clam waters of the Nichupte Lagoon in a 5 Zip line Circuit. You can also navigate on a boat across the mangroves of the Nichupté Lagoon discovering this eco system. And to end your day full of fun take a walk through a "Mayan Path" where you will admire replicas of 24 different representations of Mayan art and history, learn more about the Mayan Calendar and participate in ceremonies and dances with the Mayan warriors. Open Monday to Saturday zipline & mangrove tour 10:00 hrs, zipline & jungle tour 9:00, 11:00 and 13:00 hrs, zipline & shipwreck snorkeling tour 12:00 hrs.
- **Xoximilco:** You'll be caught up in the party spirit as soon as you step on board a colourful trajinera (large, wooden boats steered by a pole, as in a gondola). A lively atmosphere and beautifully lit up boats will await you down by the water. Navigate canals, float past musicians belting out Mexican tunes (mariachi, a "norteño" group and marimba, among others) and feast on an authentic Mexican dinner. Open Monday to Saturday. From September to March the first party barge leaves at 20:00 hrs and from April to August at 20:30 hrs.
- **Ventura Park:** Located in the hotel zone of Cancun, is a family amusement park with fun for everyone. It features different attractions such as: Wet'n Wild, with plenty of fun & exciting water activities; Aaah! Ventura, with a 3 zipline circuit, a bungee swing and a high-hanging aerial bridge; Fun World, with activities for children like a small roller-coaster, merry-go-round, crazy chairs, and kid's playground; Grand Prix, a Go-Kart race track by the sea; and Underworld, high tech gaming center with the latest in virtual reality. Open Monday to Saturday from 10:00 to 17:00 hrs.

# Parks in la Riviera Maya



**Jungala:** It is located inside the Vidanta hotel in the Riviera Maya. You will have the chance to explore the beautiful, natural jungle area with rock walls, giant tree formations, waterfalls, bridges, and caves. As for thrills you can get your kick on “state-of-the-art rides” including the Aqua Drop, Aqua Loop, Flatline Loop, and Whizzard, as well as a wave pool with natural sand and a massive lazy river over 3,000 feet in length — the longest in Latin America. Open daily from 8:00 to 17:00 hrs.

**Xcaret:** The park offers more than 50 attractions in the middle of the jungle. You can swim in underground rivers, relax in a cove, ride in a speedboat, walk on the seabed or visit the aquarium, the butterfly pavilion and the aviary. Enjoy the archaeological vestiges and the jungle. Learn about cultural expressions of Mexico with a ceremony in a Mayan village, the Ritual of the “Voladores” flying men, and traditional dancers. Open daily from 8:30 to 22:30 hrs.

**Xenses:** It offers unique and extraordinary activities that will test each of your senses from the moment you arrive at the Park. There are more than 15 activities that will take you on a fantastic journey through air, land and water. Enjoy the Xensatorium, a unique experience immersed in total darkness, where you'll tour different ecosystems of the planet, through perceptions, aromas, sensations and sounds. Some other experiences are: feel the magic of the Xitic Garden, float on a salt river in the Riverlaxing, play like a kid in a river of mud in the Sludgerie, move around a three-dimensional space with Bird Flight zip-line, or pass through a town where your imagination will exceed your senses. Open daily. Morning, arrival between 9:00 and 10:00 hrs. and departure between 14:00 and 15:00 hrs. Afternoon, arrival between 13:00 and 14:00 hrs. and departure between 18:00 and 19:00 hrs.

**Xel-Ha:** It is surrounded by jungle and is characterized by its large inlet, where three underground rivers join the sea. For its calm waters, it is a true paradise for water enthusiasts. The Scenic Lighthouse is a 100 feet tall tower with scenic views and water slides, offers an incredible experience to its visitors, as

descending from the heights will be the most fun, descending at high speed to finish in a refreshing dip inside a natural pool. Another way to get to know Xel-Há is through the jungle trails, on foot, by train or by bicycle. Along the way you will find fun attractions, such as rope challenges on the water and aquatic zip-lines. For the little ones, the Children's Playground has slides, hanging games, a waterslide and a special resting area with hammocks for parents. Open daily from 8:30 to 18:00 hrs.

**Xenotes:** Explore different types of cenotes in the middle of the jungle. In each of them you can enjoy a different adventure: rappelling, ziplining, kayaking and snorkeling. In the tour you will also learn from an expert guide about the cenote formation as well as some interesting stories about the mythical spirit-guardians that protect these cenote sites.

**Río Secreto:** A unique experience where you will make a trip to a 1km-long underground cavern where you can enjoy the impressive geological formations. The experience is complemented with activities such as rappelling and cycling. Open daily, tour Río Secreto 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, 12:00, 13:00 and 14:00; tour Río Secreto Plus 9:00 and 11:00 hrs; Río Secreto Wild Tour 9:00 hrs.

**Aktun Chen Park:** The natural park offers a guided walk through 600-meter (0.4 mile) dry cave, and during the tour the guide gives an interesting explanation of the origin of the cave system in the Yucatan Peninsula. After the underground tour, you'll have a chance to swim and snorkel in the crystalline waters of the sacred cenote, a mystical experience. You can also fly over a kilometer (0.62 mile) through 10 zip lines and two suspension bridges; contemplate the lush tropical jungle. Open Monday to Saturday from 9:00 to 16:30 hrs

**Kantun Chi:** Its name means “yellow stone mouth” in Mayan. An ecopark where you can swim in wonderful fresh water cenotes and explore an underground cavern. You can also enjoy all the flora and fauna surrounding these magnificent caves and cenotes. Open daily from 9:00 to 17:00 hrs.

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**Xplor:** Fly on the highest Zip-lines in the destination, the tallest at nearly 150 feet in the air! or if you have never been on a zip-line, start with the flying hammock. Descend from the sky to the world beneath the Earth to get to know the Stalactite River, a wonderful scenario where you can swim in its crystalline waters while enjoying landscapes of caves and even a surprise waterfall. You can also tour another Subterranean River aboard a raft, paddling with special hand paddles.

It is a park to live adventures in the heights, the surface and the interior of the earth. Fly in zip lines, drive an amphibious vehicle through the jungle, flooded caves and suspension bridges. And to explore the underground world, swim in the Stalactites River or travel the Underground River aboard a raft, paddling with your hands. You can drive an Amphibious Vehicle through jungle trails, flooded caves, and over hanging bridges. Open Monday to Saturday from 9:00 to 15:00 hrs.

**Xplor Fuego:** Here you will fly along on the only nighttime Zip-lines, with a view of the faintly lit jungle, until you pass through an arch of fire. The paths of the jungle are lit with torches so you can tour them aboard Amphibious Vehicles, in a unique experience where you will hear the sounds of the jungle at sunset. Come see the Lava River, where you can swim freely and safely while admiring incredible underground scenery. And take a ride on Volcanic Rafts, a unique attraction in which you can paddle with your own hands surrounded by the silence of the caves. Open Monday to Saturday from 17:30 to 23:00 hrs.

**Emotions Native Park:** experience the emotion of driving an ATV vehicle through jungle trails. Enjoy pleasant walks immersed in a protected natural area to explore caves, fly above vegetation with zip lines, discover archaeological vestiges, learn about the lifestyle of the region's first inhabitants <Casa de los Sueños> and swim in a beautiful crystal-clear water cenote. Open Monday to Saturday from 8:00 to 17:00 hrs. Sunday from 9:00 to 17:00 hrs.

**Emotions Jungle Night:** true adventurers are the only ones ready to embrace nature in the dark. Our guided ATV's ride allows you to indulge your inner explorer and tune into all your senses to discover what lies beneath darkness. Follow your tour guide walking through the jungle to discover beautiful caves and fly above vegetation with three impressive zip lines. According to Maya culture, light and darkness is only one; unveil the mystic Maya heritage by participating in a shaman's blessing ceremony in a torch lit night and in a relaxing temazcal session.

**Cenote Maya Native Park:** explore the majestic Cenote Maya with the largest dome in the Yucatan Peninsula. You can swim in this natural jewel and enjoy some adventure activities. Discover the Maya culture, visit an authentic Maya house, participate in an authentic blessing ceremony and enjoy traditional buffet prepared with organic vegetables from our own orchard.

**Woodward:** Located in the Hotel Hard Rock Riviera Maya, it is ideal for extreme sports such as skiing, snowboarding, skateboarding, BMX, parkour, hip hop and gymnastics trampoline, among others.

## Parks in Cozumel



**Chankanaab:** This is a natural park is a real masterpiece of nature located within the Cozumel Reef National Park. Enjoy the beautiful Chankanaab beach adventure park and spend a good time snorkeling or diving. You can also visit the Mayan house and enjoy a tortilla made by hand, explore all around the park and admire the Mayan culture replicas, connect with Nature and walk through the botanical gardens, visit the Crocodile exhibition, the tequila museum, the agave landscape or simply relax in a beautiful sandy beach entry. Open Monday to Saturday from 8:00 to 16:00 hrs.

**Punta Sur:** Ecotourism park located in one of the largest protected natural areas of Cozumel. Visit the Celaraín lighthouse with a panoramic view of the island and a small nautical museum, or enjoy its wide beaches of fine white sand, where you can snorkel surrounded by incredible colored reefs. In Laguna Colombia you can take a boat ride while watching the great variety of birds and impressive mangroves. It also has several beach clubs to spend the day. Open Monday to Saturday from 9:00 to 16:00 hrs.

**Pueblo del Maíz:** It is an interactive pre-Hispanic town where you can experience the Mayans real life by taking a trip back in time. You will learn about the Mayan culture, its religious beliefs, traditions, gastronomy and agricultural activities. You can make chocolate or tortillas in the traditional way, discover different types of honey and taste the pulque. You will also have the opportunity to participate in a fun ball game, as the ancient Maya did. Open Monday to Saturday from 9:00 to 16:00 hrs.

**Discover Mexico:** This park collects all the Mexican wonders in one place, including the Mayan ruins of Tulum and the Metropolitan Cathedral in Mexico City, is a good option if you don't have time to see all of Mexico's sites. The park also includes some other experiences like a chocolate tour, the tequila tasting exhibit and the alebrijes workshop. Open Monday to Saturday from 8:00 to 16:00 hrs.

# Parks in other Mexican Caribbean destinations



**Selvática:** Located on the Cenotes Route in Puerto Morelos, this park offers a wide array of exciting outdoor activities. Fly over the tree-tops on 10 zipline circuit, enjoy a unique experience on a Jungle Rollercoaster, explore the jungle in an insane off-roading circuit either in a buggy or in ATV, or simply relax in a private freshwater cenote. Open daily from 9:00 to 17:00 hrs.

**Garrafón Park:** Located in Isla Mujeres, just 25 minutes from Cancun is paradise of reefs and cliffs facing the turquoise waters of the Mexican Caribbean. Snorkel along the barrier reef, feel the rush of flying across the water in the only zipline that crosses the Caribbean Sea, take off in a single or two-passenger kayak and ride the waves above the reef, tour through the island, just relax in one of the lounge chairs or hammocks, and take in the ocean view, or swim in the infinity pool. Open daily from 9:00 to 17:30 hrs.

**Nativa Park:** Located in Solferino, very close to Chiquilá (where the Ferry departs to Holbox Island). In this private Nature Reserve you can live unforgettable experiences full of adventure with a touch of the mystical Mayan Culture. Visit a chiclero camp, canoeing in the lagoon, drive off-road vehicles, visit the meliponario and the interactive natural museum, among many other adventures. Open daily from 9:00 to 18:00 hrs.

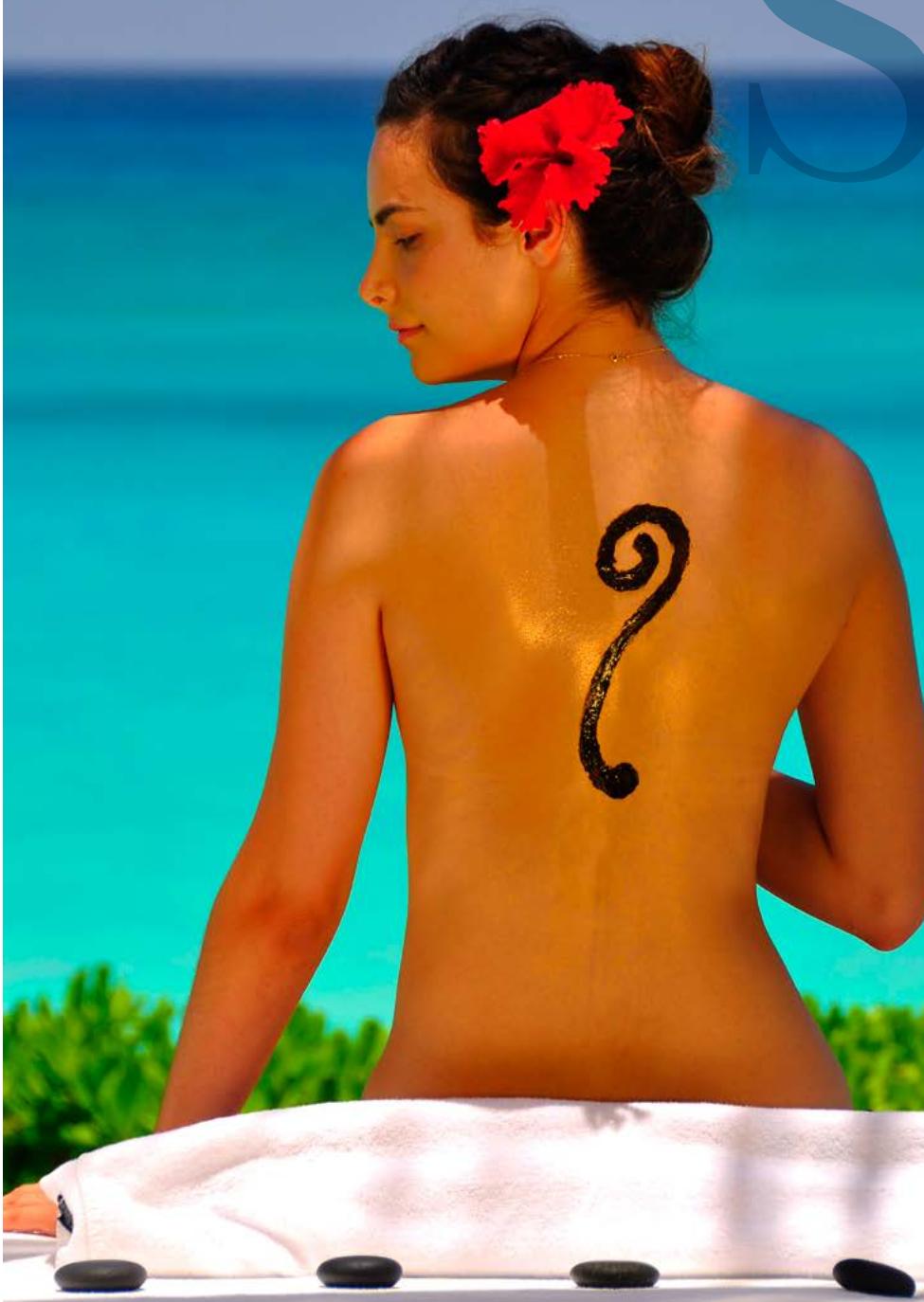
**Mayá Lost Mayan Kingdom:** Localizado en Mahahual, al sur del Caribe Mexicano. Es un parque acuático inspirado en las expediciones a la jungla de los años 40. Impresionantes tirolesas, excitantes puentes colgantes, una sorprendente zip-coaster y toboganes, son algunos de sus atractivos. Horario: Diario de 8:30 a 17:00 hrs.

# Ecoparks in the Mexican Caribbean



Punta Cancún	
Parque Maya	12 Min.
Ventura Park	19 Min.
Xavage	27 Min.
Xoximilco	27 Min.
Crococun	34 Min.
Jardín Botánico	38 Min.
Jungala	45 Min.
Selvática	53 Min.
Xenotes	55 Min.
Emotions Native Park	1 H. 3 Min.
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Akumal Chen	1 H. 34 Min.
Nativa Park	1 H. 55 Min.
Discover México	2 H. 28 Min.
Parque Chankanaab	2 H. 35 Min.
Pueblo del Maíz	2 H. 37 Min.
Punta Sur	3 H. 5 Min.
Maya Lost Kingdom	4 H. 19 Min.
Payo Obispo Zoo	4 H. 45 Min.

# Spa y wellness



Living the experience of relaxation in Cancun complements the perfect stay for those looking for a revitalizing vacation.

Cancun offers spectacular spas with exclusive and sophisticated facilities in total harmony with nature where you can balance your body, mind, and soul.

There are several types of spas, from luxurious to holistic. The majority of the hotels in Cancun offer a variety of Spa treatments combining native herbs and plants with ancient Mayan healing rituals and the latest stress-reducing technologies and treatments to reduce stress, improve skin and detoxify the body.

Try a traditional Temazcal steam bath or a full-body massage on the beach overlooking the turquoise blue waters or in the middle of the imposing jungle. Indulge in a thalassotherapy treatment, Watsu therapy, Shiatsu, acupuncture, Hammam rituals, or just simply relax as expert therapists provide natural body wraps made with chocolate, local plants and flowers.

Both tourist and the specialized media have given Cancun's Spas top marks for quality atmosphere, treatments, innovation and facilities.

# Archaeological sites and A Mayan culture

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Among the many attractions of Cancun are the vestiges of the fascinating Mayan culture. This vibrant destination, is surrounded by some of the world's most captivating ancient cities built centuries ago by the Mayan civilization.

The archeological sites in the Mexican Caribbean can be visited daily from 8:00 to 17:00 hrs, in some of sites there are guides who speak several languages.



TIP

If you are passionate about archeological remains you can also visit some archaeological sites in Playa del Carmen, Xcaret and Xel-Há.

# Archaeological Sites in Cancún



## El Rey



The largest archaeological site in Cancun is El Rey , located within walking distance from the Iberostar Cancun (Blvd. Kukulcán, km.18). The site is remarkable for the unusual architecture: two main plazas ending in two streets. The excavated part includes forty-seven structures in a religious and administrative zone where important ceremonies took place and the elders of greater stature in political life lived. This site, dating back to the second and third centuries B.C., was an important astronomy center for the Maya.

## San Miguelito



It is located in the Cancun Hotel Zone at Km 16.5. Access to the site is through the Maya Museum of Cancun.

## Yamil Lu'um



Also known as the Templo del Alácran (Scorpion's Temple), this small temple was probably a lighthouse. It is located in the Cancun Hotel Zone at Km 12, the vestiges sits atop a beachside knoll in the parklike grounds between the Park Royal and Westin Lagunamar hotels.

## El Meco



Located at km 2.7 of the Puerto Juárez - Punta Sam highway north of Cancun. The site is well preserved and it has the highest archaeological structure in the northern peninsula (12m/40ft) known as "El Castillo" (The Castle). From the top of this structure one can see the Caribbean Sea, all of Cancun's lagoons, and Isla Mujeres.

# Archaeological Sites in the Riviera Maya



## Tulum



It is one of the loveliest archaeological treasures in México, built on the shores of the Caribbean Sea. Sixty impressive structures, most dating back to the 12th and 15th centuries, mark Tulum, a walled Mayan fortress. Some of the more important buildings are: El Castillo (The Castle), is 7.5 m (25 ft) tall and stands forefront on the bluff, the Temple of the Descending God and the Temple of the Frescos. From the ruins site, there are stairs from where you can descend to the beach where is also a limestone cave. This is a great place to swim and relax on the beautiful white sand beach.

Archaeologists believe approximately 6,500 structures still shrouded by thick jungle. In fact, only 5 percent of the site has been excavated. Cobá was at one time a very large city with nearly 50,000 inhabitants and extended over 75 square km. The structures have been classified into different groups: The Cobá group, The Nohoch-Mul group with a the tallest pyramid in the Yucatán Peninsula, 42 meters tall (138 feet), the Mecanxoc group and the Group "D". Much of the site is still unearthened, giving visitors an "Indiana Jones" type experience.

## Cobá



Wrapped in the deep green of the rainforest, this ancient Mayan city rises between two lagoons. This was once one of the leading city-states in the entire Mayan Empire.

## Muyil



One of the oldest Mayan is located 15 minutes south of Tulum around a beautiful blue fresh water lake. Although surrounded by thick vegetation, visitors are still able to view three temple groups, "El Castillo" (the castle) 45 feet tall, is one of the tallest structures in the east coast.

# Archeological Sites in the Grand Costa Maya



## Kohunlich



It is located about 69 km west of Chetumal. Settled in 200 B.C., it contains almost 200 mounds that remain largely unexcavated. The site is best known for its Temple of the Masks, an Early Classic pyramid whose central stairway is flanked by huge humanized stucco masks.

groupings of buildings and plazas though the site is not completely excavated. The site is fairly old dating to 200 BC and around the complex the most important structures are: the Temple of the Cormorant, the Temple of the Captives and the Temple of the Lintels.

## Chacchobén



This settlement is approximately 70 km from Chetumal. Archaeologists believe Chacchoben was settled about 200 B.C. It is the largest settlement detected so far in the Lake Region of southern Quintana Roo. Among the most important structures are El Gran Basamento (The Great Base), containing five buildings, Plaza Las Vias and Temple I, the tallest structure on the site.

## Kinichná



Kinichna means “house of the sun” and is two kilometers north of the Dzibanché settlement. At Kinichna, you can climb the spectacular Acropolis, stretching over three levels, each from a different era of history. Stairs lead to palaces and temples on different levels. This temple has preserved in the exterior stucco friezes representing sun motifs.

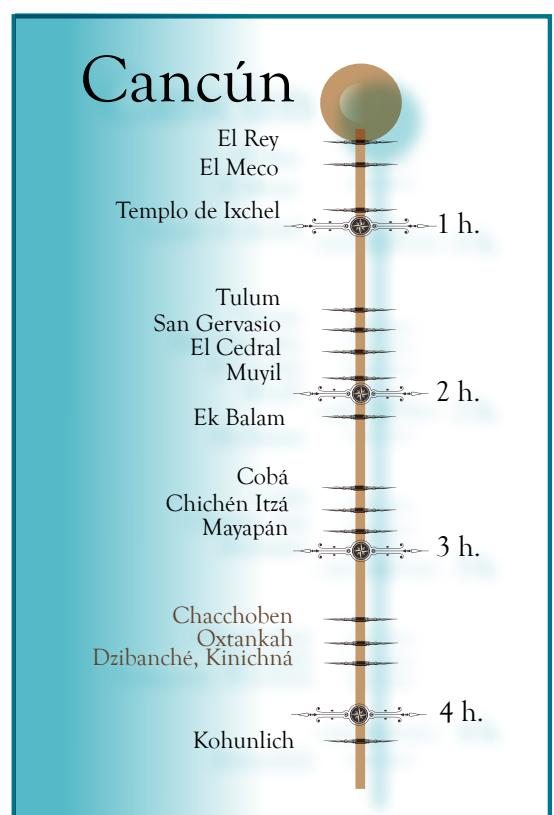
## Dzibanché



This massive city is located 80 km from the city of Chetumal and is scattered over 42 sq. km (16 sq. miles), with several

located just twenty-five minutes south of Chetumal, are the remains of one of the most ancient Mayan cities in the Yucatan peninsula. It arose during the Classic era, between 300 and 600 AD. There are traces of a chapel, believed to have been built by the conqueror Alonso de Avila in 1531.

# A rcheological Sites



The modern white building seems perfectly at home in the heart of Cancun's bustling Hotel Zone. The museum's collection includes 350 archeological artifacts showcased in two exhibition halls covering over 13,000 square feet. These pieces come from several Mayan sites of Quintana Roo, Palenque and Chichen Itza. The first room is dedicated to the Mayan population of Quintana Roo. The second room explains Mayan culture on a whole, featuring Mayan architecture, art, and other artifacts that made up Mayan's everyday life. You can see 14,000-year-old Mayan remains discovered in Tulum's underwater caves to the 10,000-year-old remains of the Woman of the Palms, tools, sculptures and jewelry. There is a third hall featuring a temporary exhibit that changes from time to time.

After surveying the museum, wander outside to see the San Miguelito archaeological site which is adjacent to it, and contains some forty structures classified into groups: The Great Pyramid, a 26 foot structure; The South, comprising of residential units, palace-style building and small altars; and Dragons – named in the 1970's after an area where snake heads were found and mistaken for dragon heads - in this area stands a temple adorned with fragments of ancient mural paintings of animals and marine elements. The museum is open Tuesday to Sunday from 9:00 to 18:00 hrs.

# Museums

Learn more about the Mayan culture in Quintana Roo



## **The Cozumel Museum**

This museum is located in a historical building that dates back to the 1930s and was one of the first hotels of the destination. Its four permanent exhibit rooms offer an overview of the island's geography, ecosystems, culture and history from pre-Hispanic times to current times. Hours: Monday to Saturday from 9:00 to 16:00 hrs.



## **Museo de la Cultura Maya en Chetumal**

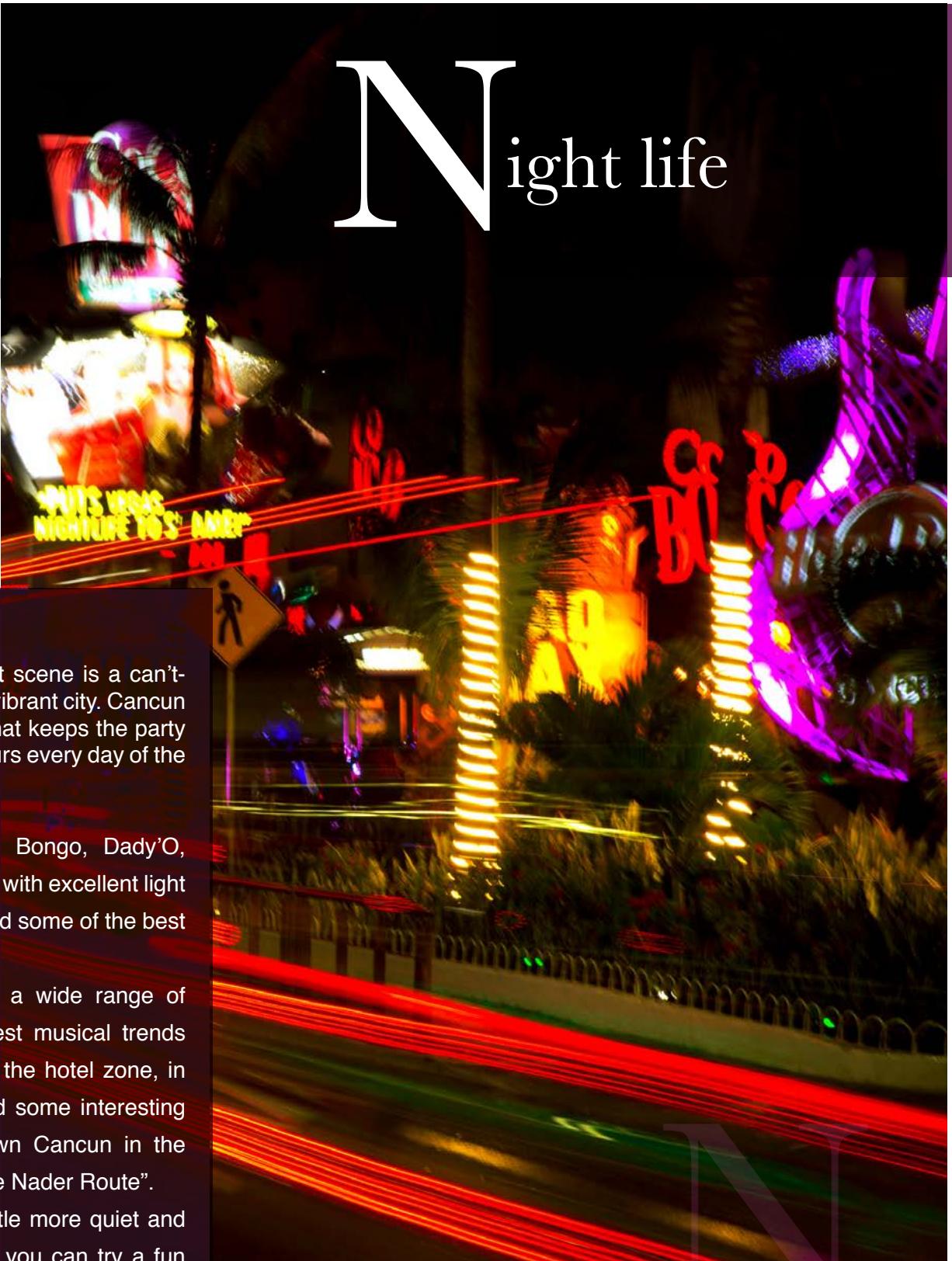
The displays and models provide a fascinating insight into the Mayan cosmology. The first floor represents the roots of the tree where the Maya underworld named Xibalba reigns. The middle floor is the tree trunk, known as Earth, home to humans and all their trappings. The top floor is the leaves and branches and the 13 heavens of the cosmic world. This distributed around a central courtyard flanked by tall and wide corridors that provide access to the different rooms. Hours: Tuesday to Saturday 9:00 to 19:00 hrs. Sundays 9:00 to 14:00 hrs.

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# Night life

Exploring the late-night scene is a can't-miss thing to do in this vibrant city. Cancun has a nightlife scene that keeps the party going into the small hours every day of the week.

- Nightclubs - Coco Bongo, Dady'O, The City, Mandala - with excellent light shows, acrobats and some of the best DJs in the world.
- Singular bars with a wide range of drinks and the latest musical trends located throughout the hotel zone, in Puerto Cancun and some interesting options in downtown Cancun in the area known as "The Nader Route".
- For something a little more quiet and for the hole family, you can try a fun dinner show aboard a pirate ship, an authentic Mexican party aboard a trajinera in Xoximilco, or the excellent show JOYÁ, from Cirque du Soleil.



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# Weddings & Romance



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A romantic, warm and exotic setting awaits the thousands of couples who visit Cancun each year. From fun outings, to fine shopping, to superb dining and nightlife, Cancun is ideal for both seclusion seekers and activity-oriented couples. It is the perfect paradise for weddings, honeymoons, anniversaries, renewal of vows, or simply a romantic getaway.

Your wedding in Cancun will be a one of a kind celebration. Turquoise waters and powdery white sand teamed with year-round beautiful weather make it an unbeatable venue for your special day.

You'll find unique wedding venues and endless options. You may want an intimate ceremony in a lush tropical garden, tie the knot barefoot on the beach, get married in a traditional Mayan village, in a cenote, in a boat, or in one of the many sceneries of Xcaret - Mexico's most beautiful eco-park. There are also good options within the hotels: an ocean view ballrooms, chapels, gardens, terraces, foyers, gazebos and piers. Almost all hotels offer wedding packages designed for all tastes and budgets.

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There are top wedding suppliers offering the very best wedding services: banquets, florists, musicians, candy bars, shows, entertainment, couture designers, stylists, photography, video, decoration or classic cars, among other things. The Mexican Caribbean is also a great option for LGBTQ weddings; there are wedding planners certified to organize South Asian weddings. In addition, you will find the most original places to "Trash the Dress".



# GROUPS, CONVENTIONS & WEDDINGS

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Coral 1-2-3*	23 ft <sup>2</sup>	240	260	170	200	100
Lagoon	9 ft <sup>2</sup>	120	140	60	80	40
Bay	9 ft <sup>2</sup>	78	80	40	50	24
Beach	9 ft <sup>2</sup>	98	80	40	50	24
Reef	9 ft <sup>2</sup>	78	80	40	50	24
Theater		140	406			

\*Dimensions applicable per meeting room



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# Groups and conventions in Cancún



## Meeting Space

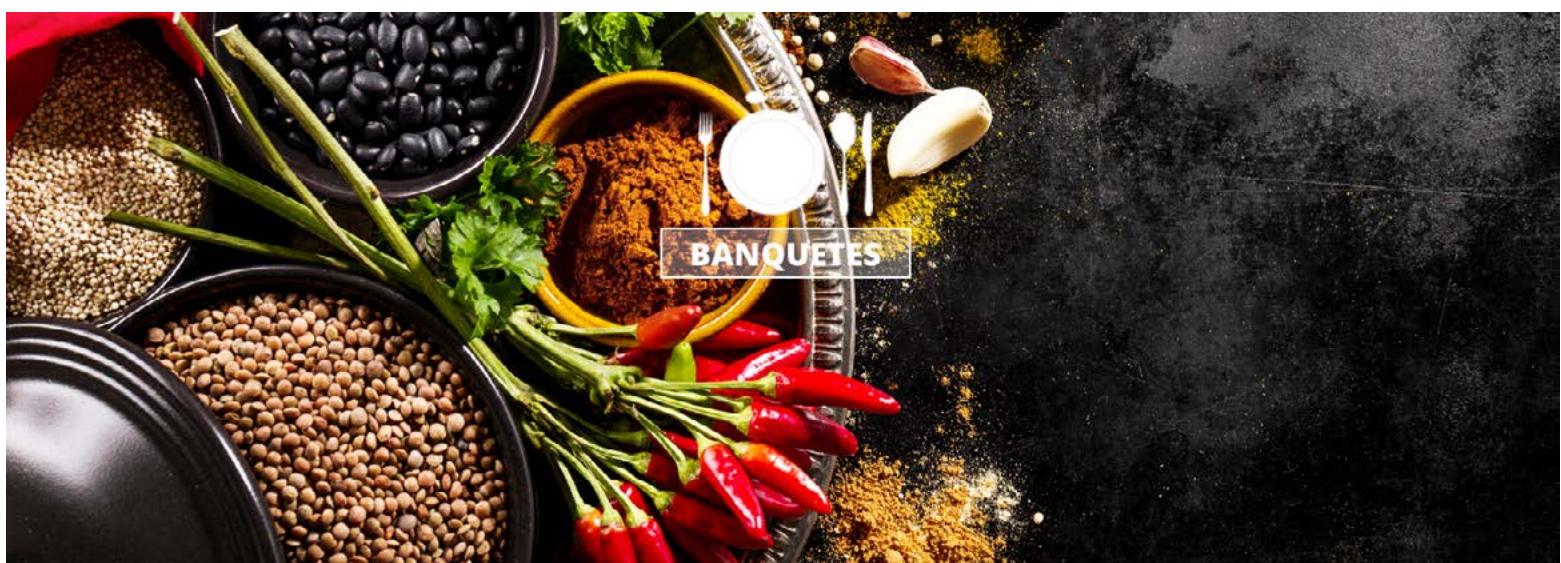
Cancun has more than 50 hotels and resorts with modern events and meetings facilities, with more than 84,000 m<sup>2</sup> (900,000 sq. Ft.) of space for groups, conventions, congresses, corporate events and exhibitions.

The Cancun Convention Center (Cancún ICC) offers an area of 14,200 m<sup>2</sup>, 10 divisible rooms, spaces available for up to 8,000 people and more than 3,500 rooms available within walking distance.



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