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MEXICAN

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It is Mexico's paradise, where there is always something new for you to discover

The Mexican Caribbean is like no other place in the world due to its destinations and attractions: turquoise sea, white sandy beaches, tropical jungle, archeological sites, cenotes, underwater rivers, islands, lagoons, Mayan culture and history. Featuring a world-class tourist infrastructure, a variety of lodging options, culinary delights and great air connectivity.





Cancun is worldwide known for its spectacular white sandy beaches, turquoise waters and excellent weather. In addition to its excellent air and terrestrial connectivity, besides its tourist infrastructure, which place Cancun as one of the best destinations in the world.

HOW TO GET THERE?

Being one of Latin America's best connected tourist destinations, there are direct flights to Cancun from many cities around the world. You also have the option of travelling by bus or car.

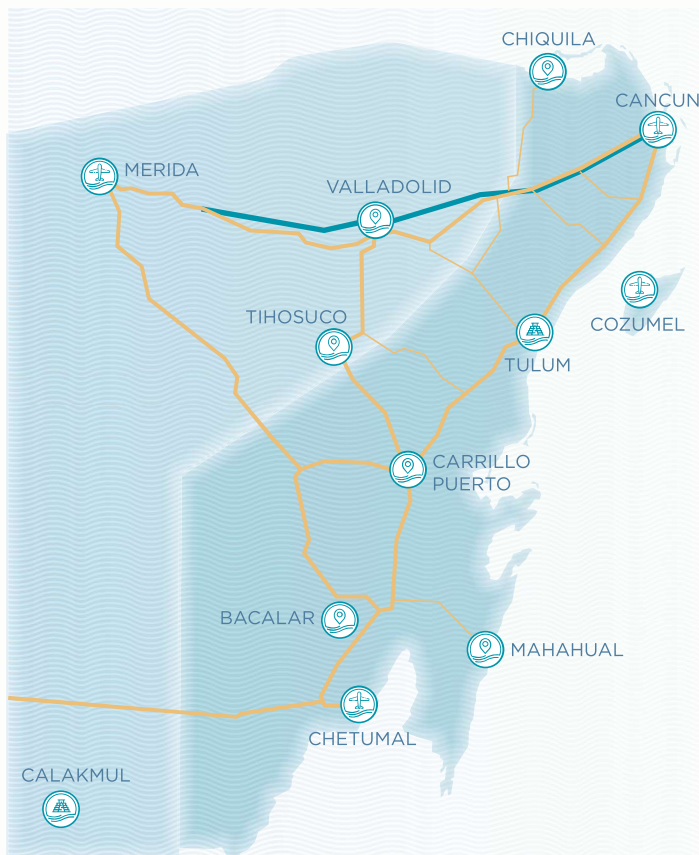


Cancun is located in the north part of Quintana Roo, in the Yucatan Peninsula.





kaan kun: nest of snakes



BY PLANE

The Cancun International Airport handles daily air traffic from different cities in the United States, Canada, Europe and Latin America. It also handles some domestic flights to different cities in Mexico.



16 km (9.94 miles) from the Hotel Zone and 20 km (12.42 miles) from Downtown.

GETTING AROUND CANCUN

Cancun is well connected which makes it very easy to get around. Nowadays, a network of highways makes it quite easy to go to any of the other destinations in the Mexican Caribbean, as well as to other states in the southeastern part of Mexico.

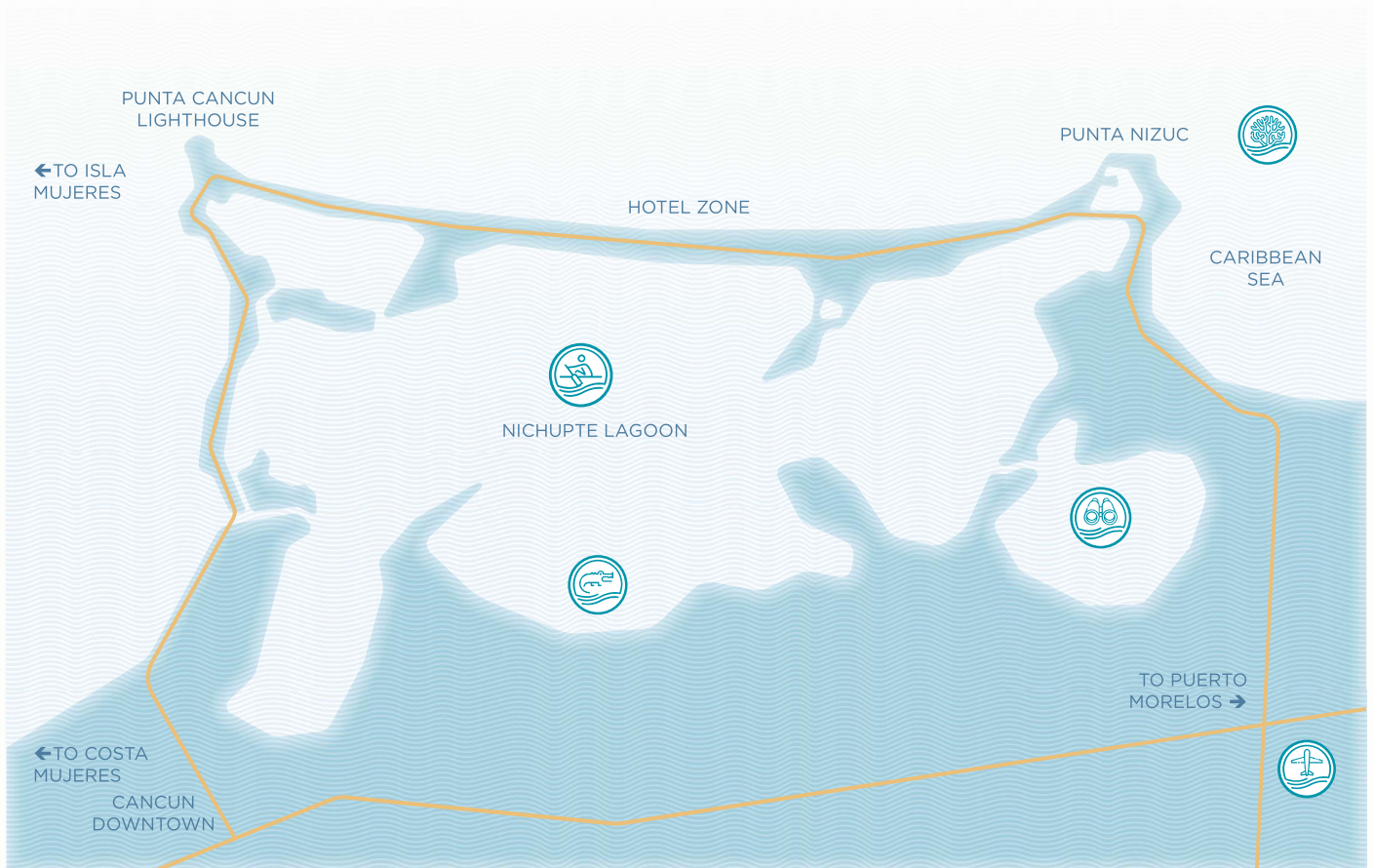


ACCOMMODATIONS

Cancun has plenty of enchanting accommodation choices to match any type of budget and vacation goals, that stand out due the great quality in service and the renowned hospitality of Mexicans.

Currently,
Cancun has
210 hotels and
42,245 rooms
available


























- Prestigious national and international hotel chains.
- Exclusive resorts affiliated to renowned hotel brands.
- All-inclusive or European plan hotels.
- Family friendly hotels or adults only.
- Business Class.
- Pet friendly hotels.
- Hotels with meeting facilities.
- Hostels.
- Hotels and hostels located in the hotel zone, by the beach or in front of the lagoon, as well as in downtown Cancun.



Spectacular BEACHES



One of Cancun's main attractions and the one that visitors enjoy the most are its beautiful beaches that run down the hotel zone, across 23 kilometers. The beaches have moderate to intense waves and are great for performing all kinds of water activities or for just basking in the Cancun sun.

BEACH	LOCATION	SWELL	BLUE FLAG	PET FRIENDLY
El Niño	Puerto Juarez Km 5			
Las Perlas	Hotel Zone Km 2			
Langosta	Hotel Zone Km 5			
Tortugas	Hotel Zone Km 6			
Caracol	Hotel Zone Km 9			
Gaviota Azul	Hotel Zone Km 9			
Chac Mool	Hotel Zone Km 10			
Live Aqua Hotel	Hotel Zone Km 13			
Marlín	Hotel Zone Km 13			
Ballenas	Hotel Zone Km 15			
Fiesta Americana Condesa Hotel	Hotel Zone Km 17			
Iberostar Cancun Hotel	Hotel Zone Km 17			
Delfines (El Mirador)	Hotel Zone Km 18			
Coral (El Mirador II)	Hotel Zone Km 25			



Low swell:

Completely safe beach to enjoy the day with absolute security and confidence.



Medium to high swell:

Beach to enjoy the sea, but with stronger waves than normal.



Blue Flag Certification:

Beach that meets established criteria for quality, safety, education and environmental information.



Archeological SITES

There are 19 archeological sites along the region, where visitors can learn about the different aspects of the ancient Mayan civilization.

IN CANCUN YOU WILL FIND THE FOLLOWING ONES:

El Rey. Cancun’s largest archeological site. This settlement worked as a ceremonial center and was a predominant piece of the Mayan trade route. This site has approximately 50 different buildings.



KM 18 in the Hotel Zone, very close to Playa Delfines.

El Meco. Its main structure known as “El Castillo” stands out because of its height, being the tallest pyramid of the northern part of the state.



KM 2.7 in Puerto Juarez, Punta Sam highway.

San Miguelito. The Pyramid and the Chaak structure are the buildings of most importance. The access is through the Mayan Museum of Cancun.



KM 16.5 in the Hotel Zone.

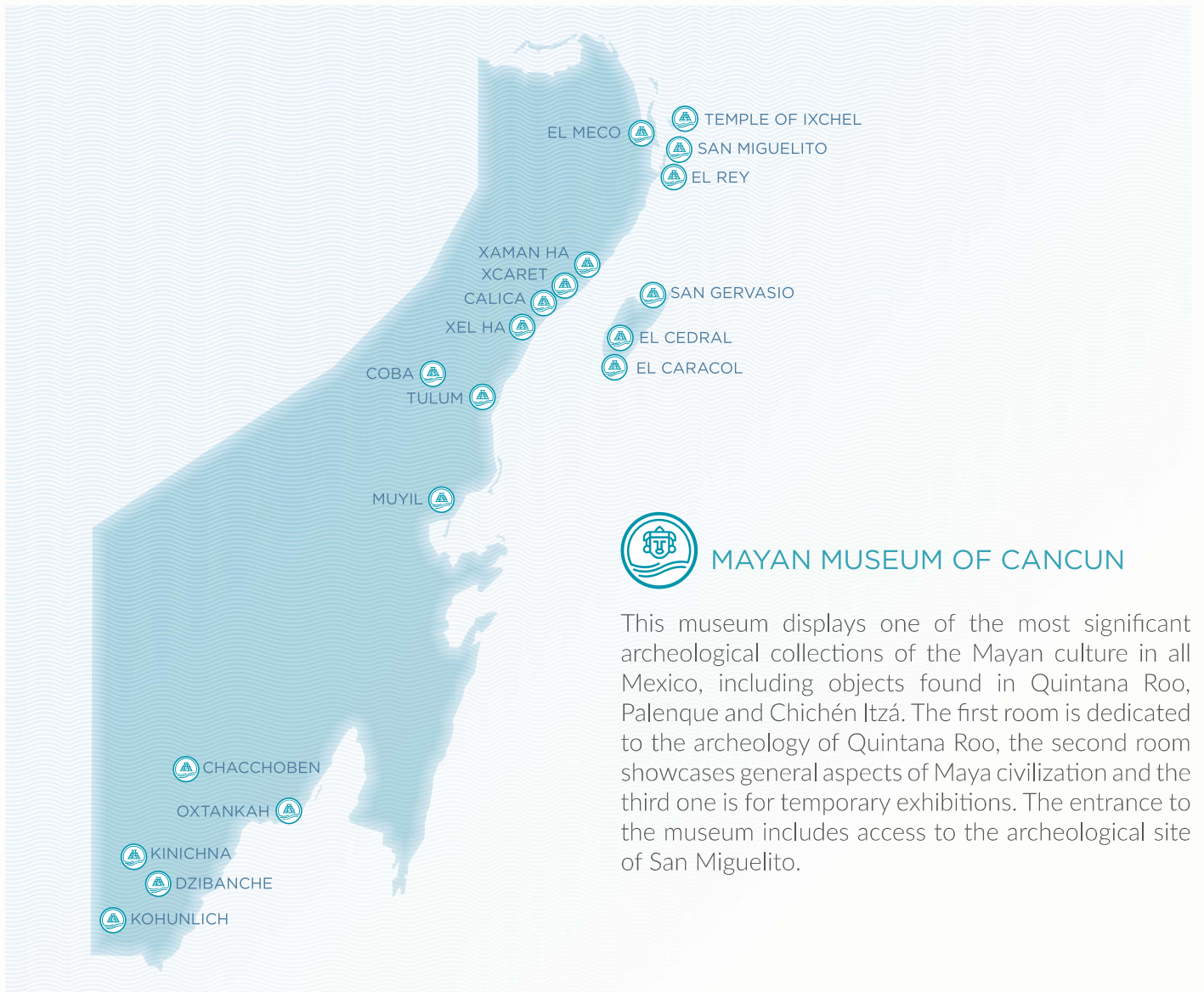
Yamil Lu’um. It features only one structure called El Templo del Alacrán (The Scorpion Temple), which is believed to be an astronomy educational center because of its location, facing the ocean.



KM 12 in the Hotel Zone, between the Park Royal Cancun and the Westin Lagunamar Ocean Resort.

DISTANCES FROM CANCUN		
ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE	KILOMETERS	MILES
CALICA	68	42
CHACCHOBEN	300	186
COBA	134	83
DZIBANCHE	426	265
EL CARACOL	114	71
EL CEDRAL	114	71
EL MECO	3	2
EL REY	18	11
KINICHNA	427	265
KOHUNLICH	377	234
MUYIL	153	95
OXTANKAH	390	242
SAN GERVASIO	114	71
SAN MIGUELITO	17	10
TEMPLE OF IXCHEL	20	12
TULUM	130	81
XAMAN HA	68	42
XCARET	76	47
XEL HA	114	71





MAYAN MUSEUM OF CANCUN

This museum displays one of the most significant archeological collections of the Mayan culture in all Mexico, including objects found in Quintana Roo, Palenque and Chichén Itzá. The first room is dedicated to the archeology of Quintana Roo, the second room showcases general aspects of Maya civilization and the third one is for temporary exhibitions. The entrance to the museum includes access to the archeological site of San Miguelito.





In recent years, many of Cancun's finest restaurants have hired some of the most acclaimed international chefs. As a result, they provide tantalizing dishes mixing local and international flavors that delight even the most demanding foodies.

The variety of restaurants is wide and it fits every budget.



Admire a beautiful sunset by eating at some of the restaurants overlooking the Nichupté lagoon.

Culinary EXPERIENCES



Nature AND ADVENTURE

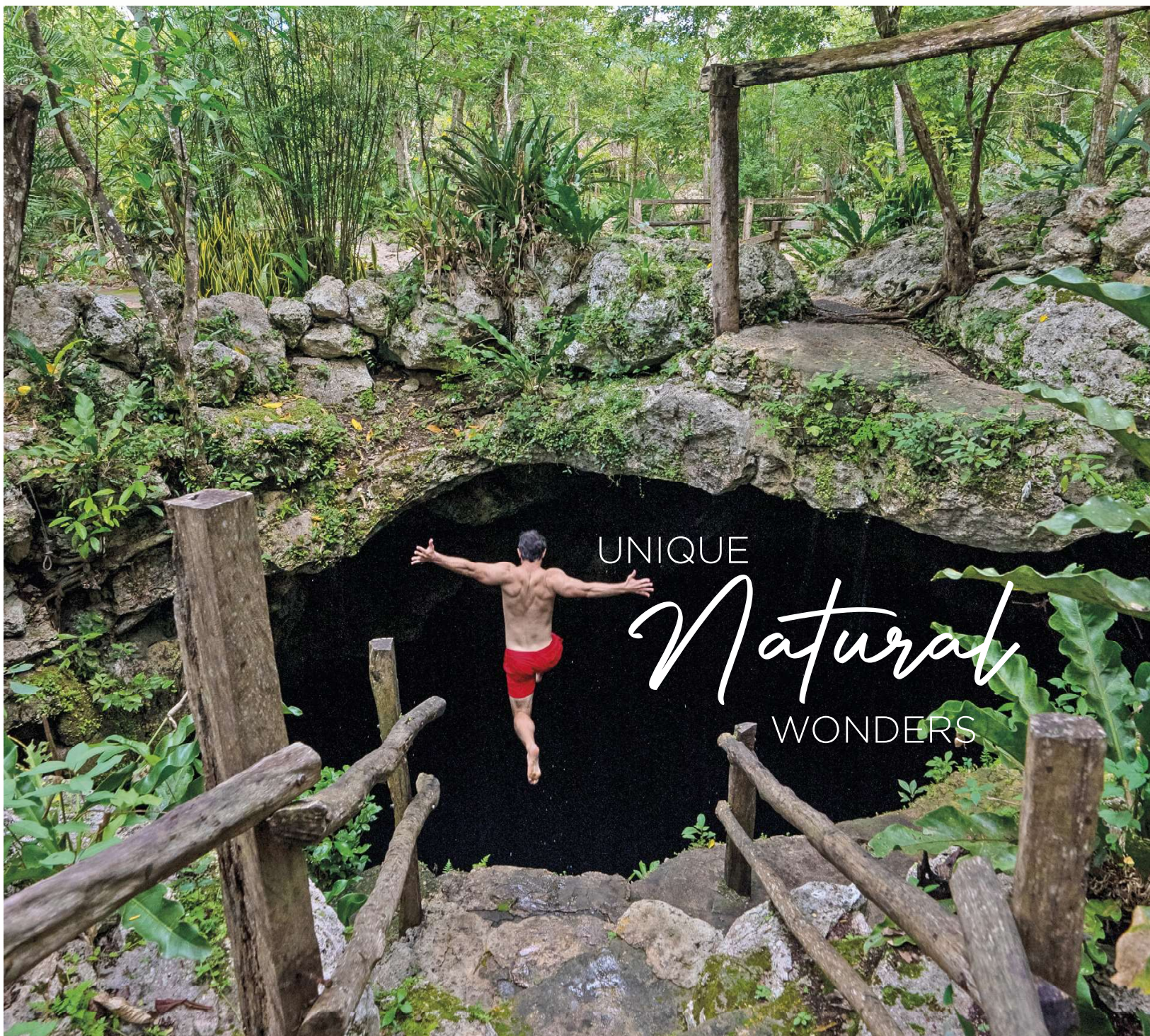


In Cancun and its surroundings you will find many natural wonders like beautiful mangroves, the lush jungle, colorful coral reefs, mystical cenotes and mysterious underwater caverns where you can perform endless activities that are appealing to everyone.



- Bird watching
- Trekking
- Ziplining
- Scuba diving and snorkeling in cenotes and underwater caverns
- Canoeing
- Rappelling
- Bike and ATV rides in the jungle





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Natural

WONDERS



Nichupte Lagoon. A natural wonder that completes Cancun´s landscape, where it is possible to perform different kinds of water activities in addition to admiring the lush mangroves that are home to different bird species.



The Cenotes Route. Located in Puerto Morelos, this place is ideal for adventure lovers who are looking to perform adrenaline-filled activities in its many natural parks and cenotes. Some of the must-visit cenotes include Zapote, Siete Bocas, Kin Há, La Noria, Las Mojarras, Chilam Balam, Verde Lucero y Boca del Puma.



In Cenote Zapote you will be able to observe the “Hells Bells”, unique hollowed cone-shaped rock formations that can reach lengths of two meters and an 80-centimeter diameter. This cenote is the only place in the world where these kinds of speleothems have been found.

The Mexican Caribbean is home to many impressive Natural Reserves and Protected Areas where you can enjoy eco-tourism activities such as nature and wildlife watching, snorkeling, scuba diving and trekking.



Isla Contoy. An uninhabited island, famous for its flora and fauna richness and for being the most important bird sanctuary in the Mexican Caribbean. The island is located 30 kilometers (18 miles) north of Isla Mujeres.



Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve. It is the largest Protected Area in the Mexican Caribbean, with approximately 650,000 acres. The reserve features a coastline dotted with tropical forests, mangroves, cenotes, coral reefs and marshes, that are home to more than 300 bird species, more than 1,000 tropical plants and 100 animal species. It is located 181 kilometers away from Cancun.



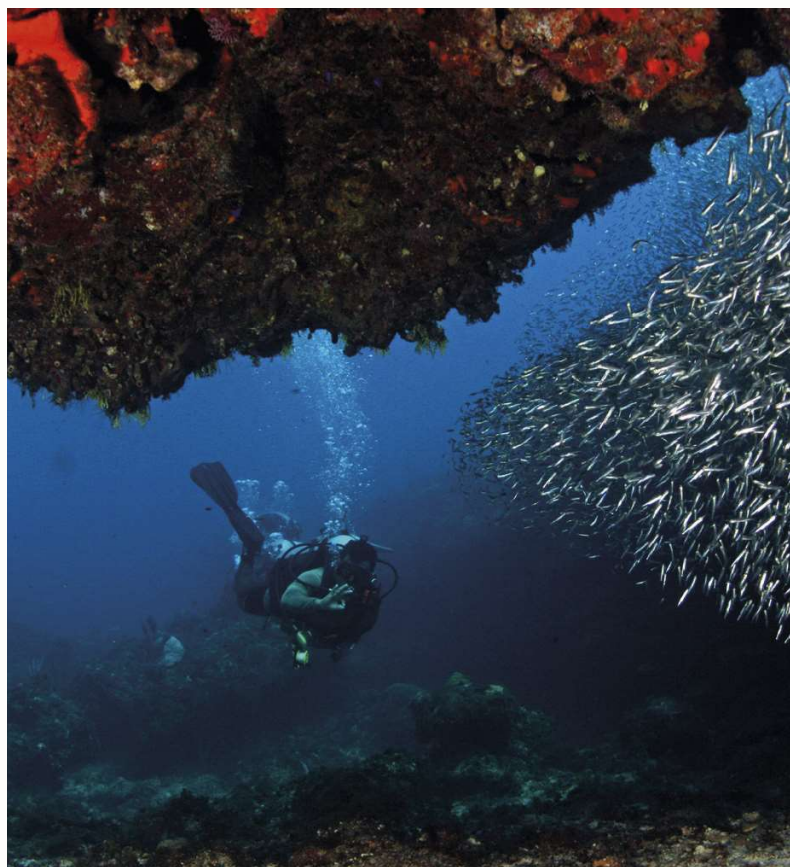
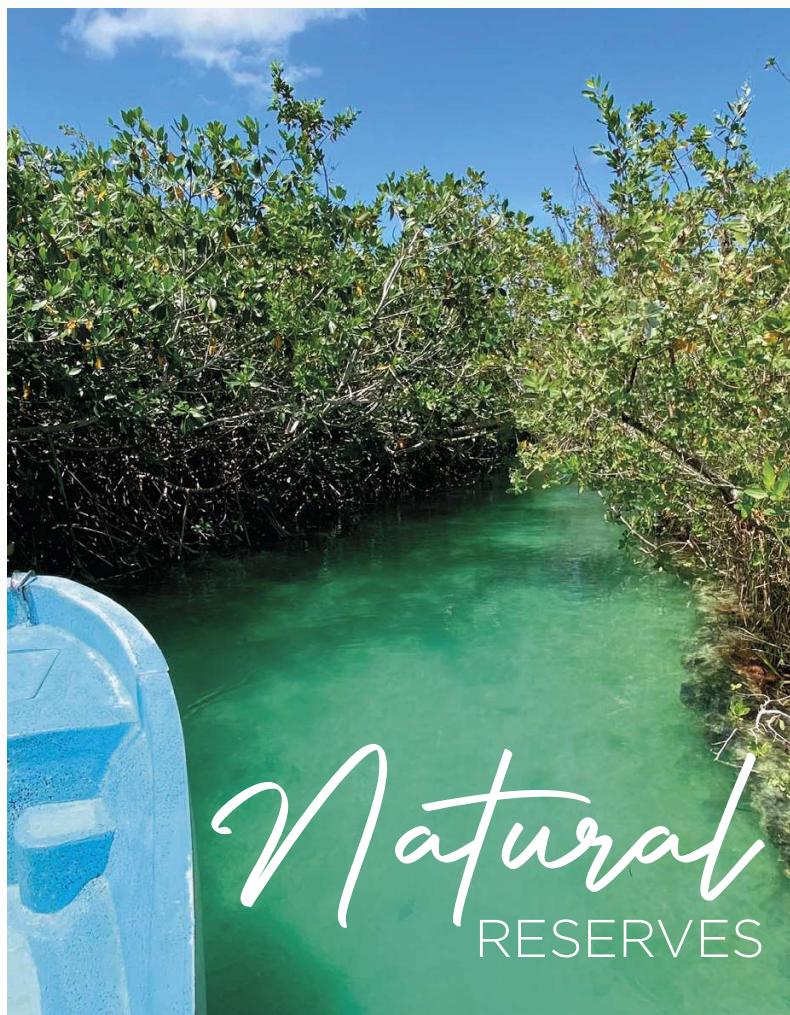
Costa Occidental of Isla Mujeres, Punta Cancun and Punta Nizuc National Park. A unique place of turquoise waters, mangroves and coral reefs.



National Reef Park of Puerto Morelos. Located 35 kilometers south of Cancun, this park is part of the Mesoamerican Barrier Reef System—the second-largest in the world. More than 669 marine species have been registered here.



Banco Chinchorro Biosphere Reserve. It features the largest coral atoll in Mexico, located over 30 kilometers away from Mahahual's coast, south to Cancun. In addition to the reefs, there is a lagoon and 3 cays (Norte, Centro and Lobos), where you can admire the different landscapes that have given this place the recognition as a Protected Area. Some of the marine life that you can admire here include turtles, dolphins, nurse sharks, angelfish and spotted eagle rays.





Wildlife ENCOUNTERS

The perfect mix between adventure and nature can be enjoyed in the different destinations of the Mexican Caribbean interacting with different animal species will be a truly unique experience that you will treasure for life.



Swimming with whale sharks: Holbox and Isla Mujeres (From May through September).



Scuba diving and snorkeling with sailfish: Cancun and Isla Mujeres (January through March).



Swimming with turtles: Riviera Maya (From May through September).



Flamingo watching in Holbox (April to October).



Scuba diving with bull sharks: Playa del Carmen (November through March).



Crocodile encounter in Banco Chinchorro: Mahahual.



Scuba diving with spotted eagle rays: Cancun and Cozumel (December through March).

Exciting and entertaining aquatic experiences that can be done both in the sea and in the Nichupte lagoon and take place in spectacular natural locations that make the adventure much more memorable.



ACTIVITIES IN THE SEA

- Paddleboard (SUP)
Playa Las Perlas and Playa Langosta
- Windsurfing
- Kitesurfing
- Parasailing
- Wing diving - Isla Mujeres
- Flyboarding
- Jetpack
- Jetovator
- Seabreacher
- SUP Yoga
- Catamaran or yacht tours
- Fishing



ACTIVITIES IN THE LAGOON

- Paddleboard (SUP)
Playa Las Perlas and Playa Langosta
- Wakeboarding
- Jungle tour through the mangroves
- Kayaking



Be a responsible traveler and wear a long-sleeved rash guard to protect yourself from the sun.



Snorkeling & SCUBA DIVING



Discover the beauty of the coral reefs and the marine life that live in the depths of Cancun's waters.



Some of the best dive sites include:

- Punta Cancun - Cancun
- Punta Nizuc - Cancun
- Chitales Reef - Cancun
- C58 Minesweeper (shipwreck) - Cancun
- Bandera Reef - Between Cancun and Isla Mujeres
- El Farito - Isla Mujeres
- Manchones Reef - Isla Mujeres
- Underwater Museum of Art (MUSA) - Isla Mujeres
- National Reef Park of Puerto Morelos - Puerto Morelos
- El Cielo - Cozumel
- Colombia Reef - Cozumel





RIVIERA MAYA



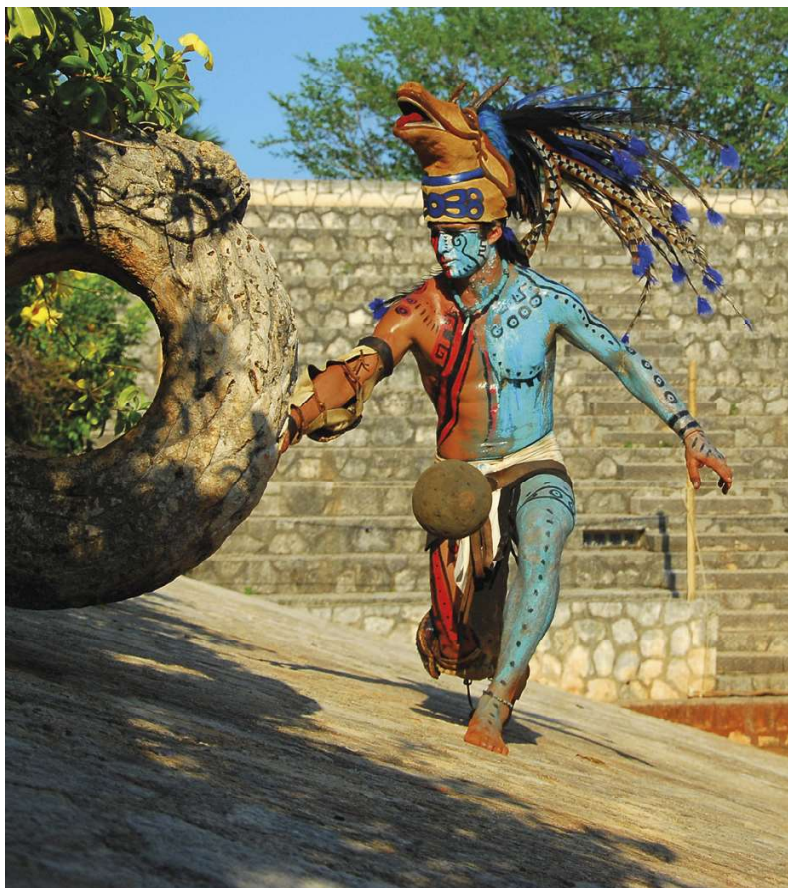
In the Riviera Maya you can scuba dive in underwater caves and cenotes that are part of the world's largest underground river system.

Some of the best cenotes are:

- El Pit
- Dos Ojos
- Tajma Ha
- Pet Cementery
- Angelita
- Kukulcan
- Car Wash
- Chac Mool
- Calavera
- Gran Cenote
- Aktun Ha



AMUSEMENT & NATURAL *Parks*



In the Mexican Caribbean you will find several parks to experience great fun, whether you want to visit them at day or at night. Water, nature, adventure, extreme and amusement parks, there is something for everyone!



IN CANCUN

Xavage. An extreme adventure park located 18 minutes away from downtown Cancun.

Xoximilco. Experience the joy of the Mexican culture, customs and traditions through music, dance, games and food in an excursion on board colorful Mexican Gondolas across this park's canals. Located 30 minutes away from downtown Cancun.

Ventura Park. A water and amusement park located in the Hotel Zone.



IN THE RIVIERA MAYA

Jungala. Located inside the Vidanta hotel, 40 minutes away from Cancun, it is a luxury water park. One of its main attractions is the lazy river, which is the largest in Latin America.

Xcaret. Located close to Playa del Carmen, it is an amusement park that boasts Mexico's cultural and natural wealth.

Xenses. Located right next to Xcaret, it is an amusement park that puts your senses to the task.

Xel-Ha. located 101 kilometers away from Cancun, it is a natural water park where you will get unlimited snorkeling and be able to admire the great diversity of marine life that inhabit the fresh waters of its rivers, cenotes and its inlet.

Rio Secreto. Located near Playa del Carmen, it is a natural park where you will find different cenotes and be able to admire impressive stalactites and stalagmites.

Aktun Chen Park. Located in Akumal, it is a nature and adventure park with cenotes, caverns and underwater rivers, where you will be able to perform different activities, such as ziplining, snorkeling, kayaking, among others.



Ecopark Kantun-Chi. Located near Playa del Carmen. It is a nature park that has five beautiful cenotes and a wonderful underwater river.

Xplor. Located right in front of Xcaret, it is an adventure park where you will fly through the highest zip-lines, drive off-road vehicles through the jungle, swim through a 65-million year-old stalactite river, and so much more.

Xplor Fuego. At night, Xplor comes to life so that you can enjoy the same experiences as in the daylight, but you will be guided by the fire through all the activities.

Native Park Playa del Carmen. Located 45 minutes away from Cancun, it is a nature and adventure park where you can live adrenaline-filled activities like ATV tours through jungle trails, ziplining, exploring caves, discovering authentic Mayan remains and swimming in a beautiful cenote of crystal-clear waters.

Jungle Night Native Park. A truly unique experience where you will be able to do the same activities as in the daytime, but you will be surrounded by the mysticism that the jungle brings at night.

Woodward. Located in Hard Rock Riviera Maya Hotel, it is a skateboard park where you will be able to practice extreme sports such as indoor skateboarding, BMX biking, parkour and more.

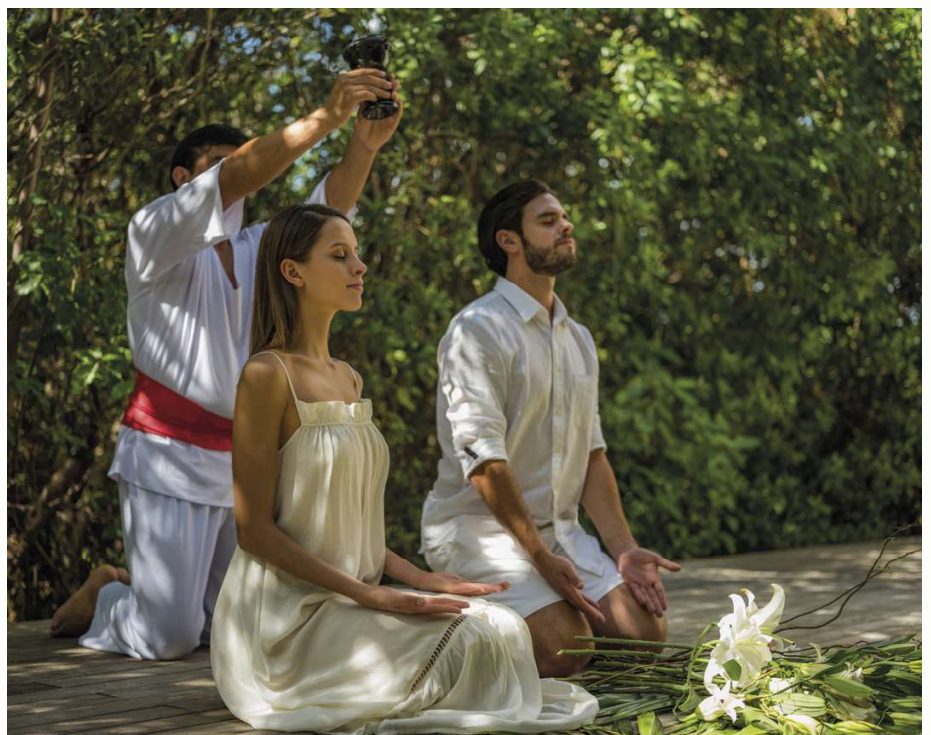




WELLNESS & *Spa*



Cancun has plenty of spas that have exclusive and sophisticated facilities that blend perfectly with nature inspiring you to pamper your body, mind and soul with innovative techniques that are paired with Mayan healing and wellness rituals.





Golf

The golf courses in the Mexican Caribbean are the perfect combination between beautiful landscapes and modern architecture.



14 golf courses: 7 located in Cancun and 7 located in Riviera Maya.



GOLF COURSES IN CANCUN

Playa Mujeres Golf Club. 18 holes, Par 72.
Designed by Greg Norman.

Puerto Cancún Golf Club. 18 holes, Par 72.
Designed by Tom Weiskopf.

Cancún Golf Club at Pok-Ta-Pok. 18 holes, Par 72.
Designed by Robert Trent Jones II.

Iberostar Cancun Golf Club. 18 holes, Par 72.
Designed by Isao Aoki.

Riviera Cancun Golf Club. 18 holes, Par 72.
Designed by Jack Nicklaus.

El Tinto Golf Course Club. 18 holes, Par 72.
Designed by Nick Price.

Moon Golf Club. The only golf course with 27 holes.
Designed by Jack Nicklaus.



GOLF COURSES IN RIVIERA MAYA

The Nicklaus Design Course at Vidanta Riviera Maya. 18 holes, Par 54.
Designed by Jack Nicklaus.

Iberostar Playa Paraiso Golf Club. 18 holes, Par 72.
Designed by PB Dye.

El Camaleon Mayakoba. 18 holes, Par 72. Designed by Greg Norman.

Gran Coyote Golf. 18 holes, Par 71. Designed by Nick Price.

Hard Rock Golf Club Riviera Maya. 18 holes, Par 72.
Designed by Robert von Hagge.

Puerto Aventuras Golf & Raquet Club. 9 holes, Par 36.
Designed by Thomas Leman.

PGA Riviera Maya by Bahia Principe Golf. 18 holes, Par 72.
Designed by Robert Trent Jones II.



Shopping



Cancun offers a variety of upscale and modern malls located along the hotel zone and downtown Cancun, where visitors can find some of the world's most renowned shops and entertainment options for everyone.

SHOPPING MALLS

- Marina Puerto Cancún
- La Isla Shopping Village
- La Isla Entertainment Village
- Fashion Harbour at La Isla
- Luxury Avenue Boutique Mall
- Kukulcan Plaza
- Malecon Americas (Downtown Cancun)
- Plaza Las Americas (Downtown Cancun)
- Flea Market Coral Negro (Hotel Zone)
- Mercado 28 (Downtown Cancun)
- Downtown Plaza 28 (Downtown Cancun)

Nightlife



- Late-night bars and clubs filled with world-class DJs
- Dinner-shows
- Pirate show and dinner cruise
- Romantic dinner cruise
- Xoximilco
- JOYÁ by Cirque du Soleil
- Mexico Espectacular by Xcaret

WEDDINGS & *Romance*



A true paradise for love

There are many professional suppliers providing the best service for weddings: catering services, florists, musicians, photographers, entertainers, designers, hairstylists, make-up artists and decor experts, as well as certified wedding planners specialized in southeast weddings.



- LGBTQ weddings





Meetings

An ideal destination for hosting successful national and international events

The city has more than 50 hotels that feature more than 90,912 m² (978,566 sq. ft.) for meetings, incentives, congresses and exhibitions.



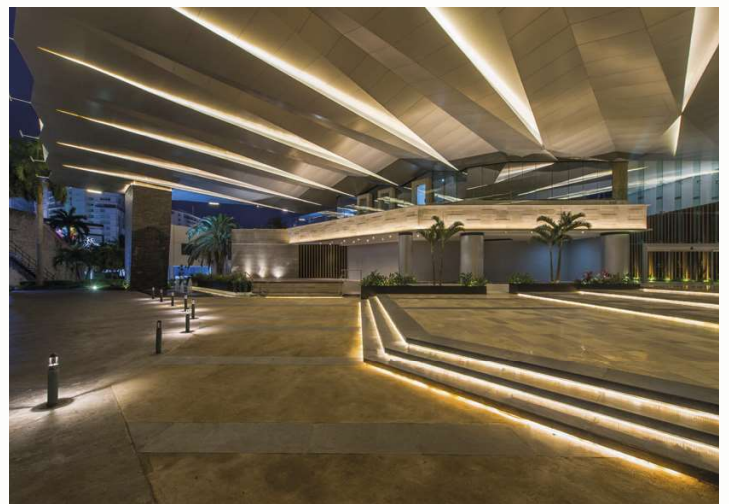
CANCUN CENTER

It has a 14,200 m² (152,847 sq. ft.) area, 10 divisible rooms and space for up to 8,000 people. The biggest ballroom has capacity for up to 2,700 people.



MOON PALACE ARENA

The Moon Palace hotel has more than 3,300 rooms and its amazing arena has 37,161 m² (400,00 sq.ft.) space. It can hold up to 10,000 people.





Top Things
TO DO IN CANCUN



Relax at its beautiful beaches.



Scuba dive or snorkel in a cenote, cavern or underwater river.



Explore the archeological sites and visit a Mayan community.



Delight your senses with its gastronomic options.



Enjoy our nature, water and amusement parks.



Pamper yourself at a luxurious spa.



Shop at its many malls.




Experience the pulsing nightlife scene going to its bars, restaurants and dinner-shows.

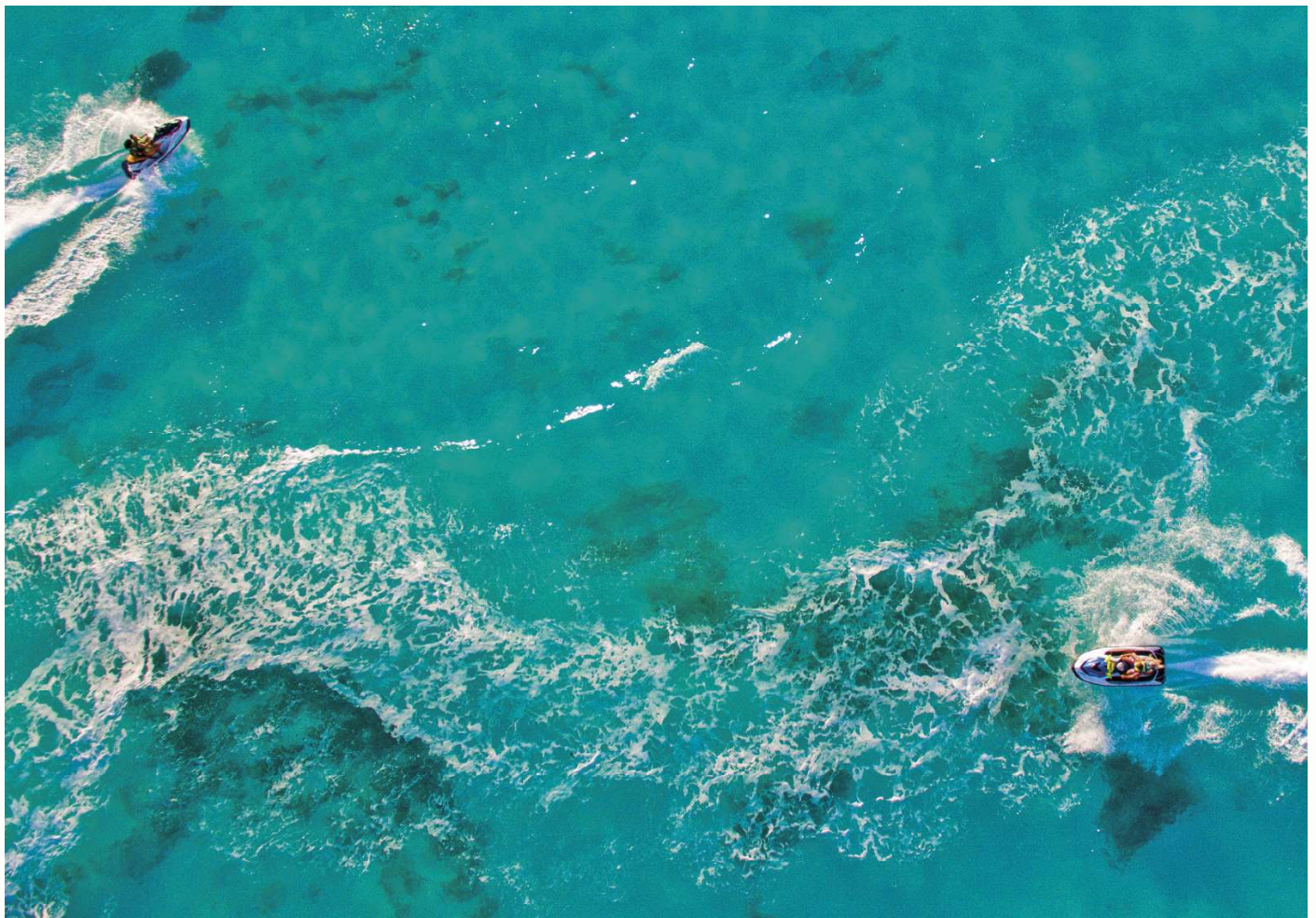


Visit other destinations in the Mexican Caribbean: Isla Mujeres, Holbox, Costa Mujeres, Puerto Morelos, Playa del Carmen, Riviera Maya, Tulum, Cozumel, Maya Ka'an, Mahahual, Bacalar or Chetumal.



Distances

Origin	Destination	Kilometers	Miles	Approximate time
 <p>Cancun International Airport</p>	Cancun Downtown	16	10	20 min
	Cancun Hotel Zone	20	12	25 min
	Isla Mujeres	26	16	47 min
	Costa Mujeres	21	19	37 min
	Holbox	69	43	2 hr
	Puerto Morelos	26	16	22 min
	Playa del Carmen	51	32	41 min
	Cozumel	101	63	2 hr 49 min
	Puerto Aventuras	76	48	1 hr
	Akumal	92	57	1 hr 10 min
	Tulum	117	73	1 hr 30 min
	Punta Allen (Maya Ka'an)	170	106	3 hr
	Mahahual	342	213	4 hr 10 min
	Bacalar	333	207	4 hr
	Chetumal	370	230	4 hr 40 min



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COSTA MAYA

BACALAR

MAHUAL

CHETUMAL

RIVIERA MAYA

TULUM

PLAYA DEL
CARMEN

PUERTO MORELOS

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