

MEXICO

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Pristine Caribbean coastline, arid desert, rugged mountains, canyons, dense jungle and crisp, freshwater cenotes combine to create one of the world's greatest landscape dramas.



Culture

Remote villages remain in isolated pockets of land, where traditional rural life continues at a pace far removed from the sprawling metropolis that is Mexico City. Colourful markets retain their Indian traditions. Mariachi bands proudly perform their blend of ancient and colonial music. Towns and cities are rich in splendid colonial architecture, painted in glorious burnt oranges and ochres, taking one back in time.

Ancient Civilisations

Ancient cultures flourished in this land centuries ago, leaving their majestic temples and pyramids that surpassed all other civilisations of that time. Settlements were mysteriously abandoned to the encroaching jungle even before the arrival of the Spanish conquistadores,

and many remain entangled in the dense vegetation creating a timeless, magical atmosphere.

Modern Mexico

The popularity of the stunning sandy beaches has engendered superb infrastructure, excellent hotels and services on both the Pacific and Caribbean coastlines.

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Folkloric Dance

MEXICO CITY

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Mexico City has transformed itself, modernised, creating new trendy areas in Polanco, Roma, San Angel and Condesa with excellent bars, restaurants and shops. There are parks, wide avenues and the colonial centre, Zocalo, bustling with life and with an impressive cathedral. On the outskirts, the massive archaeological site of Teotihuacan bears witness to the ancient Aztec civilisation. Visit the museums and churches as well as local markets and famous folklore ballet at the Palace of Fine Arts.

Excursions available in Mexico City include:

- Tours of Mexico City including visiting the Anthropology museum
- Cuernavaca and Taxco
- The Pyramids of Teotihuacan
- Xochimilco canals and local music
- Puebla and Cholula
- Sunday morning cycling
- Street markets for Arts and crafts
- Mexican Folklore ballet
- Coyoacán with Trotsky, Frieda Kahlo and Diego Rivera museums



Aztec Pyramids at Teotihuacan archaeological site

Additional Hotels: Casa Vieja, Brick, Camino Real, Majestic, Emporio Reforma, NH Mexico City, Hyatt, Galerías Plaza, De Cortez, W Mexico City, Villa Condesa, St Regis, Sheraton Maria Isabel

MEXICO CITY HOTELS



Four Seasons



La Casona



Las Alcobas

Four Seasons *Deluxe*

Four Seasons is ideally situated on the Paseo de la Reforma, near Chapultepec Park and museums from which you can explore one of the world's largest and most dynamic capitals. There are 240 guest rooms with modern amenities and some overlook the courtyard and fountains. Reforma's 500 restaurants offer an unmatched dining experience. There is also a pool and spa treatments available.

Downtown *Boutique*

This hotel combines the grandeur of the 17th Century Palace of the Counts of Miravalle, with a modern interior design, and is located in the historic city centre. There is a glass covered roof top bar and open air swimming pool for sunbathing. The rooms have a warm, minimalist feel with brick, wood and natural colours; all with modern private facilities and at least 26sq meters, Wifi, safe box, minibar and queen size beds.

Condesa DF *First*

A 1928 building in the French neoclassic style, with a completely new interior and located in a tree lined street in the trendy Condesa district. The rooftop bar, terrace with sofas and treetops all around and the interior patio restaurant serves breakfast and Japanese/Mexican modern cuisine. The rooms are comfortable with a calm, white and natural mid tones decoration and modern bathroom. Wonderful style.

La Casona *First*

A delightful mansion from the beginning of last century, with the antique collection of its Swiss owners decorating the rooms. The 29 rooms, some rather small, are all uniquely decorated in warm Mexican colours, have air conditioning, heating and en-suite bathrooms with luxurious bath options. The hotel features a gym, steam bath, restaurant that extends into a beautiful patio, wine cellar and bicycles for hire. A cosy and friendly hotel.

Zócalo Central *Tourist*

This hotel is good value and in a good location, on a side street by the main plaza, Zócalo, Cathedral and Presidential Palace. The centre of Mexican life in the city, there are numerous shops, bars, restaurants, and people. The rooms are modern, well decorated, relatively small but with warm colours. There is a restaurant, and a roof terrace with great views.

Las Alcobas *Boutique*

Las Alcobas is modern boutique hotel located in the trendy, chic area of Polanco and centrally located, close to Reforma and Condesa. It has 35 comfortable rooms, on the small side but very well equipped, special lighting and a bathroom with a menu of five different spa baths that can be prepared for you. There are two gourmet restaurants with acclaimed chefs preparing exquisite, new wave Mexican and International cuisine.



Condesa DF

PRICES

2 SHARING	3 NIGHTS INCLUDING TRANSFERS	EXTRA NIGHT
<u>FOUR SEASONS</u> All Year	£812	£248
<u>CONDESA DF</u> All Year	£395	£109
<u>ZOCALO CENTRAL</u> All Year	£328	£86
<u>DOWNTOWN</u> All Year	£316	£82
<u>LA CASONA</u> All Year	£293	£75
<u>LAS ALCOBAS</u> All Year	£548	£160

Prices are per person in a Standard Room for double occupancy including accommodation, breakfast, transfers to/from Mexico Airport. Prices for Triple room, Single Room, and Children available on request.

COLONIAL CITIES

The Viceroy Tour

7 night itinerary:

Mexico City - 3 nights • San Miguel de Allende - 4 night
Guanajuato • Dolores Hidalgo • Querétaro - Day trips included
Optional on page 151 to 153 : Stay on at a Pacific Beach Resort
in Zihuatanejo or Puerto Vallarta

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The historic towns north of Mexico City are hidden gems called Pueblos Magicos (Magical Towns) with cobbled streets, colonial houses painted in bright colours and beautiful churches. The colonial heritage is visible in the architecture, with courtyards and warm earth colours, monuments and the character of the people. Visit the house of Ignacio Allende, leader of the Independence movement, which is now a fascinating museum.



SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE

San Miguel de Allende is about three hours located from Mexico City and is much loved by Mexicans and visitors alike. The walled city is a UNESCO World Heritage Site with a well preserved central square with gardens, Baroque, Neo-Classical colonial buildings, the Cathedral and the historic home of the Independence hero Ignacio Allende.

Many artists live and lived here. Sit in the main square to enjoy a coffee and watch the world go by. There are many restaurants, cafes and art shops to enjoy and explore. There is also a large and very good art market offering local paintings, textiles, sculptures, garden furniture and jewellery, among others, only a few minutes from the town centre.



Dolores Hidalgo

Days 1-3 Arriving in Mexico City on Friday allows you to visit the city at the weekend, when it is quieter and there are more cultural activities and markets. Stay until Monday, visiting the huge Aztec pyramids at Teotihuacan and the Saturday market. You may wish to join local people and families for a walk in Chapultepec park or cycling on Avenida Reforma which is closed to traffic on Sundays, take a long lunch in one of the stylish restaurants in San Angel or afternoon tea and cakes watching the world go by in Coyoacán. In Mexico City, there are excellent restaurants with superb fusion cuisine and there are also excellent hotels with spa for you to enjoy. Stay longer to travel out of town and visit Puebla and/or Taxco and Cuernavaca. (B)

Days 4-7 Drive to Querétaro, stopping to explore and onto San Miguel de Allende staying for four nights, which allows three full days to visit major colonial and historic cities of Mexico's Independence Revolutions. Morning tour of San Miguel de Allende's history and art

galleries and then explore on your own : the Allende museum is very interesting, the main square where the cathedral is all lit up at night and the numerous little cafes where hot chocolate is a major delicacy. Take a full day tour out of town to visit the colonial city of Guanajuato and Dolores Hidalgo. Optional excursion to Atotonilco Sanctuary. (B)

Day 8 Transfer to Mexico City or visit Puebla and Oaxaca on the Aztec Tour, starting on Day 4 on the facing page. (B)

PRICES

ALL YEAR	8 DAYS • 7 NIGHTS
COLONIAL CITIES	
THE VICEROY TOUR	
First Class	£1275
Tourist Class	£853

HIDDEN GEMS

THE AZTEC TOUR	
First Class	£1586
Tourist Class	£1094

Prices are per person based on two sharing a double room, transport, transfers, guided excursions with English-speaking guide. Breakfast, tax, service charge included.

QUERETARO

Due to its excellent location being approximately 2 ½ hours to the north west of Mexico City, Querétaro is a popular starting or finishing point for those seeking to explore the colonial cities in central Mexico. Querétaro's historical downtown has a mixture of cosmopolitan bars and restaurants and combined with a wealth of baroque and neo-classical architecture

amongst others. Due to its "busy city" first impressions, this town is often highly underrated. Its historical downtown was declared a national heritage site in 1996 and features impressive old colonial mansions, hotels, and a wealth of churches principally from the 17th and 18th century.



Querétaro



HIDDEN GEMS

The Aztec Tour

7 night itinerary:

Mexico City - 3 nights

Puebla - 1 night

Oaxaca - 3 nights

Optional : Stay on at a Pacific Beach Resort in Huatulco

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Travelling south we combine modern, cosmopolitan Mexico City to explore the city, colonial heritage, markets and magnificent Aztec pyramids. Enjoy the towns of Puebla and Oaxaca with traditional main squares called 'Zocalos', where people come to stroll in the gardens and you can experience the true Mexican national character.

Days 1-3 Arriving in Mexico City on Friday allows you to visit the city at the weekend, when it is quieter, there are more cultural activities and markets. (B) Stay until Monday, visiting the huge Aztec pyramids at **Teotihuacan** and the Saturday market. And possibly, join local people and families for a walk in Chapultepec park or cycling on Avenida Reforma which is closed to traffic on Sundays, take a long lunch, and in the afternoon have tea and cakes watching the world go by in Coyoacán. There are excellent restaurants with superb fusion

cuisine and hotels with spa, to enjoy. Stay longer to travel out of town and visit Cuernavaca. (B)

Day 4 Drive to Puebla with great views of the volcano Popocatepetl. On arrival visit the colonial centre with beautiful examples of Baroque architecture, the Cathedral, El Parian colourful market and charming Los Sapos art centre. Afternoon free at leisure and overnight. (B)

Day 5 Drive to Oaxaca admiring the dramatic landscapes of the Sierra Madre.

Stay for 3 nights with two full days to explore. Visit Oaxaca indigenous and colonial heritage and the archaeological site at **Monte Albán** build by the Zapotecs with pyramids, tomb of kings, ancient ball game court and star observatory. (B)

Day 6 Full day visit to the surrounding area. Visit **Tule's** giant tree, over 1,000 years old, whose branches embrace and cover a small church. Teotitlan is known for a long tradition of weaving cloth in colourful, intricate patterns. The archaeological site at **Mitla** has superb

stone relief patterns on the temple façades and a Mezcal liquor distillery (B).

Day 7 Excursion to the artisan town of Arrazola to see the colourful Alebrijes, papier-mâché figures, and the black clay pottery of Coyotepec. Later visit the little known ancient tombs at Zaachila, and the fortress-like monastery at Cuilapan. (B)

Day 8 Transfer to the airport. You may also take a short flight to stay at a beach resort on the Pacific coast at **Huatulco**, **Puerto Escondido** or **Puerto Angel**. (B)

CUERNAVACA

Cuernavaca is the largest city of the state of Morelos. Nicknamed the "city of eternal spring" by Alexander von Humboldt, it boasts an excellent climate all year round. Located only 84km south-west of Mexico City, is a popular destination for both Mexicans and visitors looking to escape the city. It offers beautiful parks and gardens with bandstands, impressive cathedrals and churches, and charming haciendas. Cuernavaca is usually combined with a trip to Taxco (famous for its silver).



PUEBLA

Puebla is one of the five most important Spanish colonial cities in Mexico and is located approximately two hours to the south east of Mexico City. It was declared a National Heritage site in 1987 and is often visited alongside the colonial town of Cholula which is one of the oldest recorded cities in Mexico.

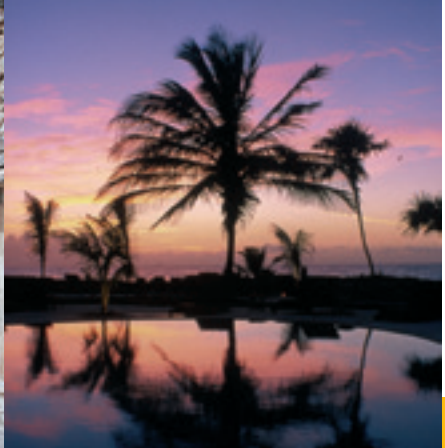
Cholula has a huge number of churches and we can also admire the largest man-made pyramid in the new world. Puebla offers exquisite cuisine, a laid back lifestyle and an abundance of colonial architecture especially its remarkable cathedral as well as many hidden museums and churches.

OAXACA

Oaxaca is known for its indigenous cultures historically in conflict with a strong colonial heritage. The town is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Zapotec and Mixtec settlements in the Oaxaca Valley date back to 500 BC with the Aztecs arriving in 1440 and the Conquistadores in 1521. The state of Oaxaca maintains a strong indigenous

identity expressed in local life, monuments, and crafts in papier-mâché, woodcarvings, textiles and black pottery. Oaxaca's markets offer a fascinating insight into all these crafts. In addition visit the Centro Cultural, the Baroque Cathedral, Zocalo or experience the many outdoor Festivals including the month long Guelaguetza Festival at Easter.





BAJA CALIFORNIA

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Los Cabos 5 days • 4 nights

Day 1 Arrive in La Paz, transfer to the hotel. In the afternoon city tour and walking along the waterfront boulevard.

Days 2-4 Spend the day visiting a series of stunning mangroves and beaches, observe the diverse flora and fauna, and many native birds. Next day, take a boat trip to the idyllic island of Isla Espiritu Santo and snorkel with Sea Lions in clear turquoise water. Next day visit Todos los Santos, a 'Pueblo Magico' (Magical Town), due to its beautiful setting, picturesque squares and the Jesuit missions. Continue to Cabo San Lucas for a ride on a glass bottom boat to the famous stone arch that marks the end of the peninsula.

Day 5 Transfer to La Paz airport.

Whalewatching 5 days • 4 nights

Days 1-2 Arrive at La Paz, transfer to Loreto staying at Hotel La Misi3n for 2 nights. En route take your first boat trip into Magdalena Bay to see the magnificent Gray Whales on their yearly migration from Alaska. The whales are very friendly, and we often see them breaching and coming so close to the boats that you can touch them. Explore Loreto's cobbled streets and Jesuit mission. Next day boat trip in Loreto Bay to the Sea of Cortes.

Days 3-4 Boat trips for whalewatching again to Bahia Magdalena. Drive to La Paz, staying 2 nights. Full day boat trip to the island of Espiritu Santo to snorkel with sea lions and tropical fish.

Day 5 Transfer to Los Cabos.



PRICES

Whalewatching 5 days • 4 nights

NO OF TRAVELLERS	1	2
	SINGLE	SHARING
Season: Jan-March	£3563	£1875

Prices per person including accommodation, breakfast, transfers to/from the La Paz or Loreto Airport and excursions as described on the itinerary.

PRICES

Los Cabos 5 days • 4 nights

NO OF TRAVELLERS	1	2
	SINGLE	SHARING
La Paz Marina	£846	£659

One & Only Palmilla *Deluxe*



Commanding expansive ocean-facing accommodation, One&Only is an elegant tropical hideaway with 172 luxurious rooms with patio or balcony facing the sea. There is a tennis court, Golf Club and excursions. The hotel is located only 10 minutes from San Jose del Cabo, a charming and authentic Mexican town, featuring local artisans' handmade arts and crafts as well as restaurants and shops.

Additional Hotels: Casita de las Flores, Las Ventanas, Esperanza, Posada de Las Flores, Loreto, La Paz & Punta Chivato, Posada la Poza

Casa Natalia *Boutique*

Casa Natalia is a homely, boutique hotel located in San Jose del Cabo, a charming, small Mexican town, away from the "masses" in Cabo San Lucas. It is close to a private beach club, providing guests with exclusive access. Decorated in typically Mexican earth colours, Casa Natalia has 19 spacious rooms and suites with terrace, hammock and an open concept bathroom. There is a heated swimming pool, free WiFi,

an award winning restaurant "Mi Cosina", room service, a Martini bar and a private patio with hammocks and a sitting area, where breakfast is served. Ideal hotel to combine going to the beach with taking a stroll in town while enjoying the wide variety of restaurants and bars.

4 days • 3 nights	LOW SEASON REST OF YEAR	HIGH SEASON JAN-MAR, DEC
One & Only Palmilla	£1161	£1511
Casa Natalia	£903	£692

Prices per person based on two sharing, including transfers to/from Los Cabos airport, accommodation, tax and breakfast.

COPPER CANYON

A scenic, unforgettable rail journey in Northern Mexico, via the breathtaking Copper Canyon. A remarkable feat of engineering which took almost 90 years to complete, you pass through 88 tunnels, over 39 bridges, and pass a dramatic range of mountain landscapes.

5 days • 4 nights

Day 1 Depart for Los Mochis Airport where you will be met and taken to your hotel. Spend the day at leisure (B).

Day 2 Transfer to the train station. Our journey leads us through the Tarahumara Mountain Range, passing striking scenery. The train winds its way up through canyons and mountains where the views are arresting and the track has

steep hair-raising, drops on either side. After several stops, arrive at the train station of Divisadero for an overnight. (B)

Day 3 Morning at leisure to explore the surroundings Barrancas and visit the breathtaking Urique Canyon, deeper than the Grand Canyon and arguably more impressive. Depart by train to Creel and transfer to our hotel. (B)

Day 4 Morning free, or you can visit the area where the Tarahumara Indians live. Originally cave-dwelling nomads, they used to live in isolated pockets and have retained their traditions and beliefs. Continue in the afternoon on the train journey to Chihuahua. Overnight. (B)

Day 5 Transfer for your return flight.



Tarahumara Indians

PRICES

NO OF TRAVELLERS	1	2
	SINGLE	SHARING
5 days • 4 nights		
Copper Canyon	£823	£646

Prices per person including train tickets in First Class and assistance with all shared train transfers, accommodation, tax and breakfast. Overnight at Divisadero includes full board. Copper Canyon journey can also be organised in reverse from Chihuahua to Los Mochis/El Fuerte.



PACIFIC BEACH RESORTS

PUERTO VALLARTA

Sheraton Puerto Vallarta First



Located on the outskirts of Puerto Vallarta and a 15 minute walk from the centre, Sheraton Baganvillas Resort & Towers is directly on the beach facing the Bay of Banderas. All rooms have air conditioning, satellite TV, mini-bar and security box. There are six restaurants and bars, large swimming pool facing the ocean, two tennis courts, a fitness centre and many green areas to relax and enjoy the surroundings.

Hotelito Desconocido First



"A resort that combines luxury with a love for the environment". With no electricity, no telephone, no TV, guests escape and find peaceful isolation. There are 30 Palafitos candle-lit bungalows of indigenous construction, built on stilts, overlooking miles of pristine beach. All rooms have private bathroom, open-air solar heated showers and ceiling fans. Facilities include a salt water pool, spa, horse riding and fishing.

CAREYES

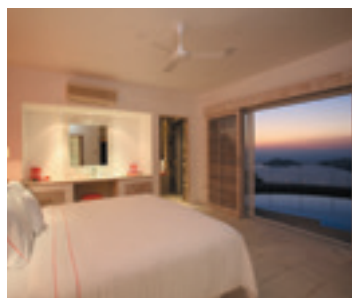
Costa Careyes First



Overlooking a secluded cove and with a small beach on the Pacific ocean, Costal Careyes indulges the senses with 51 luxury rooms, suites and casitas. Each is uniquely decorated with original local artisan work of the Costa Careyes, and with containing air conditioning and a comfortable seating area for lazy afternoons. The resort also offers many leisure activities to explore the local marine highlights.

ACAPULCO

Las Brisas First



Las Brisas is nestled on a steep hillside with a stunning view of Santa Lucia Bay and the city. 260 secluded casitas are scattered over 40 acres and each has its own private or semi-private swimming pool, satellite TV, and a sweeping bay view. Your breakfast is delivered to your casita every morning. There is a restaurant, two large pools, spa, shops, electric golf buggies and a private ocean club on the rocks by the sea.

Additional Hotels: Dreams Puerto Vallarta, Barcelo, Las Velas

Four Seasons Punta Mita Deluxe



Located near to Puerto Vallarta, this hotel boasts Mexican charm with all the comforts of a five star resort. Hotel guests can enjoy pristine white sandy beaches and a championship Jack Nicklaus golf course. The 173 guest rooms and suites are in Mexican style casitas set along the coast. Most rooms feature views of the turquoise waters, beaches or the mountains surrounding the resort.

Majahuitas Tourist



An ecologically orientated resort located just out of Puerto Vallarta is a gateway to a beautiful stretch of coastline with countless coves and rocky headlands. It consists of 8 rustic, open air casitas with torches, candles and lanterns to light the way when the sun goes down, although it doesn't mean that luxury or comfort are spared. The hotel can organise day trips to encounter sea turtles, mata rays, dolphins or humpback whales.

MANZANILLO

El Tamarindo First



Additional Hotels: Alamandas, Hacienda San Antonio, Las Hadas

Nestled along two miles of private beach and set within a 2,040-acre nature preserve, el Tamarindo features 29 spacious villas with private gardens and plunge pools and 3 private four-bedroom casas. There is a spa, restaurant, a signature 18-hole golf course with spectacular views of the Pacific, tennis and nearby polo fields. Wildlife and bird observation programmes provide a unique look at the area's natural inhabitants.

Additional Hotels: Hyatt, Fairmont Acapulco Princess

El Cano Tourist



Situated on the Acapulco beachfront, El Cano has three bars, lounge, restaurant, coffee shop, and suites distributed on 10 floors. All the suites (except the Studio Suites) have a view to the ocean and a private terrace. They also have air-conditioning, cable TV, room service and mini-bar. The hotel also includes a swimming pool with four Jacuzzis, and a children's pool.



Zihuatanejo's Playa La Ropa - one of Mexico's most beautiful beaches

ZIHUATANEJO



Villa Mexicana Tourist

Located between the Sierra Madre Mountains and the blue waters of the Pacific, Villa Mexicana in Zihuatanejo is perfect for wiling away relaxing days.

Its facilities include two swimming pools, full beach lounge service and a beach bar, as well as activities in the area such as deep sea fishing, golf and horse riding.



Viceroy Zihuatanejo Deluxe

The hotel lies right on the fine white sands of Playa La Ropa and is surrounded by lush vegetation for privacy and seclusion. All rooms and suites are beautiful adobe-like villas amidst exuberant tropical gardens; no two rooms are alike. There is a restaurant for casual meals and an elegant candlelit dinner with fine wines and international cuisine, a swimming pool and bar. Visit the nearby fishing village of Zihuatanejo and stroll along the waterfront for a feel of Mexican life.

PRICES

2 SHARING SEASONS*	4 NIGHTS INCLUDING TRANSFERS	EXTRA NIGHT
SHERATON PUERTO VALLARTA		
03Jan-02Apr	£490	£105
03Apr-22Dec	£394	£81
23-31Dec	£654	£146
FOUR SEASONS PUNTA MITA		
All year	£1296	£379
HOTELITO DESCONOCIDO		
01-10Jan; 15-31Dec	£2158	£495
11Jan-14Dec	£1222	£261
MAJAHUITAS		
All year	£826	£154
COSTA CAREYES		
Jan-Mar, Dec	£808	£173
Rest of year	£808	£173
EL TAMARINDO		
All year	£768	£156
LAS BRISAS		
13Jul-9Aug	£564	£124
Jan-Mar, 8Aug-Dec	£344	£92
Apr-12Jul	£284	£64
EL CANO		
Jan-Mar, Dec	£530	£112
Rest of the year	£322	£58
VILLA MEXICANA		
Jan-Mar, Dec	£390	£65
Rest of the year	£266	£46

Casa que Canta First

La Casa que Canta has a unique location, perched on a steep cliff with glorious views out to sea, and located at the end of Playa La Ropa, within the bay, and close access to the small, character fishing village of Zihuatanejo. It has stylish modern Mexican decoration with thatched roofs, adobe walls and a sense of space and light over the ocean. There are numerous steps taking you up and down between the various areas of the hotel. There is also a wonderful infinity pool and a gourmet restaurant with terrace.



La Casa que Canta

PRICES

2 SHARING SEASONS*	4 NIGHTS INCLUDING TRANSFERS	EXTRA NIGHT
VICEROY ZIHUATANEJO		
Jan-30Mar; 18-31Dec	£1092	£263
31Mar-May; 31Oct-17Dec	£870	£208
31May-30Oct	£760	£180
CASA QUE CANTA		
Jan-Mar; 23-31Dec	£705	£221
Apr-May; Nov	£632	£197
Jun-Oct; 01-22Dec	£566	£175

Prices are per person in a Standard Room for double occupancy including accommodation and Breakfast, tax, service charge and Transfers to/from the airport.
*Prices for Triple room, Children, Single Room, Christmas, New Year available on request.
Majahuillas Hotel is closed from 1 July to 1 October.

MAYAN PYRAMIDS & COLONI

Chichén Itzá, Day 14

The Mirador Tour

14 night itinerary:

Mexico City - 3 nights

Puebla - Day visit

Oaxaca - 3 nights

San Cristóbal de las Casas - 3 nights

Palenque - 1 night

Mérida - 3 nights

Chichén Itzá - 1 night

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Explore Mexico, a land steeped in ancient history and liberally scattered with impressive Maya and Aztec pyramids. This tour takes you through the main archaeological sites from north to south, cosmopolitan cities and deep into the stunning Chiapas region where towns and villages nestle in remote mountains, offering the visitor an insight into Mexican rural life. On the coast, there are idyllic sunny beaches while the interior is rich in culture and history as well as magnificent mountains, deserts and canyons.

Days 1-3 Departure Monday or Wednesday for Mexico City arriving in the evening. Visit the bohemian district of Zona Rosa and trendy Condesa and Polanco districts, with many shops and excellent restaurants with superb modern cuisine. We take an afternoon excursion to the famous **Anthropological Museum**, housing a magnificent collection of Aztec and Mayan artefacts, great Olmec stone heads, burial tombs and exquisite pottery and ceramics. We tour the pyramids of **Teotihuacan**, supposedly the most advanced urban centre of its time (500BC - 700AD) with the Pyramid of the Sun, of monumental scale and grandeur rising 65m high. (B)

Optional excursions to the historic town of Cuernavaca and Taxco, perched on the side of a mountain and renowned for its silversmiths. You may experience the canals at Xochimilco accompanied by loud Mariachi bands, combined with Coyoacán and the Diego Rivera, Freda Kahlo and Trotsky museums. (B)

Days 4-6 Morning departure with your guide and transfer to visit the colonial city of Puebla. Continue to Oaxaca. Set on a high plateau and encircled by the mighty Sierra Madre del Sur mountains serving as an effective barrier preserving the ancient Indian character. Visit the majestic, Zapotec archaeological site at Monte Albán. Day free to explore. (B)

Day 7 Fly to Tuxtla Gutiérrez and on to the Sumidero Canyon. A mighty fissure cutting down 1000m into the earth whose sheer sides are blanketed with lush jungle, home to a variety of wildlife. We take a boat trip along the river and continue to San Cristóbal de las Casas for 3 nights. (B)

Days 8-9 Hidden in the remote mountains, people preserve their culture and traditions in the villages of San Juan Chamula and Zinacantan. There is a fascinating rustic church with a blend of pagan and catholic symbols. Day free to explore. (B)

Tulum ruins by the beach

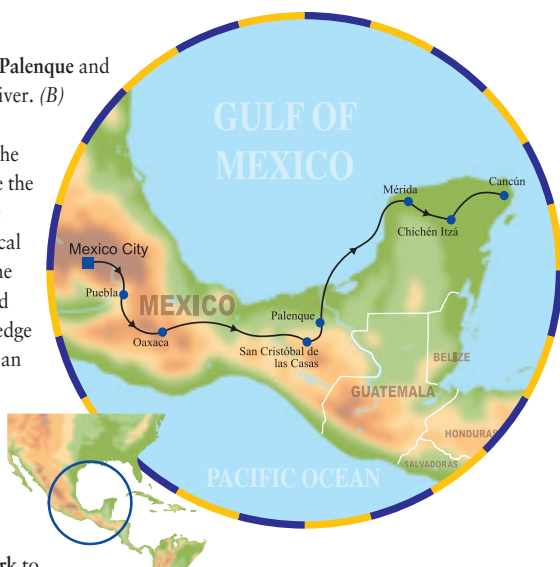


AL HERITAGE

Day 10 Drive to Palenque and stop at Agua Azul river. (B)

Days 11-12 In the morning we explore the important Palenque Mayan archaeological site. Walk among the ornate pyramids and temples, set on the edge of the rainforest, in an atmosphere of serenity and mystery. In the afternoon we drive to Villahermosa and, if time allows, stop at La Venta Park to admire the huge Olmec Heads, then fly to Mérida. The main plaza of this historic city is a garden bordered by colonial buildings central to Mexican town life, fiestas and people watching. Next day we tour the colonial heritage of Merida. (B)

Day 13 Today we visit Kabah and the extensive site of Uxmal, perfectly restored, showing the intricate stone lattice work and mosaics, a fine example of the ornate Puuc style. The Pyramid of the Magician rises above the surrounding vegetation and overlooks the magnificent landscape of the Yucatán Peninsula. (B)



Day 14 Morning journey to the mighty Chichén Itzá, a blend of the Toltec and Mayan cultures. The monuments here have few decorations and the massive pyramids, temples and astrological observatory are evidence of the impressive power and knowledge of their rulers. Time to visit the site at leisure, avoiding the midday heat and the daytrippers. Overnight nearby. (B)

Day 15 Morning free to go back to Chichén Itzá. Afternoon journey to Cancún airport for your flight home, (B) arriving the following day, Day 16.

Main Square Cuernavaca



Colonial Mexico

The Mirador Tour departs Mondays and Wednesday - 16 days INCLUDING 14 nights' accommodation and breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), all transfers, excursions and English-speaking guides, all transport and meals as described in the itinerary above. Please see pages 190-193 for further details of what is included.

Unwind on the Beach

Following your tour we recommend winding down for a few days on the beach at one of the splendid beach resorts. Please see pages 158-163 for suggestions of hotels on the beach or continue to BELIZE and/or GUATEMALA.



San Juan Chamula, Day 8

PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOUR GUIDELINE PRICES - Departs Monday or Wednesday

	Tourist			First		
	1 Single Traveller	Travelling Together Double	Own Room	1 Single Traveller	Travelling Together Double	Own Room
MIRADOR Tour						
31Dec-17Mar, 12Oct-11Dec	£4910	£3315	£3807	£5435	£3567	£4195
18 Mar-19July, 12Dec-30Dec	£5017	£3422	£3914	£5542	£3674	£4302

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FLIGHTS on BRITISH AIRWAYS departing from London and UK Airports, Internal Flights and Taxes, are included. UPGRADE to Business Cabin seat add: £2493 in High Season / £2600 in Low Season; Premium Economy Seat : £545

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YUCATAN IN-DEPTH

The Palapa Tour

10 night itinerary:

Cancún - 1 night • Tulum - 1 night

Chicanná - 2 nights • Campeche - 2 nights

Uxmal - 1 night • Mérida - 2 nights • Chichén Itzá - 1 night

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Edzna, Day 6

Explore the isolated sites of the Yucatán, dotted with the remains of past, mighty civilisations, small villages, the walled city of Campeche and colonial Mérida. Step back in time at Calakmul, with some pyramids fully restored and others still hidden by encroaching jungle.

Days 1-2 Flight to Cancún arriving in the evening. Transfer and stay for 1 night. Collect your self drive vehicle (Tourist Class), or meet with your private driver-guide (First Class), and set off for the striking ruins of **Tulum**, set on a cliff top over the stunning turquoise ocean. Stay one night to visit the archaeological site of **Coba** hidden in the dense forest. (B)

Day 3 Continue to **Kohunlich**, visiting the nearby archaeological site famed for its unique 3 metres high stucco masks of the Sun God, from the early classic period (AD 250-500), surrounded by dense rainforest with many of its buildings still lying entangled in the vegetation. Continue to **Chicanná** staying for two nights with one full day to explore the archaeological sites at **Becán** and **Calakmul**. (B)

Day 4 Visit the **Chicanna** archaeological zone filled with beautiful structures with ornate façades. Visit the Maya ceremonial site of **Calakmul**, where a large number of structures have been identified, including the tallest pyramid in Mexico, and is part of the an extensive Biosphere Reserve. (B)

Days 5-6 Journey to the Gulf of Mexico to stay for 2 nights at the old walled city of **Campeche** on the coast. Visit **Edzná**, once a large ceremonial centre which flourished around 650AD, and **Campeche** itself. The original colonial architecture and warm colours of the 18th century have been restored in the residential areas and historic centre. Walk the streets and explore the churches, museums and the forts built to protect the city and the Spanish fleets, carrying the riches of Mexico. (B)



Day 7 Visit the Mayan ruins of **Labná**, noted for their tall corbelled archways and intricate mosaic reliefs, and **Kabah**, with its incredible façade adorned with nearly 300 masks of Chac, the Rain God. Drive to **Uxmal**, showing fine examples of the ornate Puuc style with intricate stone lattice work, mosaics and towering pyramids. Overnight at **Uxmal**. (B)

Days 8-9 Drive to **Oxkutzcab**, a small, picturesque Mayan town with a large and colourful fruit market. Continue to **Mérida**, a colonial city with its buildings painted in soft colours, enclosing delightful, tranquil patios and stay for 2 nights. Spend the day at leisure exploring the city, museums, and markets. (B)

Day 10 Continue to **Chichén Itzá** to visit the mighty Mayan site, one of the largest discovered, full of cosmological significance, with steps, panels and terraces depicting various stages of the Mayan calendar. **El Castillo** dominates the complex and affords stunning views of the



Chicanná Eco Lodge, Day 4

sprawling ruins. Overnight by the site. (B)

Day 11 Morning free to explore or relax by the pool. Depart to Cancún (B) to fly home, arriving the following day, **Day 12**.

The Palapa Tour PRICES ON PAGE 157
Departs **Wednesday**, 12 days INCLUDING:
10 nights' accommodation, flights
(1 overnight), arrival transfer and Self Drive vehicle (Tourist) or driver (First). Please see pages 190-193 for further information.



Tulum Day 2



Flamingos at Parque Natural Rio Celestún

ANCIENT & COLONIAL LANDSCAPES



Izamal Monastery

Mayan and colonial heritage, beautiful beaches and the slow, provincial pace of life make the Yucatán Peninsula, perfect for a fascinating holiday. Explore the austere and palatial pyramids of ancient Mayan civilisations, discover colonial cities, isolated Haciendas and small villages. On the coast, the turquoise clear ocean, white sandy beaches and rivers with mangroves, make it ideal for swimming, snorkelling and unwinding.

Days 1-3 Depart on your daytime flight to Cancún. On arrival transfer to your hotel staying for 1 night. Transfer to the colonial city of Valladolid for two nights, with a day to explore the Spanish architecture, parks and squares. (B)

Days 4-6 Morning departure to the colonial city of Mérida. Two full days for optional excursions to explore Mérida, visit the Monastery at Izamal or the “human sacrifice cenote” of Dzitnup for a swim; or visit Celestún Nature reserve. (B)

Days 7-8 Transfer to the Mayan archaeological site of Uxmal, where pyramids have intricate decorations. Continue to the colonial city of Campeche for one day to explore. (B)

Day 9 Transfer to Chichén Itzá, to visit the extensive archaeological site with impressive, austere pyramids, the temple and observatory. There is a “son et lumière” show in the evening Overnight at the hotel nearby. (B)

Days 10-14 Explore Chichén Itzá further in the early morning light, rest by the hotel pool in the midday heat and early in the afternoon, transfer to the coast staying for 5 nights at Playa del Carmen, Illusion (Tourist) (p159) or Mahekal (First) (p159) and The Fairmont (DeLuxe) (p162). (B)

On Day15 Transfer to Cancún airport for your flight to London, (B) arriving at Gatwick the following Day 16.

The Cenote Tour departs every Monday, Wednesday, Saturday, 16 days INCLUDING: hotels for 14 nights and breakfast (B), all flights (1 overnight), transfers, excursions and transport as shown. Please see pages 190 - 193 for further details of what is included.

OTHER BEACH RESORTS

Choose from our selection of beach hotels on pages 158-163. Unwind on a beautiful beach and swim in the turquoise waters of the Caribbean sea.

See map of the Yucatán Peninsula opposite, page 156.

The Cenote Tour

14 night itinerary

Cancún - 1 night

Valladolid - 2 nights

Mérida - 3 nights

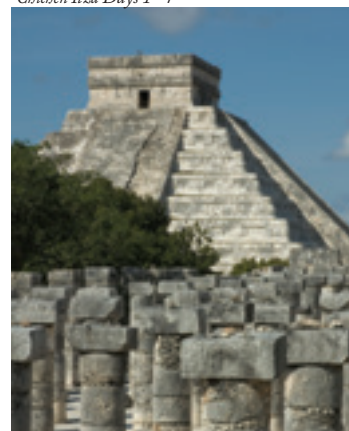
Campeche - 2 nights

Chichén Itzá - 1 night

Beach Resort - 5 nights

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Chichén Itzá Days 1-4



PRIVATE INDIVIDUAL TOUR GUIDELINE PRICES - Weekly Departures

	Tourist			First		
	1 Single Traveller	Double	Travelling Together Own Room	1 Single Traveller	Double	Travelling Together Own Room
PALAPA Tour						
25Dec-21Jun, 17Aug-12Dec	£2596	£1517	£2278	£5444	£3229	£4020
22Jun-16Aug, 13Dec-24Dec	£3026	£1947	£2708	£5874	£3659	£4450
CENOTE Tour						
31Dec-19Jul, 22Aug-13Dec	£3621	£2360	£2965	£5070	£3112	£4316
20Jul-21Aug, 14Dec-30Dec	£4051	£2790	£3395	£5500	£3542	£4746

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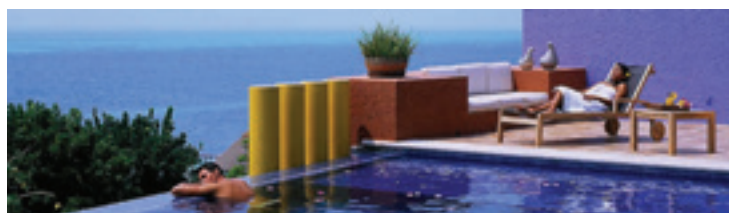
TROPICAL ISLANDS IN THE YUCATAN

ISLA MUJERES

web veloso.com/islamujeres

Isla Mujeres, is seven miles across the Bahia de Mujeres from Cancún, and is only five miles long and half a mile wide with a small but perfectly formed downtown area. It is flat, great for strolling around both day and night and is completely surrounded by beaches. The downtown area is relaxed and homely, reflecting its fishing village roots. Its evenings and nights turn the island into a heaven of tranquility and beauty with stunning sunsets at fine dining restaurants.

Casa de los Sueños First



The 'House of Dreams' has eight rooms all with ocean view terraces, plus a dream Villa. Each room is thoughtfully decorated with original handcrafts, fabrics and embroideries. Each room has a unique signature and their "story" for your appreciation. There is a swimming pool, a spa and excursions can be arranged at the hotel: cycling, snorkelling, swimming with dolphins or whale sharks (May-Sep), kayaking, fishing and walking trips. Includes return transfers by boat from Puerto Juarez to Isla Mujeres.

Villa Rolandi First

Overlooking the Caribbean and in front of the Lagoon Makax, where its private luxury yacht has its pier, the property consists of 20 luxury Junior Suites, all with Ocean View and private facilities. Evening dinners are an unique event of romanticism and quality food. Connoisseurs come from mainland in their yachts to experience gourmet dining. There is a spa and daily excursions are arranged at the hotel.



HOLBOX

web veloso.com/holbox

Located three hours north of Cancún, this largely uninhabited island is an oasis of peace and quiet blessed with a warm, breezy climate and an abundance of natural attractions. It forms part of a national eco-reserve due to its tropical forests, wild beaches, underwater caves and exotic fauna, such as dolphins, whale sharks and flamingos.

Xaloc Tourist

The hotel has eighteen palapa-thatched bungalows set amid lush tropical gardens. Swimming pools meander between the bungalows, each of which is rustically decorated and features a terrace and hammock for adapting to the laid-back pace of island life. As well as tranquility, the resort also offers fishing, kayaking, snorkelling, horse riding and boat excursions.

Casa Sandra First

Set on the peaceful and relaxing beach of Holbox, Casa Sandra is a small boutique hotel with a warm, cosy and hospitable atmosphere. The rooms and public areas are rustic in style, decorated with Sandra's own artistic flourishes, and the complete absence of televisions or telephones. There is a living room, swimming pool, restaurant, garden, and direct access to the beach.

Additional Hotels: Villas Delfines Villas Paraiso del Mar

PRICES	MODULE	ESCAPE	
2 SHARING SEASONS	3 NIGHTS INCLUDING TRANSFERS	7 NIGHTS* INCLUDING UK FLIGHTS	EXTRA NIGHTS
VILLA ROLANDI			
Jan-20Apr; Jul-17Aug	£651	£2314	£208
21Apr-Jun; 18Aug-18Dec	£516	£1999	£163
19Dec - 30Dec	£603	£2632	£192
CASA DE LOS SUEÑOS			
Jan-March	£426	£1789	£133
Apr-Jun; Sep-Nov	£360	£1635	£111
Jul-Aug; Dec	£360	£2065	£111
CASA SANDRA			
All the year	£543	£1786	£103
XALOC RESORT			
19Mar-04Apr; Jul-19Aug	£519	£1706	£89
19Dec-3Jan	£603	£2332	£117
Rest of the year	£489	£1636	£79

Prices above are per person in a Standard Room for double occupancy including accommodation and Breakfast, tax, service charge and private transfers to/from Cancun airport or hotels.
Prices for Triple, Single and DeLuxe rooms, and Children available on request.
*ESCAPE price for 7 nights also includes daily flights (one overnight) in economy on British Airways from London Heathrow to Cancun.

Beach view from Xaloc Hotel



Room at Xaloc



Room at Casa Sandra



PLAYA DEL CARMEN

web veloso.com/playacar

Once a sleepy village, Playa del Carmen, with its low rise architecture, is now a favourite of Europeans who enjoy a small town with a relaxed Mexican-Caribbean feeling. The main street has many shops, there are marvellous beaches by day and a choice of restaurants and a busy nightlife in the evening. Explore the coastline and visit the archaeological sites of Tulum and Cobá and water parks of Xel-há and Xcaret.



Mahekal Hotel



Mahékal *First*

Nestled between lush tropical gardens, a pristine white sand beach and the turquoise water of the Caribbean Sea, Hotel Mahékal is one of the most picturesque Hotels in Playa del Carmen. 121 rooms divided into three sections, each with a different atmosphere : Caribe Ocean, Caribe Garden view, and Aventura Ocean. All rooms have private facilities, a patio or balcony with hammocks and are air conditioned. Some rooms have their own plunge pool or outdoor shower. In keeping with a relaxed environment, there are no televisions, radios or telephones in the rooms. The Hotels facilities include two pools and jacuzzi, two restaurants and bar. Watersports such as scuba diving or windsurfing can be arranged at the hotel. The hotel is conveniently located close to the shops and restaurants of 5th Avenue, or La Quinta as it is known locally and only 50 minutes from Cancún Airport. The resort offers breakfast and dinner or lunch under a modified plan. Alcohol and some beverages are additional.

Illusion *Tourist*

Illusion is a small hotel in the centre of Playa del Carmen, between the main street "Quinta Avenida" and the beach, located only a few minutes walk down the road. It is ideal for everyone who likes a to be within walking distance of all the attractions, shops, restaurants, bars and the beach. This also means a certain amount of activity and street noise. The hotel is for adults over 18. There are 196 comfortable rooms and suites with private facilities, a restaurant serving breakfast and international cuisine. The roof top has "La Vista" Bar serving drinks and snacks, an outdoor plunge pool (30 sqm), and solarium with sun loungers.

PRICES	MODULE	ESCAPE	
2 SHARING SEASONS	3 NIGHTS INCLUDING TRANSFERS	7 NIGHTS INCLUDING UK FLIGHTS	EXTRA NIGHTS
ILLUSION			
20Mar-Jul; Aug-16Dec	£212	£1243	£50
18Jul-17Aug	£257	£1348	£65
17Dec-19Mar	£296	£1869	£78
MAHÉKAL			
Jan; Nov-19Dec	£563	£2062	£167
Feb-03Apr; 20-31Dec	£641	£2244	£193
04Apr-31Oct	£467	£1838	£135
LE REVE			
01Feb-04Apr	£866	£3113	£268
05Apr-18Dec	£767	£2948	£235
19Dec-31Jan	£1217	£4128	£385

Prices above are per person in a Standard Room for double occupancy including accommodation and breakfast (Illusion); breakfast and dinner (Mahékal); all Meals and drinks (Le Reve); tax, service charge and private transfers to/from Cancun airport/city. Prices for Triple room, Single room and children are available on request. *ESCAPE price for 7 nights also includes daily flights (one overnight) in economy on British Airways from London Heathrow to Cancun.

Le Reve *First*

Hotel Le Reve is a charming boutique hotel located on the secluded area of Xcalacoco, 7 km north of Playa del Carmen. With a magnificent white sand beach and stunning turquoise blue waters, this is the perfect scene for a romantic retreat. Le Reve has a contemporary minimal style which is reflected in the white decor and furnishings of the guest rooms and the uncluttered but striking public areas. There are in total 25 chic rooms and suites. The Horizon suite has a queen size bed, spacious bathroom and partial ocean view from its own terrace. The Beach Front Bungalow features one king size bed, private terrace, own plunge pool and spectacular view of the Caribbean Sea. The hotel has a lovely swimming pool area right by the edge of the beach. There is also a beach bar serving tropical drinks and cocktails. The restaurant and bar have a wonderful evening ambience. Other facilities include a small spa and fitness room.



RIVIERA MAYA

Viceroy *Deluxe*

web veloso.com/viceroyrm

The Resort

Viceroy Riviera Maya is a secluded luxury resort and spa on the Riviera Maya in Playa del Carmen. Twenty-nine private luxury villas each with private pool are carefully constructed with natural wood and stones and surrounded by luscious gardens.

The Rooms

Each villa features an outdoor terrace with chaises-longue, dining table, handmade crochet hammock and outdoor shower. Spacious indoor bathroom with standing shower, separate basins and large closets. All beds feature Egyptian cotton sheets, duvet covers and glorious down pillows.



The Restaurant & Bar

La Marea restaurant offers dishes with Mediterranean and Mexican influences. Fresh seafood and an array of chef's specialities are prepared daily. The pastry chef prepares breads, rolls, and croissants from a variety of fragrant doughs and local ingredients. The wine list represents much of the world, most notable are French, Italian and Spanish wines. The Coral Grill & Bar serves snacks and light dishes. The bar is one of the most exciting places on the property with views of the Mayan sunset and the island of Cozumel, great to meet friends for a cocktail before dinner.

The Spa

The full service spa at Viceroy offers guests a steam room, jacuzzi, swiss showers with adjustable water pressure, and individual treatment areas. There is also a seaside spa area for Temazcal bath, massages, facials, treatments, tai chi, and yoga. The spa's philosophy is that the sea is a fountain of energy, where we achieve equilibrium, comfort and gain the ability to restore indispensable vital elements. The Temazcal bath combines a cleansing sweat bath with herbs, flowers, music, and a soothing massage. There is also a full service beauty salon.



Room with private outdoor pool

Massage in the tropical surrounding



PRICES	MODULE	ESCAPE	
		7 NIGHTS* INCLUDING UK FLIGHTS	EXTRA NIGHT
2 SHARING SEASONS*	3 NIGHTS INCLUDING TRANSFERS		
VICEROY			
03Jan-03Apr	£1232	£3623	£390
04Apr-14Dec	£994	£3067	£311
15Dec-02Jan	£1756	£5012	£527
ESENCIA			
05Jan-29Apr	£1088	£3293	£344
30Apr-19Dec	£921	£2904	£288
20Dec-04Jan	£1376	£4395	£440

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*Prices for Triple, Single and DeLuxe rooms and Children are available on request.

*ESCAPE price for 7 nights also includes daily flights (one overnight) in economy on British Airways from London Heathrow to Cancun.

Esencia *Deluxe*

web veloso.com/esencia

Sited on the Xpu-Ha beach, in Mexico's Riviera Maya, along a two-mile stretch of white powder sand and against a sea of crystal blue water, surfaces Esencia, the essence of simplicity, elegance and beauty. Spacious accommodations,

twenty-nine in total, feature mesmerizing sea and garden views along with large terraces, deep soaking plunge pools and private solariums. Guests can experience Esencia in an ocean view suite, garden suite or in a one of a kind private home.





Maroma *Deluxe*

web veloso.com/maroma

Situated 30 miles south of Cancún is the beautiful beach resort of Maroma, offering 58 spacious rooms and suites, decorated using natural furnishings, Mexican fabrics and earthy colours. The hotel belies its function, giving the appearance of a private house, with a library, tasteful artefacts and paintings. There are no TVs which enable you to escape from modern life and its appendages (but there is internet access). Hammocks hang in attractive terraces offering stunning views of the azure waters of the ocean and the white sandy beach stretching in front of the hotel. There are three swimming pools and two restaurants,

El Sol for formal dining with a fine collection of wines and enjoy regional Yucatan dishes and innovative Mexican cuisine served on the candlelit open-air terrace overlooking the ocean; Cilantro located by the spa and pool in a lush tropical setting.

ACTIVITIES include golf, snorkeling, sailing, windsurf, kayaking, horse riding, swimming with dolphins or sightseeing along the coast of the Riviera Maya.

KINAN SPA is based on ancient Mayan healing with treatments, Yoga and Pilates aimed at revitalising your inner energy and spirit.



PRICES	GARDEN VIEW			OCEAN VIEW		
	MODULE	ESCAPE	EXTRA NIGHTS	MODULE	ESCAPE	EXTRA NIGHTS
2 SHARING SEASONS	3 NIGHTS INCLUDING TRANSFERS	7 NIGHTS* INCLUDING UK FLIGHTS		3 NIGHTS INCLUDING TRANSFERS	7 NIGHTS* INCLUDING UK FLIGHTS	
MAROMA						
Jan-Mar	£1093	£3298	£344	£1190	£3525	£376
April - 18 Dec	£767	£2538	£235	£1093	£3298	£344
19 Dec - 31 Dec	£1246	£4085	£395	£1633	£4988	£524

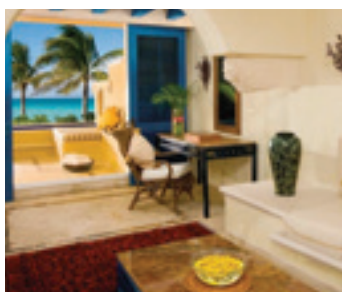
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Zoëtry, Paraiso de la Bonita *Deluxe All inclusive*

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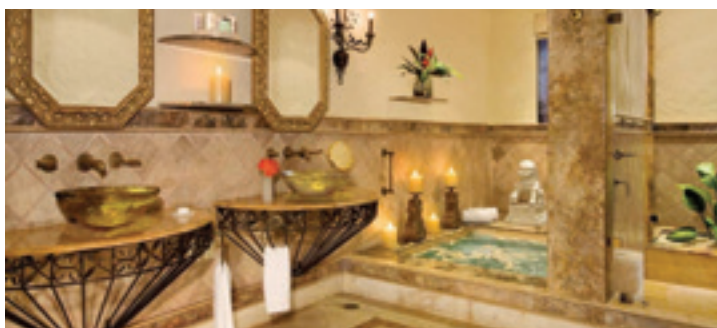
Zoëtry is located in Puerto Morelos, close to the Marine Park, in 14 acres of forest, 20 minutes south of Cancún, and with a long stretch of pristine white sandy beach. There are 90 luxury fully equipped suites with terraces overlooking the sea and direct access to the beach, and large bathroom. The stylish decoration includes many works of art belonging to the owner's private collection.

Everything is included from the minibar in your room to the gourmet restaurants, cocktails, national and international premium brands, 24-hour private in-room dining, laundry service and unlimited worldwide telephone calls. Zoëtry also has a superb spa where all the facilities and many, but not all, treatments are included. The fresh water, salt water swimming pools and the beach have waiter service.



PRICES	MODULE	ESCAPE	
		7 NIGHTS* INCLUDING UK FLIGHTS	EXTRA NIGHTS
2 SHARING SEASONS	3 NIGHTS INCLUDING TRANSFERS		
ZOETRY - All inclusive			
Jan-Mar	£1058	£3217	£332
Apr-16Dec	£839	£2706	£259
17Dec-31Dec	£1616	£4949	£518

Prices above are per person in a Standard Room for double occupancy including accommodation and Meals, tax, service charge and private transfers to/from Cancun airport or hotels. Prices for Triple, Single and DeLuxe rooms and Children are available on request. *ESCAPE price for 7 nights also includes daily flights (one overnight) in economy on British Airways from London Heathrow to Cancun.

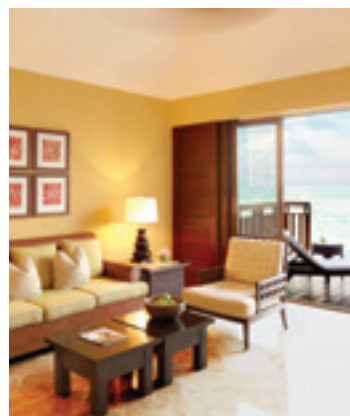




Fairmont Mayakoba Deluxe [web veloso.com/mayakoba](http://veloso.com/mayakoba)



Tucked under a forest canopy and designed around crystal clear waterways, with the sense of a Mexican home, there are luxury amenities including 401 well-appointed bedrooms and 34 beach and lagoon casitas, all with one king or two queen beds, spacious bathrooms, with a soaker tub and separate shower, some with private terrace or well sized balcony and air conditioning. Guests spend their days horse riding on the beach, enjoying a round at Mayakoba's own golf course or their private spa. There are three restaurants, bars and a cafe. Playa del Carmen is located only 10 minutes away. The town is lively in the evenings with a good choice of restaurants, bars and shops.



PRICES	MODULE	ESCAPE	
2 SHARING SEASONS	3 NIGHTS INCLUDING TRANSFERS	7 NIGHTS INCLUDING UK FLIGHTS	EXTRA NIGHTS
FAIRMONT MAYAKOBA			
05Jan-29Apr	£640	£2246	£193
30Apr-14Dec	£480	£1874	£140
15Dec-04Jan	£683	£3391	£208
ROSA DEL VIENTO			
Rest of the year	£413	£1658	£139
May-Jun; Sep-Oct	£307	£1412	£68
21Dec-06Jan	£490	£2262	£131
CABANAS LOS LIRIOS			
16Jan-19Apr	£369	£1555	£89
20Apr-18Dec	£287	£1365	£61
19Dec-15Jan	£420	£16750	£106
DREAMS TULUM			
Apr-Aug;16-31Oct	£521	£1918	£141
Sept-15Oct	£464	£1785	£122
Nov-Mar	£638	£2494	£180

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TULUM

web veloso.com/tulum

The archaeological site at Tulum is the only ancient Mayan village surrounded by a defensive wall and poised over a 15m high cliff overlooking the sea. The coast here has mostly small, low rise hotels on the beach front, aiming to be a "barefoot paradise". Nearby you can visit the ancient Mayan site of Cobá, with magnificent tall pyramids rising above dense forest, the nature reserve of Sian Ka'an, swim with dolphins or swim and snorkel in the canals and the underground rivers at Xcaret and Xel-Ha. Life here is slow and simple.



Rosa del Viento *Boutique First*

Rosa del Viento is located right on the beach, south of Tulum and close to Punta Allen and Sian Ka'an reserve. The sand is white, the sea turquoise green and you are close to the barrier reef. It has 10 rooms on the seafront and 16 facing the gardens, all have balconies or terraces and modern amenities,

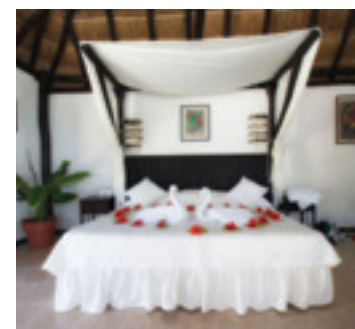
including internet. The restaurant is a large wooden palapa with a terrace, thatched roof and romantic lighting overlooking the beach and the sea, and serving international and local cuisine. There is no swimming pool but, on the beach you have stylish chaise longues and thatched sunshades to unwind.



Cabañas Los Lirios *Tourist*

Los Lirios is a secluded hotel in Tulum and located just in the heart of Mayan Riviera, close to Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve, and Tulum archaeological site. The hotel offers comfort and lovely spacious rooms to its guests. Surrounded by lush tropical gardens and set upon a beautiful beach, the hotel is the perfect combination between forest conservation and

sustainable eco-tourism, among mangroves, source of life for the sea reef. All rooms have private bath with tub and shower, air conditioning, telephone, living room, or sitting area, plus mosquito net windows and a terrace with chairs and hammock. Guests can enjoy a spectacular ocean view in the beachfront restaurant. 'Los Corales'.



Dreams Tulum *for families*

Located on one of the most beautiful beaches, surrounded by lush tropical trees & fine white sand. The 458 luxury suites and guest rooms are elegantly decorated in a colonial style, have their own patio or balcony, with air-conditioning, TV, CD/DVD player. Ideal for families with a variety of activities including cycling, water sports, tennis, dance lessons and a children's club. There is a swimming pool, jacuzzi, spa, fitness centre.



HIDDEN VILLAGES & BACKROADS

The Balam Tour

14 night itinerary:

Valladolid - 1 night

Dzidzantún - 3 nights

Mérida - 4 nights

Celestún Reserve - 2 nights

Chichén-Itzá - 2 nights

Tulum - 2 nights

web veloso.com/balam



Journey the backroads to discover seldom visited corners of the Yucatán. History unfolds in the colonial splendour of the cities and the half-forgotten pyramids of ancient civilisations, while dense forests and coastal mangroves provide habitats for wildlife and birds.

Day 1 Direct non-stop departure flight to Cancún. On arrival you will be met and taken to the colonial city of Valladolid, staying for 1 night with the morning to explore the town. (B)

Days 2-4 Transfer north to Ek Balam, whose main temple has superb stuccos. Continue to the rural Mayan town of Dzidzantún, where you stay for three nights in a colonial Hacienda converted to a character hotel. As part of your accommodation you have included bicycles for you to explore the grounds and birdwatching. Visit the coastal town of San Crisanto and take a boat trip to explore the mangroves of the nature reserve. Visit the ancient settlement of Izamal and the beautifully preserved convent of San Antonio de Padua. (B)

Days 5-8 Morning drive along the coastal road with the Gulf on one side and lagoons with flamingos on the other, visiting Xcambo, an important trading centre with impressive Mayan temples, and Progreso where you can stroll and have lunch. Continue to Mérida staying for four nights. One day is at leisure to explore the colonial city. One full day excursion on the Franciscan route visiting the church of Maní, with its open-air chapel built to evangelise natives, the Mayan market village of Oxkutzcab, and one day to the magnificent archaeological sites of Uxmal and Kabah, with intricate, incomparable Puuc stonework. (B)

Days 9-10 Transfer to Celestún Nature Reserve staying for 2 nights. One day to view wildlife and flamingoes. (B)



Tulum Ruins, Days 12-14

Days 11-12 Departure to the ancient pyramids of Chichén Itzá staying for two nights. Explore the extensive site on your own, morning and afternoon, avoiding the midday heat and daytrippers. (B)

Days 13-14 Drive to Cobá, explore the great pyramids set amidst dense forest and onto the coast staying for two nights at Tulum on the Caribbean coast, with one full day to visit the archaeological site

on the coast and relax by the beach. Transfer to Cancún on Day 15 for your direct flight non-stop to London, arriving the following Day 16. (B)

The Balam Tour departs every day, 16 days INCLUDING: 14 nights' accommodation with breakfast, all flights (1 overnight), transfers, excursions and transport as shown. Please refer to pages 190 - 193 for further details of what is included.

Cobá archaeological site, Day 13



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	Tourist			First		
	1 Single Traveller	Travelling Together Double	Own Room	1 Single Traveller	Travelling Together Double	Own Room
BALAM Tour						
25Dec-21Jun, 17Aug-12Dec	£3965	£2488	£3228	£4678	£2934	£4004
22Jun-16Aug, 13Dec-24Dec	£4395	£2918	£3658	£5108	£3364	£4434
SISAL Tour	Deluxe					
25Dec-21Jun, 17Aug-12Dec	£8152	£4574	£7409			
22Jun-16Aug, 13Dec-24Dec	£8582	£5004	£7839			

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The wealth produced by planting Sisal is visible in the opulent country Haciendas of the Yucatán, now converted into small, deluxe, character hotels. Enjoy the colonial decoration, architecture and furniture, gardens and swimming pool and visit the impressive Mayan Pyramids as well as the cities and small villages, before retiring to the Caribbean coast for a spot of sea breeze, sun and swimming at a beach resort.

The Sisal Tour

14 night Itinerary

Cancún - 1 night

Hacienda San José - 3 nights

Hacienda Campeche - 3 nights

Hacienda Mérida - 2 nights

Hacienda Chichén Itzá - 1 night

Deluxe Beach Resort Esencia - 4 nights

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Campeche Fort, Days 5-7

Day 1 Depart on a daytime, direct, non-stop flight on British Airways to Cancún in the Yucatán peninsula. Arrival transfer. You should not sleep on the daytime flight so that on arrival, you are ready for a good night's sleep, avoiding jetlag. (B)

Days 2-4 In the morning you will be driven to the colonial Hacienda San José converted to a luxury hotel and stay for

Hacienda San José, Days 2-4



three nights. Two days free to enjoy the tranquil gardens and park of the Hacienda, swimming pool, excellent cuisine and explore the countryside. (B)

Days 5-7 Visit Hacienda Temozon and the archaeological site at Uxmal with elegant Puuc architecture and intricate decorations, on the way to Hacienda Campeche staying for three nights. Two days to visit the surrounding Mayan villages, the Mayan ruins at Edzná and explore the colonial city of Campeche. (B)

Days 8-9 Transfer to Mérida for two nights. One full day to enjoy the Mexican feel of this historic city. (B)

Day 10 Morning transfer to the town of Izamal to visit its magnificent colonial monastery, and continue to Chichén Itzá staying for one night. Time to explore on your own the grandiose, austere and extensive Mayan archaeological site, one of the largest cities, (AD600-900) with the Kukulcan Temple pyramid El Castillo, the Ball Court, Temple of Warriors and El Caracol astronomical observatory. (B)



Caribbean Sea, Days 11-14

Days 11-14 Visit the "human sacrifice cenote" of Dzitnup and continue to the Caribbean coast with turquoise clear water and beautiful sandy beaches, staying for 4 nights in the tranquility, beauty and comfort of Hotel Esencia. Please refer to page 160 for details. (B)

On Day 15 transfer to Cancún airport for

your flight home arriving day 16.

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Hacienda Temozon, Day 5

