

Treasures of Mexico

MEXICO CITY ● OAXACA ● PALENQUE ● CANCUN

The Offer

Enjoy an unforgettable 18-day adventure through the heart of Mexico, from energetic Mexico City to tropical Cancun. This country is a tapestry of wonders waiting to be discovered with rich ancient cultures, mouthwatering cuisine, picturesque landscapes and more. So, what are you waiting for?

Your journey begins in Mexico City where you'll uncover the extraordinary Aztec ruins of Teotihuacan and learn about the Agave plant during a tequila tasting. You'll also visit must-see landmarks on a guided tour of its historic centre, photograph pre-Hispanic artefacts at Mexico's national museum and more. Head south for a delightful boat ride on colourful trajineras (flat-bottomed boats), marvel at diverse cacti at the Zapotitlan cactus forest and sample tacos made with fried insects like ants. Explore the historic centre of Oaxaca during a guided walking tour, encounter the renowned Tule Tree and uncover the art of weaving from the artisan village of Teotitlan del Valle.

Head to a local distillery in Mitla to learn about mezcal, journey towards the captivating city of San Cristobal de las Casas and admire the remarkable Sumidero Canyon while cruising along the Grijalva River. Swim in the alluring crystal waters of Agua Azul Falls, explore the majestic Mayan ruins of Palenque and indulge in 'pan dulce' (sweetbread) at the Mayan village of Pomuch. See well-preserved architecture at the adorned 'Pyramid of the Magician' and stop at the charming town of Becal, celebrated for its traditional Panama hat-making. Stop by Ik-Kil where archaeologists have discovered long-forgotten treasures before travelling to Chichen Itza to spend the night within one of the New 7 Wonders of the World. Afterwards, navigate to Cancun to swim in the turquoise waters of the Caribbean Sea, soak up the sun from the white sand beaches and experience the vibrant nightlife.

Embrace the beauty of Mexico with return international full-service flights, 15 nights of hotel accommodation, 16 meals, 5 unique food experiences plus much more.

Want more? Add extra days to your itinerary by choosing Itinerary 2 to spend more time in Cancun, experience the laid-back bohemian vibe of Playa del Carmen and more. You can also Arrive Early and Stay Behind in San Francisco and Los Angeles.



The Map


LAND
DAY TRIP
FLIGHTS
EXTENSION
Chichén Itzá
Cancun
Mérida
Uxmal
Ik Kil Cenote
GULF OF MEXICO
Playa del Carmen
Mexico City
Teotihuacan
San Cristobal de las Casas
MEXICO
Campeche
Puebla
CARIBBEAN SEA
Zapotitlán
Cenote Miguel Colorado
Oaxaca
Xochimilco
Palenque
Cholula
Sumidero Canyon
Tonantzintla
Tehuantepec



The Itinerary

Itinerary 1

Day 1 Australia (or New Zealand) - Mexico City, Mexico

Today, you'll depart from Australia (or New Zealand) to Mexico City, Mexico. Upon arrival in Mexico City, you'll be met and transferred to the hotel. The remainder of the afternoon is yours to spend at leisure so enjoy exploring this dynamic metropolis in the Valley of Mexico.

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Overnight: Best Western Hotel Majestic or similar, Mexico City
Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Mexico City: Teotihuacan Ruins, Tequila Workshop & City Tour

After breakfast this morning, you'll have the chance to visit the extraordinary Aztec ruins of Teotihuacan (entrance fee included), located just an hour's drive away. You'll have time to explore the magical site and marvel at the iconic Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon. Afterwards, you'll enjoy a welcome lunch and tequila tasting at a local restaurant where you can also witness the production process of the nopal edible cactus during a short workshop. You'll learn about the Agave plant from which the alcoholic drink pulque is extracted.

In the afternoon, you'll return to Mexico City for a guided tour of its historic centre. You'll visit must-see landmarks such as the Palacio Nacional that's adorned with remarkable murals by Diego Rivera, and the Grand Cathedral which is an architectural masterpiece showcasing baroque and neo-classical elements.

You'll stop at Alameda Park, a stunning cultural venue reflecting Art Nouveau and Art Deco influences that's home to the renowned Palacio de Bellas Artes.

In the evening, you'll be returned to the hotel where the remainder of the night will be spent at leisure.

Full-day tour from 08:00 to 18:00.

Overnight: Best Western Hotel Majestic or similar, Mexico City
Meals included: Breakfast; Lunch

Day 3 Mexico City: Museo de Antropologia & Xochimilco Boat Ride

The day begins with a visit to the renowned 'Museo de Antropologia' (entrance fee included), Mexico's national and most visited museum. Here, you'll find the largest trove of archaeological and anthropological Mexican artifacts in the world. This exceptional institution also houses a vast collection of pre-Hispanic artifacts, providing an immersive journey into the intricate details of ancient Mexican cultures.

In the afternoon, you'll head south to Xochimilco. The area is known for its extensive network of canals which are the remnants of the ancient Lake Xochimilco, and is famous for its colourful trajineras (flat-bottomed boats) that tourists and locals alike use to navigate the canals. You'll then embark on a delightful boat ride through the vibrant floating gardens, offering a captivating and picturesque experience that promises lasting memories.

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Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Mexico City - Puebla - Tonantzintla & Cholula

Leave behind bustling Mexico City and venture towards the enchanting colonial architecture of Puebla. Along the way, you'll pause for a photo opportunity at a 3,300-metre-high viewpoint offering breathtaking vistas of the towering Popocatepetl volcano.

Puebla, one of Mexico's oldest cities, beckons with its renowned culinary scene, notably the creation of the iconic 'mole' sauce which is a delectable blend of 30 spices including chocolate. Before reaching Puebla, make a brief stop in the charming town of Cholula, home to the world's largest pyramid in terms of volume. On the outskirts of Cholula, visit the captivating Santa Maria Tonantzintla Church, an architectural masterpiece boasting a unique fusion of styles known as 'Indigenous Baroque'.

Upon arrival, check in to the hotel where the remainder of the day is yours at leisure.

Full-day tour from 08:00 to 18:00.

Overnight: Hotel Colonial de Puebla or similar, Puebla
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Puebla - Zapotitlan Cactus Forest - Oaxaca

Continuing your journey, set your sights on the captivating state of Oaxaca.

Along the way, you'll explore the Zapotitlan cactus forest (entrance fee included). This is an expansive natural reserve teeming with around 80 diverse species of cacti, offering a unique and immersive experience amidst the region's remarkable flora. While in town, you can sample bold and adventurous culinary delights such as tacos made with fried insects like ants, scorpions and grasshoppers. Why not expand and awaken your taste buds to these exotic, yet surprisingly delicious delicacies

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Full-day tour from 08:00 to 18:00.

Overnight: Oaxaca Real Hotel or similar, Oaxaca
Meals included: Breakfast



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Day 6 Monte Alban & Oaxaca City Tour

Following breakfast, you'll embark on an early departure towards Monte Albán (entrance fee included), located approximately 45 minutes from the city of Oaxaca. This remarkable archaeological site served as the ceremonial heart of the Zapotec civilisation, boasting rich history dating back to 500 BC. Monte Albán is one of the earliest cities in Mesoamerica and played a crucial role in the cultural and political development of the region. Its impressive ruins include temples, pyramids and plazas, all showcasing the architectural and artistic achievements of the Zapotec people. Perched atop a mountain, Monte Alban also offers breathtaking panoramic views of the surrounding landscape.

In the afternoon, you can explore the historic centre of Oaxaca on foot during a guided walking tour. After strolling by the highlights in the historical centre of Oaxaca, visit the city's most famous local market and take your taste buds on a journey of Oaxaca's cuisine by tasting Oaxaca string cheese quesadillas, Tlayudas, tamales and a delicious cup of hot chocolate.

Full-day tour from 08:00 to 18:00.

Overnight: Oaxaca Real Hotel or similar, Oaxaca
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Oaxaca - Tule Tree - Teotitlán del Valle - Mitla - Tehuantepec

Today you'll embark on a journey to Tehuantepec. While Tehuantepec itself may not offer extensive attractions beyond the hotel with a refreshing swimming pool, its strategic location serves as a perfect midpoint between Oaxaca and your upcoming destination, San Cristobal de las Casas in the state of Chiapas.

From Oaxaca, you'll enjoy a scenic drive of approximately four and a half hours with fascinating stops along the way. This includes encountering the renowned Tule Tree in the charming town of Santa María del Tule, a colossal cypress recognized as the widest tree in Mexico, boasting an impressive trunk (entrance fee included). You'll then arrive at Teotitlan del Valle, one of Oaxaca's prominent artisan villages. This culturally rich town holds a profound textile heritage that spans thousands of years with the majority of families mastering the art of weaving. The last stop will be at a local mezcal distillery in Mitla where you can learn how this alcoholic drink is produced from yield to bottle, and enjoy the opportunity to sample locally made mezcal.

Full-day tour from 08:00 to 18:00.

Overnight: Hotel Calli or similar, Tehuantepec
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 Tehuantepec - Sumidero Canyon - San Cristobal de las Casas

Following breakfast, journey towards the captivating city of San Cristobal de las Casas.



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To make the relatively 5-hour drive a memorable experience, the journey will detour to the remarkable Sumidero Canyon in the state of Chiapas. The canyon was formed approximately 35 million years ago, during the same age as the Grand Canyon in the United States of America. This narrow and deep gorge holds a poignant history as native warriors chose to plunge into its depths rather than surrender to Spanish conquerors during the colonial era. You'll take a breathtaking 2-hour boat trip through the canyon on the Grijalva River. This is your chance to see the vertical walls as high as 1,000 meters, spot fascinating flora and perhaps even see spider monkeys or crocodiles.

As the afternoon draws to a close, you'll check in to the hotel in the enchanting city of San Cristobal de las Casas.

Full-day tour from 08:00 to 18:00.

Overnight: Hotel Arrecife de Coral or similar, San Cristóbal de las Casas
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 9 Chamula & Zinacantan Villages - San Cristobal de las Casas

Adventure into the captivating communities of San Juan Chamula and Zinacantan (entrance fee included).

San Juan Chamula stands as a popular destination, offering a remarkable experience within its church. Witnessing the amalgamation of ancient Mayan rituals and Catholic customs is truly magnificent, showcasing syncretism at its finest. You'll also explore Zinacantan, renowned for its stunning traditional costumes. The friendly local women often extend invitations to their homes, providing a firsthand glimpse into the art of working with hip looms. This presents a wonderful opportunity to acquire vibrant and authentic souvenirs that beautifully capture the essence of the region.

Full-day tour from 08:00 to 18:00.a

Overnight: Hotel Arrecife de Coral or similar, San Cristóbal de las Casas
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 10 San Cristobal de las Casas - Palenque

Today, after an early start, you'll journey towards Palenque. The total travel time for the day will be around 7 hours, however, along the way, you'll stop at the mesmerizing Agua Azul and Misol-Ha waterfalls (entrance fee included). If the weather permits, the Agua Azul Falls exhibit an alluring crystal blue hue. Take the opportunity to leisurely explore the surroundings, perhaps even taking a refreshing dip in the invigorating waters.

After a relaxing time at the falls, you can check into the hotel in Palenque and enjoy the remainder of the evening at leisure in this picturesque destination nestled amidst lush jungle landscapes.

Full-day tour from 08:00 to 18:00.

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Meals included: Breakfast



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Day 11 Palenque Ruins

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Full-day tour from 08:00 to 14:00.

Overnight: Nututun Palenque or similar, Palenque
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12 Palenque - Cenote Miguel Colorado - Campeche

You'll drive around 5 hours to the tranquil and serene town of Campeche which holds a tumultuous history that earned it the nickname "the Pirate City". During the era of Spanish colonization, the port of Campeche faced relentless attacks from infamous pirates like John Hawkins and Francis Drake who targeted the valuable cargo-laden ships. In response, the city initiated the construction of fortified walls in 1686 to safeguard against these marauding pirates.

En route to Campeche, you'll stop by Miguel Colorado, a natural reserve boasting the impressive Miguel Colorado cenote (a vast open-air sinkhole with crystal-clear waters). This presents an ideal opportunity for a refreshing swim in this breathtaking setting.

Full-day tour from 08:00 to 18:00.

Overnight: Hotel Mision Campeche or similar, Campeche
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 13 Campeche - Edzna & Uxmal Ruins - Merida

Driving from Campeche to Merida typically takes around two and a half hours, but it would be a missed opportunity not to explore the fascinating sites along the way.

The first stop is the archaeological zone of Edzna (entrance fee included), a hidden gem that remains relatively unknown to mass tourism. Edzna is renowned for its intricate irrigation systems and boasts impressive structures such as the 'House of Five Floors' which showcases the distinctive Chenes architectural style of the Mayan civilization.

You'll then visit the Mayan village of Pomuch to try one of the many different ‘pan dulce’ (sweetbreads). People from the cities of Campeche and Merida drive all the way to buy their bread at this little village, where 80% of local income is generated from the production of bread. Afterwards, you'll head to Uxmal (entrance fee included) where the magnificently adorned 'Pyramid of the Magician' and the renowned 'Governor's Palace' stand as exceptional examples of the Puuc architectural style. Uxmal is hailed as one of the most significant cities in the entire Mayan world, enchanting visitors with its well-preserved architecture, cultural and historical importance and mesmerising beauty. You'll then make a delightful detour to the charming town



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Upon arrival in Merida, enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Full day tour from 08:00 to 18:00.

Overnight: Hotel Nacional Merida or similar, Merida
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 14 Merida - Izamal - Ik-Kil Cenote - Chichen Itza

Your day begins with a delightful walking tour through the historic centre of Merida. This is a city that marks the end of Spanish occupation in the Yucatan peninsula after its founding in 1542. The influence of Spanish colonialism can still be seen in the charming street layout and the abundance of colonial buildings surrounding the central square, known as the 'Zocalo'. Often referred to as 'the white city' or 'the Paris of Mexico', Merida exudes an enchanting ambience.

You'll then venture into the town of Izamal, a vibrant yellow-painted village that held significant importance as a ceremonial centre for the Mayans before the arrival of the Spaniards. The town's grand Franciscan monastery, a colossal structure, showcases the captivating blend of Spanish and indigenous influences, standing as one of the most splendid monastic complexes in the Yucatan peninsula. Afterwards, you'll stop by the mesmerizing sinkhole of Ik-Kil where archaeologists have discovered bones and jewellery, showing it used to serve as a location for Mayan sacrificial rituals to honour their rain god, Chaac.

You'll then reach Chichen Itza, your final destination for the day.

Full day tour from 08:00 to 18:00.

Overnight: Hotel Villas Arqueologicas Chichén Itza or similar, Chichén Itza
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 15 Chichen Itza - Cancun

Following breakfast your adventure starts at Chichen Itza (entrance fee included), a remarkable Mayan city and one of the seven New Wonders of the World. This expansive archaeological site showcases Mexico's rich Mayan heritage, featuring iconic structures such as the awe-inspiring Kukulcan pyramid, the fascinating nunnery and the largest ballcourt in Mesoamerica.

Afterwards, you'll continue to Cancun to enjoy the evening at leisure in this lively city that borders the turquoise waters of the Caribbean Sea. Be sure to immerse yourself in its eclectic mix of diverse culinary experiences, white sand beaches, vibrant nightlife and unique cultural traditions.

Full day tour from 08:00 to 15:00.

Overnight: Ambiance Suites Cancun or similar, Cancun
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 16 Cancun, Mexico - Australia (or New Zealand)

Today, at the appropriate time, you'll be transferred to the airport in preparation for the return flight home.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight



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Day 17 In-Transit

Sit back, relax and reminisce on the memories created over the past couple of weeks travelling through magnificent Mexico!

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 18 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

Upon arrival in Australia (or New Zealand), make your own onward travel arrangements.



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Day 7 Oaxaca - Tule Tree - Teotitlan del Valle - Mitla - Tehuantepec

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Full-day tour from 08:00 to 18:00.

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Meals included: Breakfast

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Full-day tour from 08:00 to 18:00.

Overnight: Hotel Arrecife de Coral or similar, San Cristóbal de las Casas
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Day 9 Chamula & Zinacantan Villages - San Cristobal de las Casas

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Full-day tour from 08:00 to 18:00.

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Day 10 San Cristobal de las Casas - Palenque

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Full-day tour from 08:00 to 14:00.

Overnight: Nututun Palenque or similar, Palenque
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12 Palenque - Cenote Miguel Colorado - Campeche

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Meals included: Breakfast

Day 13 Campeche - Edzna & Uxmal Ruins - Merida

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Upon arrival in Merida, enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

Full day tour from 08:00 to 18:00.

Overnight: Hotel Nacional Merida or similar, Mérida
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 14 Merida - Izamal - Ik-Kil Cenote - Chichen Itza

Your day begins with a delightful walking tour through the historic centre of Merida. This is a city that marks the end of Spanish occupation in the Yucatan peninsula after its founding in 1542. The influence of Spanish colonialism can still be seen in the charming street layout and the abundance of colonial buildings surrounding the central square, known as the 'Zocalo'. Often referred to as 'the white city' or 'the Paris of Mexico', Mérida exudes an enchanting ambience.

You'll then venture into the town of Izamal, a vibrant yellow-painted village that held significant importance as a ceremonial centre for the Mayans before the arrival of the Spaniards. The town's grand Franciscan monastery, a colossal structure, showcases the captivating blend of Spanish and indigenous influences, standing as one of the most splendid monastic complexes in the Yucatan peninsula. Afterwards, you'll stop by the mesmerizing sinkhole of Ik-Kil where archaeologists have discovered bones and jewellery, showing it used to serve as a location for Mayan sacrificial rituals to honour their rain god, Chaac.

You'll then reach Chichen Itza, your final destination for the day.

Full day tour from 08:00 to 18:00.

Overnight: Hotel Villas Arqueologicas Chichén Itza or similar, Chichén Itza
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 15 Chichen Itza - Cancun

Following breakfast your adventure starts at Chichen Itza (entrance fee included), a remarkable Mayan city and one of the seven New Wonders of the World. This expansive archaeological site showcases Mexico's rich Mayan heritage, featuring iconic structures such as the awe-inspiring Kukulcan pyramid, the fascinating nunnery and the largest ballcourt in Mesoamerica.

Afterwards, you'll continue to Cancun to enjoy the evening at leisure in this lively city that borders the turquoise waters of the Caribbean Sea. Be sure to immerse yourself in its eclectic mix of diverse culinary experiences, white sand beaches, vibrant nightlife and unique cultural traditions.

Full day tour from 08:00 to 15:00.

Overnight: Ambiance Suites Cancun or similar, Cancun
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 16 Cancun Free Day

After a long journey exploring the Mexican landscape, relax in the crystal-clear blue waters of Cancun. You'll enjoy staying in paradise with warm and sunny conditions all year round, perfect for just lounging by the beach with a cocktail.



The Itinerary

Itinerary 2

Explore all Cancun has to offer by visiting the Cancun Underwater Museum (not included), a unique attraction featuring submerged sculptures. Explore local markets, upscale malls and boutiques for unique and beautiful Mexican souvenirs. Indulge your senses in traditional Mexican cuisine and fresh seafood at some of Cancun's best local restaurants and eateries. At night, experience the vibrant Cancun nightlife with beachfront clubs, bars and live music venues.

Please note: All above suggested activities are at your own expense.

Overnight: Ambiance Suites Cancun or similar, Cancun
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 17 Cancun - Playa del Carmen

At the appropriate time, you'll be transferred from your hotel to Playa del Carmen. This is a unique hotspot of natural beauty and vibrant culture located along the Riviera Maya in Mexico. Combining the allure of tropical beaches with cultural richness, Playa del Carmen is a popular destination for anyone seeking relaxation and adventure.

Why not take a day trip to the archeological sites of Tulum and Coba to explore more of the Mayan history and architecture. Venture out to Cozumel boasting white sand beaches, coral reefs perfect for snorkeling and diving.

Please note: All suggested activities are at your own expense.

Overnight: HM Playa del Carmen or similar, Playa del Carmen
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 18 Playa del Carmen - Day at Leisure

Enjoy another day in paradise!

Take a trip down to Fifth Avenue (La Quinta), a pedestrian-friendly street in the heart of Playa del Carmen, lined with shops, restaurants and cafes. Be sure to come back in the evening to explore the nightlife. Embark on a jungle tour, wildlife encounter or a visit to the eco-parks like Xcaret and Xel-Ha, two natural water parks highlighting the beauty and diversity of the Mexican Caribbean.

Please note: All suggested activities are at your own expense.

Overnight: HM Playa del Carmen or similar, Playa del Carmen
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 19 Playa del Carmen - Day at Leisure

As this unforgettable trip comes to an end, enjoy the day in Mexico soaking up the Caribbean sun. Be sure to stock up on some souvenirs for home or have one adventure exploring the Mayan ruins or secluded islands.

Overnight: HM Playa del Carmen or similar, Playa del Carmen
Meals included: Breakfast

Day 20 Cancun, Mexico - Australia (or New Zealand)

Today, at the appropriate time, you'll be transferred to the airport in preparation for the return flight home.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight



The Itinerary

Itinerary 2

Day 21 In-Transit

Sit back, relax and reminisce on the memories created over the past couple of weeks travelling through magnificent Mexico!

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 22 Arrive Australia (or New Zealand)

Upon arrival in Australia (or New Zealand), make your own onward travel arrangements.



18-DAY TOUR PACKAGE | TREASURES OF MEXICO

Tour Inclusions

HIGHLIGHTS

Immerse yourself in Mexico's heritage, cuisine and vibrant culture

Tour eclectic Mexico City and the Aztec archaeological ruins in Teotihuacan

Take a tequila tasting and workshop to learn about the Agave plant

Traverse the canals of Xochimilco onboard a colourful trajineras (flat-bottomed boat)

Be awed by Mexico's iconic 5,400-metre-high volcano of Popocatepetl, known as 'El Popo'

Visit the Great Pyramid of Cholula, the world's largest pyramid base

Explore the archaeological site of Monte Albán at the centre of the Zapotec civilization

Take a picturesque boat ride on the impressive Sumidero Canyon

Discover the cultural traditions of San Juan Chamula and Zinacantan

Admire Mexico's traditional hacienda architecture, artisan villages, textile heritage and colourful Tehuana dress

Swim in the clear waters of Agua Azul Falls (Blue Waters Falls) and Misol-Ha Falls

Venture to the Mayan city of Palenque, estimated to have been occupied from 226 BC to 799 AD

Marvel at the beauty of limestone sinkholes, known as cenotes

Swim in the crystalline waters of Miguel Colorado and Ik-kil cenotes

See Uxmal's tallest iconic Mayan landmark, the Pyramid of the Magician

Soak up the colonial city of Merida on a walking tour, often referred to as 'the Paris of Mexico'

Spend an evening within the grounds of the iconic Mayan site of Chichen Itza

Witness the magnificent Chichén Itzá, one of the Seven New Wonders of the World

Dive into the vibrant waters of the Caribbean Sea from Cancun

FLIGHTS

Return international full-service flights (economy class), departure city surcharges may apply (Excludes Trip Only option)

ACCOMMODATION

15 nights of 3 and 4-star hotel accommodation

DINING

16 meals included

Savour 5 unique Mexican food experiences including tequila tasting, edible insect taco tasting, Oaxaca street food tasting, Mezcal distillery tour and tasting, plus a "Pan dulce" (sweet bread) tasting

ESSENTIALS

English-speaking tour guides

Airline taxes and surcharges

All entrance fees for day tours, national parks, taxes and permits (unless otherwise specified)

TRANSPORT

Transportation by private air-conditioned vehicles

TRANSFERS

Return airport transfers (Excludes Trip Only option)



Tour Inclusions

EXTENSION PACKAGE

All of the above plus the following:
1-night of accommodation in Cancun

3 nights of accommodation in Playa del Carmen

Indulge in daily breakfast

Important Information

**Please note: All information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.*

Booking Information

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. You must complete the Passenger Information Form within 72 hours of purchase.
Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.
On purchasing this Travel Offer, you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions and the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please note: All countries and territories have different entry requirements in relation to vaccinations, quarantine/isolation periods and travel restrictions. Due to the evolving nature, we would ask all of our customers to monitor, meet and adhere to the specific requirements of their intended destination(s) in the lead-up to and immediately before travel, as well as any requirements post-travel upon their return.

Our Policies

Cancellation & Refund Policy

By placing a booking with us, you acknowledge the following important information:

- **we act as your booking agent:** TripADeal is a booking services provider, and curates the Travel Offers available on our website. We act as your booking agent, and we receive payment for the Booking Services as part of the booking price, however, we do not provide any of the Travel Services (flights, accommodation, tours or other products or services) included in your booking – the Travel Services are provided by a number of third party Travel Suppliers.
- **each booking is unique:** our Travel Offers are made up of a variety of different components and are, during the booking process, uniquely tailored to suit your requirements, for example, departure dates and ports, flight and room upgrades, tour inclusions, etc.
- **changes/modifications to your booking may not be possible:** once your booking has been made, changes or modifications may not be possible, and where possible, may incur a fee. It is important to ensure that the information you provide during the booking process is accurate and up to date, and that you read the Travel Offer carefully before placing your order.
- **Travel Offers are a package:** our Travel Offers have been curated into package offerings and must be used as a package – individual components cannot be used independently of the full package offering.
- **our Travel Offers are generally non-refundable:** in order to provide great value Travel Offers, we work with a variety of Travel Suppliers to find the best deals – this often means the Travel Suppliers' offerings are non-refundable to ensure the best price. We recommend that you obtain travel insurance as soon as you make a booking with us.

To read more about our Cancellation and Refund Policy, please click here.

General Terms & Conditions

By placing your booking with us, you acknowledge and agree to our Terms & Conditions, Privacy Policy and Cancellation Policy.

Offer Essentials

This travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 9th November 2027.
This travel offer is priced per person based on a twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers, a mandatory single supplement applies:
2027 Standard Itinerary: $820
2027 Extension Itinerary: $1,370

Departure Dates & Surcharges

See checkout for live dates and availability.

Flights

(Flight information for options excluding Trip Only)

Departure Cities

Sydney, *Melbourne, *Brisbane, *Adelaide, *Perth and Auckland (New Zealand)

Departure City Surcharges

- Brisbane: $400 per person
- Melbourne: $100 per person
- Adelaide: $700 per person
- Perth: $1000 per person

International Full-Service Airline(s)

- Cabin Class: Economy Class

Please note: We cannot accommodate one-way flights. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Preferred Airline Surcharge

- Cabin Class: Economy Class.
- Delta Airlines: $300 per person.
- Qantas Airways: $500 per person.
- United Airlines: $300 per person

Please note:

- *Preferred airlines are subject to availability. If we are unable to fulfil your request, the above extra cost will be refunded.*
- *On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed, subject to aircraft configuration.*

Important Information

- *In the event that a purchased stopover package and a purchased preferred airline upgrade are not compatible, you will have the option to receive a refund for the preferred airline upgrade or be offered an alternative stopover city option, e.g if you choose to fly with Singapore Airlines you cannot stopover in Dubai.*
- *Preferred airline refers to the marketing carrier and could include codeshare partners.*

Arrive Early & Stay Behind Options

Fly out and return home up to 60 days pre and post your tour dates.

Arrive Early

- Mexico City, Mexico - $300 per person, subject to availability.
- San Francisco, USA - $400 per person, subject to availability.
- Los Angeles, USA - $400 per person, subject to availability.

Stay Behind

- Cancun, Mexico - $300 per person, subject to availability.
- San Francisco, USA - $400 per person, subject to availability.
- Los Angeles, USA - $400 per person, subject to availability.

Please note:

- ***Exclusions:***

  This fee does not include extra nights' accommodation, meals or airport transfers.

- ***Internal Flights:***

  If you select to Arrive Early or Stay Behind in a city other than the one where the tour starts or ends, the package will include an internal flight to your destination. If you wish to forfeit this flight, please advise our friendly team at the time of purchase. Please note that the cost does not change when you choose to forfeit your connecting flight.

- ***Cancellations & Changes:***

  Flight booking changes or cancellations after air tickets have been issued are not guaranteed and may incur additional fees and fare difference, subject to the airline cancellation and change policies. Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

- ***High-Season:***

  A high-season Arrive Early or Stay Behind can be purchased for an additional charge, subject to availability. For pricing, please refer to the cart.

- ***+ 60 days:***

  You can fly out up to 60 days before your package's start date, and/or return home 60 days after your package's end date. Should you wish to fly out or return home for more than 60 days from the tour, please contact us to request availability. Additional costs may apply.

- ***Estimated dates:***

  Your estimated departure, return, and arrival dates are all subject to availability and may vary. The confirmed schedule for all flights will be provided when you receive your flight tickets.

- *High season surcharges apply to flights departing between the below date ranges:*
- *28 March 2025 - 27 April 2025*
- *16 June 2025 - 20 July 2025*
- *15 September 2025 - 12 October 2025*
- *1 December 2025 - 31 January 2026*
- *3 April 2026 - 20 April 2026*
- *26 June 2026 - 17 July 2026*
- *18 September 2026 - 9 October 2026*
- *12 December 2026 - 26 January 2027*

Flight Class Upgrades

Business Class: For pricing, please refer to the payment cart at checkout.

Please note:

- *Flight upgrades are subject to availability and pricing changes (if we cannot fulfil your request, the upgrade cost will be refunded).*
- *On any upgrade purchase, short-haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed.*

Missed Flights

If you fail to arrive for your outbound flight, you risk all flight and land arrangements in your destination being automatically cancelled by the airlines and land operator, respectively. Additional fees may apply to reinstate these services. If you miss your flight for whatever reason, please contact us as soon as possible to make arrangements.

Trip Only Option

If you choose to remove international flights from your package, your holiday may be shorter, as travel days for flights are not included in the Trip Only package. You will receive an email confirmation when minimum numbers have been met and the departure is guaranteed.
We recommend making further travel arrangements, such as flights, after you have received confirmation of a guaranteed departure.
TripADeal assumes no liability for financial losses incurred due to travel arrangements made prior to confirmation of guaranteed departure.
Note: The Trip Only Package does not include return international airfares or airport transfers. At the conclusion of the tour, you will be responsible for booking your own onward travel.
Click here for full Trip Only terms and conditions (see section 4.1)

Accommodation

3-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Mexico City: Best Western Hotel Majestic.
- Puebla: Hotel Colonial de Puebla.
- Tehuantepec: Hotel Calli.
- Campeche: Hotel Mision Campeche.
- Chichen Itza: Hotel Villas Arqueologicas Chichen Itza.

4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Oaxaca: Oaxaca Real Hotel.
- San Cristobal: Hotel Arrecife de Coral.
- Palenque: Hotel Nututun Palenque.
- Merida: Hotel Nacional Merida.
- Cancun: Ambiance Suites Cancun.

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Extension Package Only: 4-Star Properties (Self-Rated)

- Playa del Carmen: HM Playa del Carmen.

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type and are subject to availability based on seasonality. In the instance a property is not available, a similar standard of accommodation will be provided. Properties will be confirmed and included in your travel pack, which you will receive 4-6 weeks before travel.

Extra Nights

Not available.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Child Policy

- No child discounts. The full price applies to all children travelling with their parents.
- Valid for children 18 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors are allowed.

Bedding Configuration

Twin or double bedding (subject to availability).

General Information

Minimum group size 15, maximum group size 30 per vehicle.

Exclusions

- Visa fees and requirements.
- Transfers and flights not stated in the deal offer.
- Meals/beverages not stated in the deal offer.
- Recommended gratuities/tipping (please refer to Other Important Information - "Gratuities/Tipping" for further details).
- Optional activities/tours.
- Personal expenses.
- City taxes.
- Travel insurance.
- Any costs associated with an interruption to your tour as a result of an airline schedule change or cancellation.

Please note: Return international flights and transfers to and from the tour are not included in the Trip Only option.

Other Important Information

TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on the history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction where they are guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves it at the end of the tour; they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides at each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village and offer information on the place visited on the bus. However, they are not required to have specific art, architecture, or historical knowledge. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and, if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Mexico City

Mexico City has a subtropical highland climate, characterised by mild to warm temperatures throughout the year. However, due to its high elevation of around 2,240 metres above sea level, the city experiences cooler temperatures compared to other cities at similar latitudes. The climate in Mexico City can be divided into two distinct seasons: the dry season and the rainy season. The dry season typically spans from November to April, while the rainy season lasts from May to October. During the dry season, Mexico City enjoys mild temperatures with average highs ranging from 20°C to 25°C and cooler nights with temperatures dropping to around 10°C. In contrast, the rainy season brings increased precipitation to the city. The temperatures during this season remain relatively mild, with average highs ranging from 22°C to 24°C. Regardless of the season, Mexico City experiences relatively high humidity due to its location in a valley surrounded by mountains. The humidity levels are often higher during the rainy season.

Oaxaca

Oaxaca has a tropical savannah climate, closely bordering on a humid subtropical climate, due to its high altitude. During the dry season, temperatures during the day remain warm with an average high of 27°C in the coolest month, December, and an average high of 33°C (in April, just before the beginning of the wet season.) Although daytime temperatures are warm, nighttime temperatures are cool with an average low of 9°C in January. Due to its altitude of 1,555m the climate of Oaxaca is cooler than lowland areas at the same latitude.

Merida

Merida features a tropical wet and dry climate. The city lies in the trade wind belt close to the Tropic of Cancer, with the prevailing wind from the east. Merida's climate is hot and its humidity is moderate to high, depending on the time of year. The average annual high temperature is 33°C, ranging from 28°C in January to 36°C in May, but temperatures often rise above 38°C in the afternoon during this time. Low temperatures range between 18°C in

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January to 23°C in May and June. It is most often a few degrees hotter in Merida than in coastal areas due to its inland location and low elevation.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points

We do not arrange seat selection. It is essential to highlight that some airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the airline directly with seating allocation requirements and/or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the airline once you have your flight information.

Passport Validity

Customers must provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase or no later than 45 days before the departure date. Failure to do so may result in the cancellation of the booking. Customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred in this instance.

COACH TOUR

Meals

For meals not included, the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify us of any dietary requests/requirements.

Please note: We will do our best to meet your requests/requirements; however, we cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on tour. You must carry your own luggage from the vehicle to the hotel room and back to the vehicle. The driver will assist with the uploading and unloading of bags from the vehicle.

OTHER

Mobility

If you require wheelchair access please contact our friendly sales and service team to inquire on your behalf.

Fitness Level Required:

Adventure (and spontaneity) create some of the best travel memories. Bear in mind, your home schedules and timings might not be adhered to on tour - it's all part of the fun!
A Moderate level of fitness will be required.
Moderate
Expect a moderate pace of touring with a focus on guided tours that may include full days with extended activity, guided city tours or nature walks. You will require a general level of fitness for unassisted navigation of stairs and inclines, longer distances with possible periods of standing when visiting sites, walking on sloping, uneven ground or elevations. You will be responsible for your own luggage and have the ability to board all modes of transport without assistance. Please note: Many areas may be inaccessible to wheelchairs or mobility scooters, where the unassisted use of personal walking sticks and other aids may be required. Although some assistance may be available, every traveller should be self-reliant during all aspects of their travel.

Please note: It is expected that every traveller must be self-reliant and able to undertake all aspects of their own travel. Please speak to your booking agent about your personal circumstances and any assistance requirements to ensure this tour is right for you.

Please note: If you have any concerns, please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Gratuities/Tipping

Land

Gratuities (tips) are not included for the services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is $5-10 USD per person per day. This covers the guide/leader and the driver and will be collected on tour.

Please note: Tipping for services provided is always a matter of personal discretion; however, please be aware that many locals consider tipping part of their normal remuneration, and they may approach you for payment; there's no need to be intimidated by the request.

Sightseeing

Please note: If entry to a site is affected by changes in operating hours or public holiday closures, your itinerary, where possible, may be adjusted, or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

Shopping

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all your receipts. Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader. Please refer to our Terms and Conditions regarding shopping for further information.

Visas

Mexico

If you visit for 180 days or less as a tourist on an Australian Passport, you can get a visa on arrival. Be aware of the date that's stamped in your passport on arrival, as you may not receive the full 180 days. Your visa will expire on the entry stamp date. This is usually for the amount of time you indicate to the immigration officer that you are staying in Mexico.
To avoid being detained or deported, you'll need to:

- Fill in an online Multiple Immigration Form (FMM) and obtain a QR code.
- Make sure your passport is stamped by immigration officials on arrival.
- You can complete the FMM online before you arrive or on arrival.

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- If you're entering by road, make sure you get the stamp on your passport at the immigration office (Instituto Nacional de Migración: Spanish). These are usually located near, but not directly at a border crossing.
- Present your completed FMM for inspection at immigration if entering by air. You'll need to show it when you leave Mexico.

United States (Transiting)

If travelling on an Australian passport, an ESTA (visa waiver) for the USA is a strict requirement when travelling to or flying through the USA. Once a USA ESTA visa waiver is issued it is valid for 2 years or until your passport expires (whichever is sooner) and will allow multiple entries into the USA. For information on ESTA eligibility or to apply, please visit https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/.

Please note: Due to recent changes to USA immigration policies, TripADeal recommends all travellers visit US Customs & Border Protection.

Important:

- *Please start arranging your visa three weeks before departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.*
- *Visa rules may have changed since Covid-19. Some countries and airlines may require you to obtain an additional visa before arrival. Please check with the nearest embassy, consulate or immigration department of the destination you're entering.*

Please note:

- *It is your responsibility to be travel-ready and ensure that you are aware and comply with any destination or travel requirements, including the validity of all required travel documents.*
- *Passengers who are not Australian citizens must also check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required.*
- *It is also important to note that some areas of employment, such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations, may have additional restrictions in applying for visas. This may, in turn, affect the type of application required.*

Travel Insurance

Embarking on your next trip is exciting, and while you hope the unexpected does not happen, it is best to be prepared. We strongly recommend you take out travel insurance when making your booking. Whether it's a potential medical emergency, a flight cancellation, a delayed suitcase, or an unforeseen event, it's important to ensure you're adequately protected. For more information or advice visit https://www.tripadeal.com.au/travel-insurance

Schedule Of Fees

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- Changes - $100 AUD per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/ other travel providers.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been provided, charges of $100 AUD per booking and any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/ other travel providers.

Supplier Fees

In the event the tour package you have purchased is unable to proceed, and/or a travel Supplier is unable to fulfil the tour due to external circumstances (Limitation of Liability e.g. a Force Majeure event), there may be a fee or amount of money that is withheld by our Suppliers and is unrecoverable. This may be due to non-refundable airline tickets, cancellation penalties with cruise cabins or unrecoverable payments with our land/ accommodation partners. If refunds are not available from Suppliers, we will endeavour to obtain a travel credit on the best terms available and communicate these outcomes to you. In the event we are unable to obtain a refund or travel service credit, or part thereof, this cost is passed on to the customer as a Supplier Fee.