

INDEPENDENT TRIPS

## Mayan Adventure 14D/13N

Nature & Adventure

14 Days / 1 Country

Mexico

Departure city: **Cancun, Mexico**

End city: **Cancun, Mexico**



### HIGHLIGHTS

- Awe at impressive Mayan ruinsGo snorkelling in the CaribbeanSwim through unique cenotes

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Experience the best of Mexico's Yucatan peninsula: Isla Mujeres, Playa del Carmen, Tulum & Merida.

### MAP



## What is included



### Independent Trips

Include all of your accommodation, transport and experiences on a pre-set trip that you can customize to perfectly suit your travel needs.



### Accommodation: 13

- 3 Playa del Carmen Junior suite
- 3 Tulum Double room
- 4 Merida Junior suite
- 3 Isla Mujeres Junior suite



### Transport: 6

- Playa del Carmen to Cancun Airport Transfer
- Isla Mujeres to Cancun
- Tulum to Merida
- Cancun Airport Transfer to/from Ferry Terminal
- Cancun to Tulum
- Cancun to Isla Mujeres



### Meals: 11

- 10 Breakfast(s), 1 Lunch(es),



### Experiences: 4

- Chichen Itza Day Trip (from Merida to Playa del Carmen)
- Cenotes Underground Snorkel
- Uxmal & Cenotes Day Tour
- Isla Mujeres Snorkelling Adventure

## What is not included

- Guide throughout the trip
- Personal Expenses
- Meals not mentioned in the itinerary
- Accommodation pick-up drop-off from Bus Stations
- Travel Insurance
- Tips

\*Prices for optional activities are subject to change at any time without prior notice. Please confirm these prices before departing on your trip.

# Experiences Included

## Isla Mujeres Snorkelling Adventure



Snorkel among sea turtles, barracudas, stingrays and a wide variety of tropical fish as a specialised guide leads you through two pristine snorkel stops.

### INCLUDED

- Life jacket and snorkel gear
- Specialised guide
- Two snorkel stops

### NOT INCLUDED

- Meals/Drinks
- Tips
- Travel Insurance

## Cenotes Underground Snorkel



This amazing day tour takes you to the Yucatan's mysterious underground world. Experience snorkelling in the unique 'cenotes' (sinkholes) of Yucatan and immerse yourself in the local culture as you spend time in a traditional Mayan village. You'll meet with locals and visit a traditional Maya medicinal shop while you see some of the region's most precious treasures.

### INCLUDED

- English-speaking guide
- Public transportation and moto taxi ride
- Entrance fees to 3 different cenotes
- Snorkel mask
- Small group experience, Max 12 people
- Lunch

### NOT INCLUDED

- Other Meals and drinks
- Tips for guide
- Personal expenses

## Uxmal & Cenotes Day Tour



Come and experience a beautiful eco-architectural and historical combination. Discover the Spanish architecture by visiting the beautiful Hacienda Yaxcopoil, swim in the crystal clear waters of the spectacular cenotes (sinkholes), and follow the sacred paths of the Mayas.

### INCLUDED

- Transportation in 15-passenger van (hostel pick-up and drop-off)
- English-speaking guide
- Entrance fees

### NOT INCLUDED

- Meals/drinks
- Tips for guide
- Personal expenses

## Chichen Itza Day Trip



Learn about the ancient ways of life in this well-preserved Mayan citadel with an English speaking guide. Ponder the disappearance of this archaeological site's former inhabitants while you walk around these pre-Hispanic ruins. Recently added to the list of the 7 World Wonders, this is a site you don't want to miss!

### INCLUDED

- Transportation
- Hostel pick-up & city center drop-off
- English-speaking guide
- Entrance fee to Chichen Itza archaeological site

### NOT INCLUDED

- Optional buffet lunch (\$120 pesos)
- Extra fees

# Itinerary

## Day 1: Cancun - Isla Mujeres, Mexico



### Cancun to Isla Mujeres

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: Departures every half hour from 05:30 to 21:00 hrs; and 22:00 hrs, and 23:00 hrs and 00:00 hrs.

Duration: 1 hrs.



### Cancun Airport Transfer to/from Ferry Terminal

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes:

Duration: .5 hrs.



### Check-In Poc Na Hostel

## Day 2: Isla Mujeres, Mexico



### Isla Mujeres Snorkelling Adventure

DepartureTimes: 14:00

Duration: 3 hrs.

Enjoy the day in the Caribbean waters snorkeling among sea turtles, barracudas, stingrays and a wide variety of tropical fish. You'll have the chance to stop and explore two snorkel spots with your specialized guide leading the way to the very best locations.



### Poc Na Hostel

## Day 3: Isla Mujeres, Mexico

### ● Free Day

Explore on your own, or add an optional extra experience



### Poc Na Hostel

## Day 4: Cancun - Tulum, Mexico



### Cancun to Tulum

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: 15:45

Duration: 2.5 hrs.



### Isla Mujeres to Cancun

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: Departures every half hour from 05:30 to 21:00 hrs; and 22:00 hrs, and 23:00 hrs and 00:00 hrs.

Duration: 1 hrs.

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## Day 5: Tulum, Mexico

### ● Free Day

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## Day 6: Tulum, Mexico

### ● Free Day

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## Day 7: Tulum - Merida, Mexico

 Tulum to Merida

Type: **Transfer**

DepartureTimes: 02:40, 05:10, 07:10, 09:40, 12:40, 13:40, 14:45, 19:40, 21:40

Duration: 4 hrs.

 Check-In Nomadas Hostel

## Day 8: Merida, Mexico

 Cenotes Underground Snorkel

DepartureTimes: 08:45

Duration: 7 hrs.

Please make your own way to the meeting point in the centre of Merida and from there we'll move as the locals do. Walk through the colonial streets of Merida to catch the local transportation that will take us to a traditional Mayan village. Take a motorbike ride and get into the jungle to find 3 different cenotes (sinkholes), you'll hear the stories and mysteries about this gorgeous subterranean world.

Swim and snorkel in these cenotes, and if you dare, try to reach the bottom and some other hidden places inside these beautiful caverns. After this refreshing time, you will continue your visit in the Mayan Village where you will learn about the traditional Mayan medicine and listen to a prayer in the Mayan language to show gratitude towards the spirits and guards of these places. A local family will give you a taste of local life using their ancient cooking skills to prepare the lunch you are going to taste. To finish your adventure day, take the local transport back to Merida and make your own way to your hotel, or if you want, feel free to stay longer on your own to explore more in this incredible land.

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## Day 9: Merida, Mexico

 Uxmal & Cenotes Day Tour

DepartureTimes: **08:40**

Duration: **8 hrs.**

Pick-up will be around 8:40am from your Merida accommodation. On this exciting tour you will explore unique cenotes (sinkholes) and several Spanish-style estates known as "Haciendas" that are representative of the "Henequen Golden Age".

We will first make a stop at Hacienda Yaxcopoil. The name of this hacienda means in the Mayan language "the place of the green Alamo tree" and dates back to the XVII century. There we are going to learn about three main pages of our history; pre-Colombian, Spanish colony and the splendor of the sisal fiber industry during the XIX and the early XX century. The walking tour consists in visiting the main house with its high ceilings and large windows and other rooms where there are Mayan artifacts found in the surroundings.

Afterwards, see the Adivino pyramid, The Nunnery Quadrangle, and The Governor's Palace.

Next, continue to the municipality of Peba, located only 15 minutes from Yaxcopoil Hacienda, where there is a Cenote surrounded by a wide variety of flora and fauna still used for the Mayan traditional medicine. The shallow and transparent water of this cenote is great for kids and adults.

Once today's adventures have concluded, you'll return to the white city of Merida.

(Note: We suggest passengers to bring a bathing suit, towel and money for snacks or a box lunch).



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## Day 10: Merida, Mexico

### ● Free Day

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## Day 11: Merida - Playa del Carmen, Mexico



Chichen Itza Day Trip (from Merida to Playa del Carmen)

DepartureTimes: **07:40 - 07:50 - 08:00 - 8:10**

Duration: **11.5 hrs.**

Chichen Itza is one of the most well-preserved Maya archaeological sites in the country and once stood as a mighty citadel of the Maya civilisation in the 9th and 10th centuries A.D., serving as its political and economic centre. One of its most legendary structures is the Kukulcan pyramid, also known as El Castillo, which is a giant Maya calendar with exactly 365 steps divided among 4 staircases and the pyramid's highest platform. During both equinoxes (around March 21st & September 21st) the sun's shadow cast on this pyramid at a perfect angle creates the illusion of a serpent creeping its way along the structure's northern staircase.

Don't miss the Gran Juego de Pelota, in which ancient Maya warriors battled to the death in this ceremonial game. Check out the acoustics of the structure by holding a conversation with someone standing 135 meters away at the opposite end of the field and the stone carvings of players in action. Feel the spirit of the Maya world by standing here admiring this unique and majestic construction that was once of monumental importance to the former inhabitants here.

Other impressive structures you can't miss are the Plataforma de los Craneos (Skull Platform) and the Cenote Sagrado (Sacred Cave). Check out the impressive stone carvings on other pyramids and temples of jaguars, flowers, birds, trees, eagles and among the more gruesome, human sacrifices and human hearts in the clutches of bird claws. The observatory, El Caracol, named The Snail for its spiral staircase, was once an important point from which priests determined important dates for ceremonies and rituals.

 **Check-In Selina Hostel Playa del Carmen**

## Day 12: Playa del Carmen, Mexico

### ● Free Day

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## Day 13: Playa del Carmen, Mexico

### ● Free Day

Explore on your own, or add an optional extra experience

 **Selina Hostel Playa del Carmen**

## Day 14: Cancun, Mexico

 **Playa del Carmen to Cancun Airport Transfer**

Type: **Transfer**

Departure Times: 00:00, 06:00, 08:00, 10:00, 12:00, 14:00, 16:00, 18:00, 20:00, 22:00

Duration: 1 hrs.

