

Legacy Of The Maya

10 Days, 9 Nights

The legacy of the Maya in the southern region of Mexico has left an impression that can still be seen in the faces of the people and within the culture they maintain to this day. The region holds 3 UNESCO World Heritage Sites and a UNESCO Biosphere Reserve. Join us as we take a step back in time to a period where the Maya civilization built the architectural wonders of Tulum, Chichén Itzá, Uxmal, and Edzna. We will explore modern cities with Colonial origins in Mérida and Campeche plus small villages which have retained their strong Maya influence.

Included with Tour

- Tour briefing reception at hotel in Playa del Carmen
- · Fully escorted and narrated
- Journey to Tulum, the Pre-Colombian Mayan coastal fort city
- Folkloric and Educational Programs
- Travel through the lush jungle of the Yucatán and discover the many Cenotes (sink holes)
- Explore the vibrant port town of Campeche with a pirate past

- Walk through the Colonial city of Mérida
- UNESCO World Heritage Site of Chichén Itzá
- 9 nights hotel accommodations
- SOME MEALS INCLUDED
 See tour breakdown for details on which meals are included for each day.
 (B)= Dinner, (L) = Lunch, (D) = Dinner

Price per person



Departure date March 11, 2021

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Hotels and itinerary subject to change (of equal or greater value), not affecting the cost of the tour. Airfare not included.

Please be advised, we will be implementing a COVID-19 surcharge to all departures in order to cover costs of reduced group sizes and supplies necessary for sanitizing. Thank you for your understanding and continued patience.

Tour Breakdown

LEGACY OF THE MAYA

DAY 1 | Arrivals, Cancun to Playa del Carmen | Thursday

Bienvenidos! Welcome to Mexico. You will be met today at the airport by one of our local hosts and transferred to your hotel for the evening. This afternoon enjoy a welcome drink and attend a briefing at the hotel conducted by your Tour Manager. (D)

DAY 2 | Playa del Carmen to Sotuta de Peón | Friday

Our journey of exploration begins as we depart for Tulum, and the renowned coastal archealogial site of the same name. From here, continue to Hacienda Selva Maya for lunch and the opportunity to see one of the many Cenotes (sink holes). Maya believed cenotes to be gateways to the afterlife. Late afternoon arrival to our hotel with time to relax before this evening's dinner at the hotel. (B L D)

DAY 3 | Sotuta de Peón to Campeche | Saturday

Sotuta de Peón remains as one of the few continuously operating Haciendas in the region. This morning we will tour the Hacienda for a look back at the era of "Green Gold." After lunch at the Hacienda, we will continue to the historic city of Campeche. The evening is yours to explore the vibrant port town, rich with culture and cuisine. (B L)

DAY 4 | Campeche/Edzna | Sunday

This morning we continue on the Ruta Puuc as we depart for Edzna archaeological site inhabited as early as 400 BC. Return to Campeche in time for lunch. This afternoon, enjoy a walking tour of the "Historic Fortified City of Campeche," founded in 1540 and recognized as a World Heritage Site. Meander the narrow cobblestone streets from Puerta de Tierra to Puerta del Mar, once the two main entrances to the walled city. The evening is yours to continue exploring the city or enjoy one of the many distinctive, locallyowned restaurants and cafes. (B L)

DAY 5 | Campeche to Uxmal | Monday

This morning we turn back to the impressive Uxmal, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, whose pyramids and temples rise above the dense surrounding jungle. Lunch at the hotel and then visit the village of Santa Elena and the humble Mayan home of Don Hernan and Doña Azaria to learn more about the Mayan traditions and way of living. This afternoon visit the nearby Chocolate Museum and discover the origins and history of this modern day indulgence. The evening is at your leisure. (B L)

DAY 6 | Uxmal to Celestún/Mérida | Tuesday

An early departure this morning for Celestún. We will venture through the mangroves on small boats to experience the Biological Preserves diverse wildlife, highlighted by an abundance of flamingos. Lunch on your own today on the beaches of Celestún. Arrive this afternoon to Mérida "The White City" and have the evening on your own to explore the cultural center of the Yucatán Peninsula. (B)

DAY 7 | Mérida | Wednesday

Join your Tour Manager for a morning tour of the Colonial City of Mérida. Explore some of the city's most captivating neighborhoods, before arriving in the zocalo where Meridians meet, socialize and conduct business. Next will be a visit to the stately Casa de Montejo. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant before returning to our hotel for an afternoon at your leisure to rest or continue exploring the city. (B L)

DAY 8 | Mérida to Izamal/Chichén Itzá | Thursday

Today we continue to the charming colonial town of Izamal one of Mexico's "Pueblos Magicos." With cobblestone streets and vibrant yellow Colonial buildings, Izamal is a jewel of the Yucatan. This afternoon we head to the famous Mayan-Toltec ruins of Chichén Itzá. You'll also see the Sacred Well, Caracol Observatory, the Court of Columns and the impressive ball court. Dinner at the hotel this evening. (B L D)

DAY 9 | Chichén Itzá – Cancún | Friday

Returning to Cancún today, travel through the charming colonial town of Valladolid, another of Mexico's Pueblos magicos. After lunch, continue to Cancún where the afternoon is yours to relax. Farewell dinner this evening. (B L D)

DAY 10 | Cancún | Saturday

Say adiós to Mexico and your fellow travelers today. All day transfers to Cancún Airport (CUU). (B)



Marvel at the precision and granduer of the Temple of Kukulcan at Chitzén Itzá



Travel to Tulum, the Pre-Colombian coastal fort.

