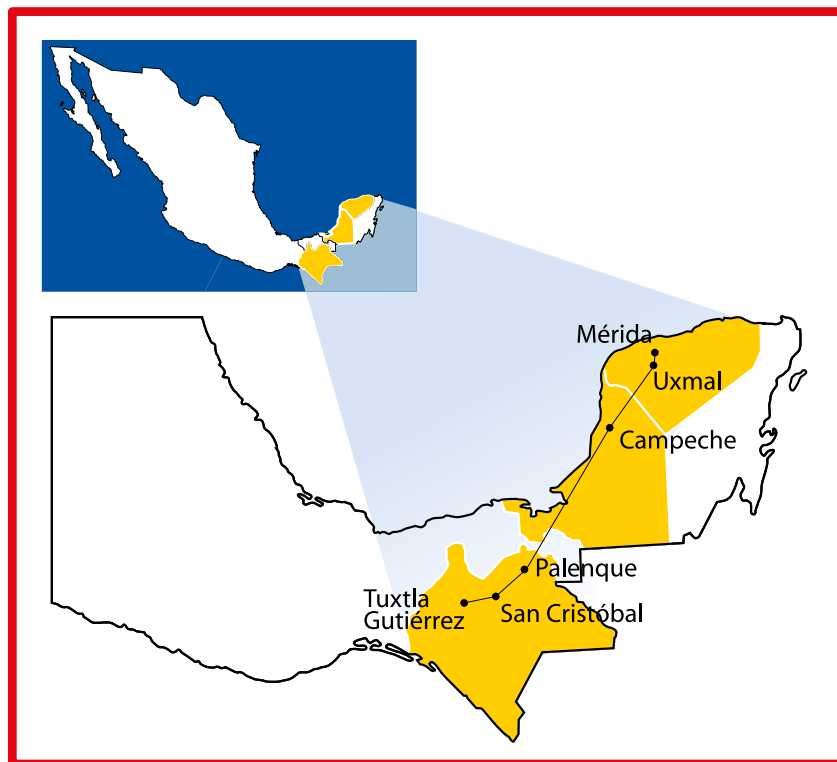


CHIAPAS-MERIDA-CANCUN

7 days

Best Packages



Day 1 Tuxtla Gutierrez

Canyon Tour + Hotel Transfer to San Cristobal de las Casas
(68 km. approx. 1 hr. drive)

Meet and greet at Tuxtla Gutierrez airport, pickup service with our agent displaying a handheld sign listing passengers' names just beyond customs. Then, departure for the Sumidero Canyon, where you will enjoy a motor boat cruise through the middle of this spectacular canyon. The road descends more than 1500 meters and reaches the Grijalva River where the Sumidero Canyon has cliffs from 100 to 1000 meters high. In this national park, it is very often possible to see local wildlife such as crocodiles, spider monkeys, and white and gray herons. After the river trip, we visit Chiapas' first Spanish settlement, founded by the conquistadors in the early 1500s; Chiapa de Corzo is known for its natural springs and lacquer artwork. Continue to San Cristobal.

Note: In order to visit the Sumidero Canyon, flights must arrive at Tuxtla Gutierrez Airport by 1 p.m. at the latest. The national park closes at 4 p.m.

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Day 2 Tour of San Juan Chamula, Zinacantan and San Cristobal de las Casas (7 hr. tour)

9:00 Departure to the Indian villages of San Juan Chamula and Zinacantan. San Juan Chamula, 10 km from San Cristobal de las Casas, is a town steeped in history, and yet also allows a look into the Mayas of today. This is the largest Maya township in Chiapas with a population over 40,000 Tzotzil speakers, one of the 31 Mayan languages. This region is known for its agricultural and ceremonial lifestyles, which are a mixture of Catholic and Mayan beliefs. The Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist, in fact, is not part of any Diocese because residents desire the freedom to perform various types of rituals. The road to the village of San Lorenzo Zinacantan is about 11 km. long. Zinacantan people are also Tzotzil Mayans and the predominant dress is in very distinctive costumes of pink and purple. Drive back to San Cristobal de las Casas.

At San Cristobal de Las Casas we shall visit the historical center including Zocalo (main plaza), the Cathedral, the Law Faculty, and other buildings rich in colonial architecture such as the Casa de las Artesanias, Casa de Cultura and the Arco del Carmen. The final part of the tour is the visit to the central market and Santo Domingo Church.





Day 3 Transfer to Palenque visiting Agua Azul Waterfalls and Misol Ha Waterfalls + the Palenque Archaeological Site (San Cristobal – Agua Azul 145 km. 3 hrs. drive & **Agua Azul** – Palenque 70 km. 1 hr. drive)

7:00 AM Early departure, breakfast will be en route or box lunch from the hotel. Drive to Agua Azul Falls and Misol Ha waterfalls. Enjoy the beauty of the mountain landscapes, if weather permits, time will be made for swimming at the falls. Next stop Palenque after driving one more hour, arrival at the archaeological zone of Palenque. Located in the middle of lush vegetation, this is one of the most important ceremonial centers of the Mayan culture. We will visit the famous Temple of the Inscriptions where the tomb of Pakal was found, the Palace, and the Foliated Cross Temple, among others. After the visit, transfer to the hotel around 17:30.

Hotel check in.



Day 4 Visit Palenque Archaeological Site + Transfer hotel in Campeche

(355 km. approx. 4.30 hr. drive)

Palenque is located in the middle of lush vegetation, this is one of the most important ceremonial centers of the Mayan culture. We will visit the famous Temple of the Inscriptions where the tomb of Pakal was found, the Palace, and the Foliated Cross Temple, among others. After the visit departure to Campeche, enjoy part of the road along the beach coast of Gulf of Mexico. Hotel check in.

Day 5 Uxmal Archaeological Site + Hotel Transfer in Merida + Merida City Tour

(270 km. approx. 3.30 hr. drive)

7:30 AM After breakfast depart to Uxmal, this site is a spectacular example of classic Mayan architecture.

Here the Mayans expressed their beliefs through their temple designs. The Temple of the Diviner, which according to legend was built by a Dwarf King, is the most striking construction, as is the Nun's quadrangle which illustrates the splendor of the Puuc style with its flat walls and decorated friezes. The Governor's Palace features over 20,000 stones and is one of the best examples of classic Mayan building. After the visit drive 1 hr. to Merida City named also the White City. Hotel check in.

At 16:00 depart for the city tour, visiting the Main Square of the city of Merida, capital of the State of Yucatán; walk through the Cathedral. Constructed in the 16th century, its sobriety recalls a fort. Then on to the Government Palace, where the murals of Fernando Pacheco explain the history of the region, inhabited by the Mayas when the Spaniards arrived. Continuing on to Paseo Montejo, along this avenue Spanish-French residences were constructed in the 1900's and at the end of this avenue is the monument to the Flag. Return to the hotel.



Day 6 Visit Chichen Itza with lunch + Drop off in Cancun or the Riviera Maya

(310 km. approx. 3.30 hrs. drive)

Depart for the Chichen-Itza archaeological site. It is one of the new 7 wonders of the world. This place is known as the City of the Water Sorcerers- the imposing site of Chichen Itza was the most important city in Yucatan's northern lowlands, enjoying dominion over the surrounding areas and controlling the commerce of salt and other products. Buildings such as El Castillo are testimony to its past splendor. The Castillo is considered the masterpiece of

Mayan architecture, due to its mathematic, astronomical and religious significance. The Ball Court of Chichen Itza is the biggest in the pre-Hispanic world. The observatory and the temple of the warriors make this archaeological site unique among all other Mayan sites.

After the visit, drive another 2 hrs. to Cancun, drop off at your selected hotel.

Day 7 After breakfast transfer to Cancun Airport with assistance at the airport for flight check in formalities

