# MILLENNIUM TOURS









#### Luxury Mexico: Mayan Wonders Sample Itinerary\*

This breathtaking journey has incredible archaeological treasures, delectable cuisines, natural wonders. and extraordinarily rich traditions. experience the best of modern Mexico as you start in Mexico City and continue on to explore centuries-old pre-Columbian ruins. You'll visit archaeological Mayan treasures, view the colonial architectural legacy, sample delicious traditional foods at every stop, swim in natural caves, or cenotes, learn from local experts and guides, and get behind-the-scenes access to the best of this fascinating region of the world.

- Tour Duration
  9 days
- Areas of Focus
  Archaeology, History,
  Nature & Cuisine
- Destinations

  Mexico City, Campeche,
  Mérida, Uxmal, Izamal,
  Chichén Itzá

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MEXICO CITY: ARRIVE & TRANSFER TO HOTEL  Your guide will meet you and accompany you to your hotel for check-in.
MEXICO CITY: THE PYRAMIDS OF TEOTIHUACÁN  Private tour of the city center. Visit Teotihuacán, Pyramid of the Sun,  Pyramid of the Moon
CAMPECHE: EXPLORE & COOKING LESSON  Fly to Campeche, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Settle in, explore, and afternoon cooking lesson.
<b>CAMPECHE: CITY TOUR &amp; BEACH</b> Guided tour of Campeche including the <i>Malecón</i> and the <i>Plaza Principal</i> . Relaxed visit to the beach in the afternoon.
CAMPECHE: MAYAN ARCHITECTURAL TREASURES Guided private tour of key sites: Edzná and Santa Rosa Xtampak.
MÉRIDA: COLONIAL LEGACY & CELESTUN BIOSPHERE RESERVE Tour the historic center of Mérida and experience the diverse array of wildlife at the Celestun Biosphere Reserve
UXMAL: PYRAMID OF UXMAL  Travel to Uxmal for a private guided tour of these extraordinary ruins.
IZAMAL: CITY TOUR & CENOTES  Visit city of Izamal and take a refreshing swim in a breathtaking cenote.
CHICHÉN ITZÁ & DEPARTURE  Morning tour of this Mayan site with an expert local guide. Afternoon departure for Cancun Airport for return flight to the U.S.

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## Luxury Mexico: Mayan Wonders Sample Detailed Itinerary\*



### MEXICO CITY: ARRIVE & TRANSFER TO HOTEL

Upon arrival you'll be met by your guide who will accompany you to your hotel in the city center. You'll settle in and have dinner at nearby restaurant.



### MEXICO CITY: THE PYRAMIDS OF TEOTIHUACÁN & CITY TOUR

This morning you'll have a private guided tour of Teotihuacán, one of the most significant sites in Mesoamerica. You can climb the Pyramid of the Sun or the Pyramid of the Moon and enjoy breathtaking views of the valley of Teotihuacán. The tour continues as you move to the Zócalo, or city center of Mexico City. You'll visit the Metropolitan Cathedral, the National Palace, the Palace of Fine Arts.



### CAMPECHE: EXPLORE THIS SPANISH COLONIAL TOWN & COOKING LESSON

This morning, you'll fly to Campeche and transfer to your hotel. You'll explore this colonial town at your leisure. This evening, you'll enjoy a traditional cooking lesson with a local instructor. You'll discover traditional methods for preparing some of your favorite Mexican dishes. The lesson will conclude with you enjoying the delicious meal that you prepared, all accompanied by local fresh cocktails.

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#### **CAMPECHE: CITY TOUR & BEACH**

This morning we'll have a tour of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, formerly a Spanish port. Take in the restored cobblestone streets, pastel-colored buildings, and the fortified walls surrounding the city center. You'll visit the Plaza Principal and the scenic waterfront, the *malecón*. In the afternoon, you'll relax on the nearby beach before dinner at a nearby restaurant.



### CAMPECHE: MAYAN ARCHITECTURAL TREASURES

Today's first stop will be Edzná and its several structures on this significant Mayan archaeological site. Next, we'll visit the site of Santa Rosa Xtampak in the Chenes region that rose to prominence over 1000 years ago. Guided by our local expert, we'll be transported back in time as we walk in the steps of the civilization that once occupied these ruins.



### MÉRIDA: COLONIAL LEGACY & CELESTUN BIOSPHERE RESERVE

This morning we'll transfer to our hotel in the colonial city of Mérida our local expert guide will lead us on a tour of the impressive historic center. We'll view the colorful buildings, churches, and squares, including the Cathedral of Merida. We'll then create an artisan chocolate bar with local artisans. In the afternoon we'll tour the Celestun Biosphere Reserve, seeing incredible wildlife, including the famous flamingos. The afternoon will close with a scenic boat ride along the coast.

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#### **UXMAL: PYRAMID OF UXMAL**

Today we visit the extraordinary ruins at Uxmal, meaning "built three times" in the Mayan language. This site is known for the low horizontal palaces surrounding courtyards. The principal structure is the massive Magic Pyramid with it's steep rounded surfaces and built between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> centuries.



#### **IZAMAL: CITY TOUR & CENOTES SWIM**

Today we travel to Izamal, one of the oldest cities in the region founded in the fourth century by the Mayans. This city also combines three eras, pre-Hispanic, colonial and contemporary. Next we'll visit the archaeological site of Ek Balam in the jungle. After these visits, we'll visit enchanting underwater caves, *cenotes*, where you can take a refreshing swim.



#### **CHICHÉN ITZÁ & DEPARTURE**

This morning you'll have an early morning visit of Chichén Itzá with an expert guide. You'll visit the iconic step pyramid, the Great Ball Court, Plazas, and the other temples at this iconic location. Learn about the history of this world-famous site, that was one of the largest Mayan cities.



## **Luxury Mexico: Mayan Wonders** *Gallery*







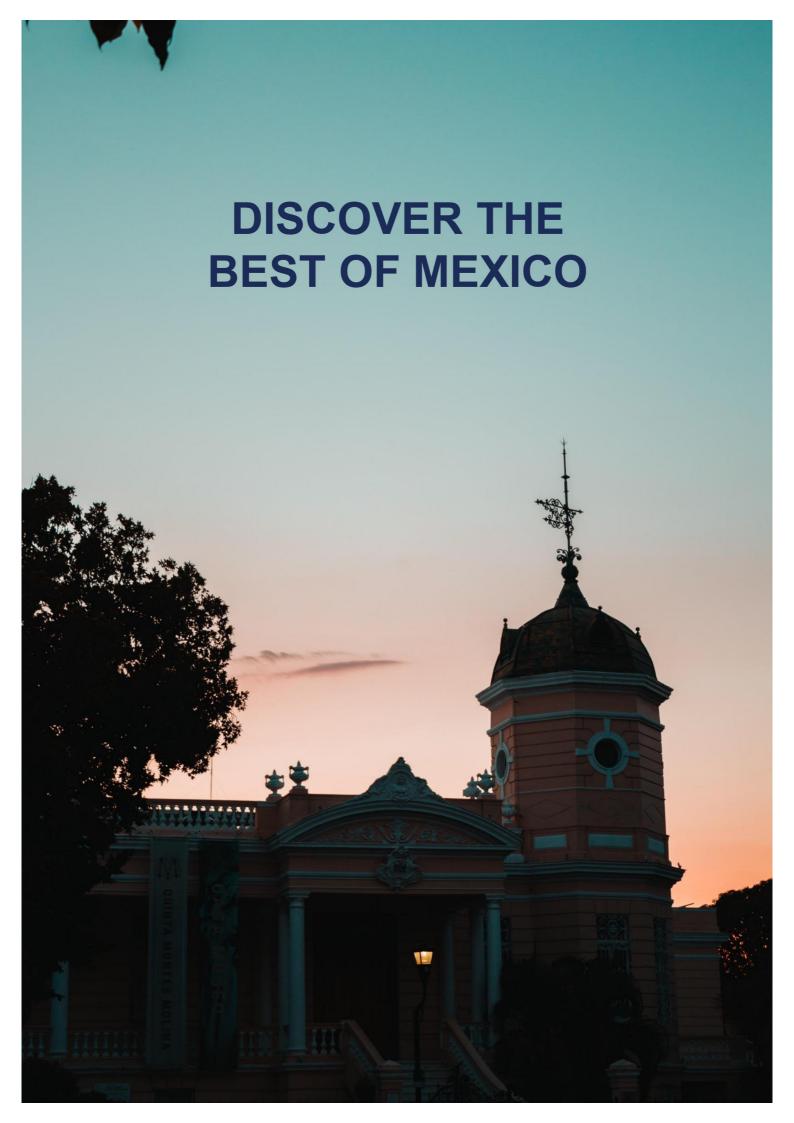
















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