

CENTRAL AMERICA MULTI COUNTRY - MAYAN ADVENTURE IN STYLE



INTRODUCTION

Archaeology is a fundamental part of any visit to Mexico. Due to its rich history, the country presents a myriad of architectural and cultural legacies with traces of settlements that flourished more than 3,000 years ago. Mexico is an ideal destination for lovers of the Prehispanic life in Latin America.

Discover the history, traditions and culture of one of America's richest cultures with this amazing 4 day Mayan Adventure program in style

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Villahermosa Transfer Airport to Palenque Hotel

On arrival, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel. He/she will be holding a sign with your name on it. Should you not be able to locate them, please refer to the front of your itinerary for emergency contact details of our representative office.



DAY 1: Villahermosa

The sprawling city of Villahermosa, the capital and largest city in the state of Tabasco, is situated on the banks of the Rio Grijalva. It has developed into a modern city and is an important centre for the Mexican oil industry. The city's main sights include La Venta Museum-Park, Cathedral of the Lord of Tabasco, Zona Luz (City Centre) and the historic centre of the city including the Plaza de Armas and the Casa de los Azulejos.



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DAY 2: Palenque Ruins and Transfer to Campeche

Today, you will visit one of the most beautiful and emblematic landmarks of the classical Mayan culture - the ruins of the city of Palenque. The city's highlights include the Temple of the Inscriptions, where an important burial chamber was discovered in the 1950s and the imposing architectural complex of El Palacio, one of the most beautiful constructions to be found in the entire environment of Maya culture. Following the tour of the archaeological site, travel from Palenque to Campeche. On arrival into Campeche you will be transferred to your hotel. The walled coastal colonial town of Campeche is a captivating port filled with naval history, Baroque Spanish architecture and ageing beauty. It was declared a UNESCO World Heritage site in 1999.



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DAY 3: Private Campeche to Merida via Uxmal and Kabah

Discover the magic and beauty of the Mayan world on this excursion to two of Mexico's most beautiful Mayan cities, Uxmal and Kabah. After being collected from your hotel in Campeche, you will be taken to Uxmal and given a guided tour of the site, including a visit to the large pyramid, Del Adivino, which according to legend was built in just one night by a dwarf. Following the visit, you will be transported to the second largest Mayan site in the Puuc Region, Kabah. Here, you will be given a guided tour of the ruins including a visit to the Codz-Pop, which is the most well preserved and restored building of the site. Lunch is included in the tour. In the afternoon, you travel to Merida where you will be transferred to your hotel on arrival. Please note this is a private tour. Merida was founded in 1542, built on the site of the ancient Maya city T'ho, meaning "city of five hills" in reference to its pyramids. After the arrival of the Spanish, the ancient city's five main pyramids were destroyed and the carved stones were used widely in the construction of Merida's cathedral and other colonial buildings. Merida was built as a walled city and several of the old Spanish city gates remain. The city boasts the second-largest historic centre in Mexico, Mexico City's being larger and it gets its nickname, La Ciudad Blanca (The White City), from the predominance of white limestone that was used as a building material. It is the capital and largest city of the Mexican state of Yucatán as well as the largest city of the Yucatán Peninsula.




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DAY 4: Merida to Cancun via Chichen Itza

This morning you will be collected from your hotel for your onward road journey to Cancun with a visit enroute to the archaeological site of Chichen Itza, located 120km east of Merida. Chichen Itza – one of the New 7 Wonders of the World – is the best restored of Yucatan’s Mayan sites. Explore the magnificent ruins set in a dense jungle, including the Pyramid of Kukulcan, its height and striking geometric design dominating the whole site, the Great Ball Court, the largest and most impressive in Mesoamerica, the Sacred Cenote, a natural well used for human sacrifice, and many other beautiful temples. After lunch, continue the road journey to the white sandy beaches of Cancun. This journey will take approximately 2 and half hours. On arrival in Cancun, you will be taken to your hotel. Please note this is a small group tour.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Luxury
Inclusions	Accommodation as stated on the itinerary Tours and transfers as described on the itinerary Breakfast everyday
Difficulty Rating	2 (light adventure)
Single Surcharge	FROM US\$1,145 - Subject to season and availability, contact us for more details.
Notes	Contact us for more details
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you’re visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the

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return to the local community.

3) Chimu's "Pass it on" programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.

4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.

5) Chimu Adventures' offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure's internal processes are also structured to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute

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