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INTRODUCTION

Travel from the heart of Mexico and the country's capital, Mexico City to the Yukatan Peninsula on Chimu Adventures Signature Mexico tour. Explore the city sites of Mexico City including the Aztec Ruins of San Juan Teotihuacan both on foot and from the magnificent vantage point of a hot air balloon. Take a trajinera along the canals of Xochimilco before flying to the walled city of Merida, also nicknamed La Ciudad Blanca. From Merida you will visit Chichen Itza, Mexico's most famous and impressive Mayan ruins. Finally you will head to Playa del Carmen, where you will end your vacation in paradise lapping up the sunshine on its white sandy beaches with turquoise waters.

On this all-encompassing personalised itinerary, Chimu will provide travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per itinerary. Each night you will stay in superior accommodation, handpicked by our experienced team for their creature comforts, convenient locations, and impeccable service.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Arrive Mexico City



Welcome to Mexico City, Mexico’s colourful capital. With more than twenty million inhabitants living in the greater metropolitan area, it’s one of the largest and most populated cities in the world. From its Aztec temples, baroque and colonial architecture to its vibrant and flavoursome cantina’s, Mexico City will awaken your senses. Today is an arrival day, with no activities planned, so explore at your leisure.

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DAY 2: Mexico City tour



Today you will explore Mexico City. Our first stop on tour is Plaza de la Constitucion, the city's main square which is also known as the Zocalo. Nearby the square you will see the Catedral Metrapolitana de Mexico and the Palacio Nacional as well as Templo Mayor, a thirteen century Aztec Temple. We'll then drive along Paseo de la Reforma, the famous boulevard built during the reign of Emperor Maximilian to connect his castle in Chapultepec with the main square. Finally, discover treasures of the Aztecs with a visit to the Museum of Anthropology.

DAY 3: San Juan Teotihuacan tour



Waking early, you will enjoy a round trip excursion to the archaeological site of San Juan Teotihuacan. Known as the 'city of the gods,' Teotihuacan is one of the most important pre-Aztec civilisations. The origins of the city and what happened to the population who once lived here are somewhat of a mystery. The city consists of a number of structures including The Pyramid of the Moon, the Pyramid of the Sun, the Ciudadela and the Temple of Quetzalcoatl. Today's highlight is a hot air balloon ride over the palaces and pyramids with a champagne breakfast. Afterwards, you will have the opportunity to visit the site to explore the temples up close.

DAY 4: Coyoacan Frida Khalo tour



Today you will enjoy a private tour to Coyoacan, the Frida Kahlo Museum and the studio of Diego Rivera.. Coyoacan is a neighbourhood of Mexico City's south known for its cobblestone streets, art galleries, colourful buildings and artisan markets. There you will visit the home and museum of Frida Kahlo, a painter known for her portraits and nature inspired artworks. The museum is a treasure trove of both Frida's and her husband Diego Rivera's paintings. Then you will visit the house of Diego Rivera, this is a house and studio that was designed by his wife Frida and offers a more in-depth look at their life and art.

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DAY 5: Mexico City to Merida



You will board a flight for the city of Merida, capital of the Mexican state of Yucatan. Merida was founded in 1542 and built on the site of a Mayan city called T'ho, which means 'city of five hills' in reference to five main pyramids that were later destroyed by the Spanish and used in the construction of the city's cathedral. Within the city walls you will discover Mexico's second largest city, complete with several white limestone buildings that have earned the city the nickname La Ciudad Blanca (the white city). There are no planned activities and today is free to explore after your arrival.

DAY 6: Merida street food tour



The city of Merida is considered somewhat of a gastronomical and foodie hub, so today you will embark on a guided street food tour. Your first stop is the central market, Lucas de Galves. Here you will learn about local produce and get the opportunity to taste some empanadas, polcanes, panuchos or salbutes and cochinita pibil tacos. Afterwards, we will take you to a local restaurant for a seafood taco feast before visiting a local ice creamery for dessert.

DAY 7: Merida, Chichen Itza and Playa del Carmen



Today you will travel via private service to Chichen Itza, passing Mayan villages and sisal plantations along the way. Chichen Itza is Mexico's most famous and impressive Mayan ruins and is considered one of the new seven wonders of the world. Highlights include the Pyramid of Kukulcan, the hall of 1,000 columns, the Maya ball court and the Cenote de los Sacrificios. From Chichen Itza you will continue to the Riviera Maya and the coastal resort town of Playa del Carmen.

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DAY 8: Playa del Carmen

Considered a vacationer's paradise thanks to its beautiful white sandy beaches, turquoise waters and laid back vibe, Playa del Carmen is the perfect place to relax. Today is a free day to explore to enjoy the beach or explore the town's sites.



DAY 9: Depart Playa del Carmen

You will be transported to the airport to fly to your next destination.



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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

Accommodation	Hotel
Inclusions	**Inclusions** Private airport transfers Accommodation with breakfast daily Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in itinerary Other meals where stated Domestic flight from Mexico City to Merida **Exclusions** International flights Visa & reciprocity fees Travel insurance Beverages Personal expenses Gratuities for tour guides & drivers Any items not mentioned as included
Difficulty Rating	1 (Easy Adventure)
Single Surcharge	A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.

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Notes	Prices are based on per person, twin share. Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.
Price Dependent upon	Seasonality and availability at time of booking.

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