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THE GOOD LIFE, THE SLOW LIFE OF MÉXICO (Riviera Maya, Quintana Roo; Campeche, Yucatán)

SOUL IS ENDLESS
THEREFORE
LIFE HAS NO END
SO THE GOOD SOULS
WILL REST
UNDER THE SHADOW
OF THE SACRED TREE
"YAXCHE"
WHERE FOOD AND PEACE REIGN*

México nurtures comfortable lifestyles and a happy state of mind. Here you can enjoy a slow pace, re-learn how to cherish the possessions of the heart and discover once again that a slow life is about sharing: With those you already love and care for, and with those that you encounter. México as a destination infuses pleasure and quality into people's lives.

DAY ONE: Cancún – Akumal, Riviera Maya

Arrive to Cancún International Airport. Transfer to the Villas Akumal, oceanfront condominiums of architectural beauty, facing its own beach with turtle egg laying and hatching grounds. Peace and tranquility rules. Lunch at the nearby seafood restaurant La Casa del Pescador, short transfer by car. Catered and light in-condominium dinner.

*Overnight in Akumal, Riviera Maya**:*

4: The Villas Akumal



DAY TWO: Akumal – Cobá, Riviera Maya

Breakfast at the Villas. Lazy hours and then lunch en-route to the archeological site and prodigy of Cobá (70 km,) which once was home to 50,000 inhabitants. Return to the Villas Akumal in order to prepare for an evening*** with the indigenous Maya in the Dos Palmas Community. We will take part in meaningful and genuine Mayan rituals, use the Temazcal (Maya hammam, or sweat hut), swim in a cenote (holy underground water hole, or river) and have dinner in the community.

*Overnight in Akumal, Riviera Maya**:*

4: The Villas Akumal

DAY THREE: Akumal – Muyil, Playa del Carmen, Riviera Maya

Breakfast at the Villas. Time to relax before we head for the biosphere Sian Ka'an ("where the sun is born") and the Muyil archeological site (40 min,) jungle path and lagoon trip**** (archeological and ecological excursion.) This is an adventure with the highest degree of integrity, with fantastic elements of nature and history, operated by the cooperative Uyo'Ochel Maya. The rest of the day's program takes us to Playa del Carmen (63 km,) late lunch and dinner on your own (the Yaxche Maya Cuisine and the Oasis Mariscos restaurants are two of many excellent options.) Chic Playa del Carmen in Riviera Maya is perfect for shopping, promenading and people watching.

*Overnight in Akumal, Riviera Maya**:*

4: The Villas Akumal



DAY FOUR: Akumal – Tulum, Riviera Maya – Calakmul, Campeche

Breakfast at the Villas. We head for the unique archeological site of Tulum (26 km,) overlooking the Caribbean. Once there and when the guiding is over, a dip in the Sea of the Antilles beneath the world known structure of "El Palacio," the Palace, is recommended. Lunch en-route and dinner will be at the Eco Village Chicanná. We have thus traversed into the State of Campeche. Total distance covered on this day: 365 km.

*Overnight in Calakmul, Campeche**:*

4: Hotel Eco Village Chicanná

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DAY FIVE: Calakmul - Champotón, Campeche

Breakfast at the Hotel Eco Village Chicanná. Our main visit of the early morning hours, when the air is still cool and wild animals are likely to roam around, is Calakmul, one of the most important archeological sites (and one of the largest cities known) in the Mayan Empire. We take our lunch at the gorgeous Hotel Tucán Siho-Playa, an architectural pearl. Enjoy the facilities, the ocean view, and the family beach. A trip to the nearby fishing town of Champotón is a delightful option. Dinner at the local Cenaduría Portales Restaurant in Campeche, you can't get closer than this to a Campechano mother's home cooking.

Overnight in Champotón, Campeche**:

4: Hotel Tucán Siho-Playa



DAY SIX: Champotón, Campeche - Celestún, Yucatán

Breakfast at the hotel. It takes a ride of 30 minutes, and we are again within the State Capital of Campeche, also carrying the same name. Here, we explore this walled city of colonial splendor and beauty on a guided walking tour. Campeche hardly has its like on the coasts of México, and the city figures on UNESCO's Cultural Heritage List of Humanity. Parts of its history were colored by heroic and dramatic resistance to pirates. The State of Yucatán is home to our next visit and the archeological zone of Uxmal, with its Pyramid of the Magician or Dwarf, the Nunnery Quadrangle and the Temple of the Turtles. However, we start first with lunch at the Lodge Uxmal. Evening casts its spell on the Yucatán Peninsula, when we reach the natural reserve of Celestún and check in at the pristine Eco Paraíso Xixim Hotel, smack by a beach of protected beauty. Dinner.

Overnight in Celestún, Yucatán**:

4: Eco Paraíso Xixim Hotel

DAY SEVEN: Celestún - Mérida, Yucatán

Breakfast and lunch at the hotel. In between the meals, relax and explore the facilities and the surroundings. We go deeper into the Celestún Ría, home to pink flamingoes, crocodiles, mangroves, coastal jungle – with a boat trip**** through magnificent nature. The State Capital of Yucatán, Mérida, “the White City” with five centuries of colonial charm, is waiting for us (100 km.) Check-in and dinner at the Presidente Intercontinental Villa Mercedes, a hotel with the highest of standards and the best of services.

Overnight in Mérida, Yucatán**:

5: Hotel Presidente Intercontinental Villa Mercedes



DAY EIGHT: Mérida, Yucatán

Breakfast at the hotel. Leisurely sightseeing of Mérida, including promenades with our guide. Lunch. Rest of afternoon and evening at leisure, to be filled with shopping and exploring, or simply nothing at all. Take note, though, that Mérida has one of México's most varied cuisines.

Overnight in Mérida, Yucatán**:

5: Hotel Presidente Intercontinental Villa Mercedes

DAY NINE: Mérida, Yucatán - Home

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the international airport of Mérida for return home via México City or optional add-ons “BOMBONES,” an extension for your vacations en México.



- * *Poem in the menu of the Yaxche Maya Cuisine Restaurant, Playa del Carmen, Riviera Maya, México.*
- A highly recommended place to dine*
- ** *Hotel ratings are based on national norm*
- *** *Children 12 years or older may participate*
- **** *Boats may be shared with other visitors*

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PRICES INCLUDE:

- Three (3) nights in Akumal, Riviera Maya, at the Villas Akumal
- One (1) night in Calakmul, Campeche, at the Hotel Eco Village Chicanná
- One (1) night in Champotón, Campeche, at the Hotel Tucán Siho-Playa
- One (1) night in Celestún, Yucatán, at the Hotel Eco Paraíso Xixim
- Two (2) nights in Mérida, Yucatán, at the Hotel Presidente Intercontinental Villa Mercedes
- Eight (8) American breakfast (continental breakfast with eggs prepared to your liking)
- Seven (7) lunches:
 - Day one at the restaurant La Casa del Pescador in Akumal
 - Day two in Cobá
 - Day four in-route to Calakmul
 - Day five at the Hotel Tucán Siho-Playa
 - Day six at the Lodge Uxmal
 - Day seven at the Hotel Eco Paraíso Xixim
 - Day eight in Mérida
- Six (6) dinners:
 - Day one at the Villas Akumal
 - Day two at the Dos Palmas Community in the Riviera Maya
 - Day four at the Hotel Eco Village Chicanná
 - Day five at the Cenaduría Portales in Campeche
 - Day six at the Hotel Eco Paraíso Xixim
 - Day seven at the Hotel Presidente Intercontinental Villa Mercedes
- Transfer airport – hotel in Akumal, Riviera Maya
- Transfer hotel – airport in Mérida
- Baggage carriers at the airports
- Ground transportation in an air conditioned sedan / van driven by a qualified and licensed chauffeur-bilingual guide (English / Spanish,) departing from Akumal in the Riviera Maya to the different destinations and sites mentioned in the program and arriving to the city of Mérida in Yucatán. Includes, petrol/gas, highway fees, parking fees and expenses of the chauffeur-guide.
- Traveler's insurance during the ground trip
- Entrance fees to mentioned sites: The archeological zone of Cobá, Maya experience at the Dos Palmas Community, excursion to the biosphere of Sian Ka'an, archeological zone of Muyil, archeological zone of Tulum, archeological zone of Calakmul, San Miguel Fort, archeological zone of Uxmal and a museum in Mérida
- Boat Trip in the Celestún Ría
- Boat Trip in the Biosphere of Sian Ka'an
- Local taxes

PRICES DO NOT INCLUDE:

- Air transportation to and from México, and air transportation from the airport of Mérida to México City and national or international connections
- Lunch, dinners, beverages and any personal expenses. Excluding lunch and dinners mentioned on the program
- Entrance fees to museums y/o tourist attractions do not stipulated on the program
- Tips

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