



The Wonders of Mexico's Yucatan

Duration: 8 Day Tour from Cancun to Cancun

Departure date: Sep22, Oct 20, Nov 3

Price: From \$ 2,839

DAY 1: ARRIVE IN CANCUN, MEXICO	Welcome to Cancun! At 6 pm, meet your fellow traveling companions for a welcome drink. Your Tour Director will prepare you for your upcoming adventure.
DAY 2: CANCUN-EK' BALAM to VALLADOLID to UXMAL	This morning, visit the colonial city of Valladolid, known for its charming streets and sun-splashed walls. After a short orientation tour, there's time to explore on your own. Next, visit the enormous and elaborate pyramid inside the Mayan site of EK' BALAM. Meaning "Black Jaguar," Ek' Balam was at the height of its importance as a Mayan city during the Late Classic Period (600-900 AD). When the Mayans abandoned the site, it went undercover as the dense low-lying jungle of the Yucatan engulfed it. Found by archaeologists and adventurers, its restoration has been ongoing since 1997. Arrive this afternoon in Uxmal. Tickets are included tonight for the exciting SOUND & LIGHT SHOW , full of magic and mystery.
DAY 3: UXMAL	Today, we visit the most famous ruins of the Puuc region, UXMAL, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The existence of this city is a testament to the engineering abilities of the Maya who built reservoirs to provide water to it during the dry season. Uxmal means "thrice-built" in Mayan and during your visit you'll learn about the Pyramid of the Magician which was built on top of existing pyramids. Later, visit the CHOCOSTORY MUSEUM , where you'll learn the history of cocoa, its importance to the Mayans, and see how chocolate was prepared using an ancestral recipe. You'll even have the chance to make your own BEVERAGE with ingredients you choose.
DAY 4: UXMAL-CAMPECHE	This morning, a unique COOKING DEMONSTRATION is in store for you. Here, you will learn the traditions still practiced in most of the rural Mayan communities. Learn about the special ingredients and spices used and how the food is prepared. Continue to the coastal town of Campeche, once a fortified pirate haven and now a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Here, you'll find a captivating port filled with history, baroque Spanish architecture, and natural beauty. This afternoon's city tour includes visits to the vibrant malecón (waterfront) area, the historic fort of SAN FRANCISCO DE CAMPECHE , and the historic downtown area. Have your camera handy, as Campeche has spent the last few years restoring hundreds of downtown buildings, making it one of the most photogenic colonial cities in all of Mexico. This evening is at leisure. Your Tour Director will have suggestions for shopping, dining, and additional sightseeing.



APADANA TRAVEL CORP

Worldwide Travel Service

Tel:604-770-4476

Email: Tours@apadanatravel.ca

Day 5: CAMPECHE to BÉCAL to MÉRIDA	Our first stop today is the village of Bécál. For more than a century, the skilled hat weavers of Bécál have been weaving Panama Hats using ancient Mayan techniques. We'll visit a local HAT MAKER to learn about the history and the hat-making process. Later, journey to Mérida, capital of the Yucatán state and its colonial heart. Visit the MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY, home to a collection of exclusive artifacts from the Maya civilization to present day. Your hotel this evening is a former colonial mansion that is within walking distance of shopping and the historic city center.
Day 6: MÉRIDA to CHICHEN ITZA	This morning enjoy a city tour including the cathedral, Governor's Palace, and the tree-lined streets of Paseo de Montejo. On to Chichén Itzá, where the renowned Hotel Mayaland is your home for the next two nights. You may wish to take a dip in the pool, stroll through the beautiful gardens, or just enjoy a cool drink. After dinner this evening, you are invited to attend the SOUND & LIGHT SHOW.
Day 7: CHICHEN ITZA	Start the day with a visit to CHICHÉN ITZÁ, built by the Maya between 600 and 900 AD. It was abandoned by the end of the 10th century and re-established in the 11th and 12th centuries, possibly by the Toltecs. Visit the BALL COURT, site of sacrifices; EL CASTILLO, a formidable building dedicated to the high priest; and the CENOTE SAGRADO, the sacred well once filled with priceless treasure offered to the gods. This evening, your Tour Director hosts a festive farewell dinner. The perfect ending to your time in the Yucatán.
Day 8: CHICHEN ITZA to CANCUN	After breakfast this morning, depart for Cancun. Please schedule flights from Cancun International Airport after 1 pm. The tour ends at the Westin Resort & Spa for those guests extending their stay.

Included:

- Accommodation as mentioned or similar, including hotel taxes;
- 11 meals;
- All sightseeing and transfers as per the itinerary;
- Services of local English-speaking guides;
- Perfect Hotels – We've done the work to find just the right hotels in just the right locations.
- Tour Directors – Take your heads out of the guidebook and let expert guides make every destination fascinating.
- Transportation – Leave the navigating to us – and just sit back and enjoy the ride.

Meals

Breakfast daily, 4 three-course dinners, including a farewell dinner in Uxma

PARTICIPANTS

This tour operates on a minimum of 01 participant.

For more information on tour itinerary, availability and pricing please call our travel consultants at 604-770-4476 or send an email to : tours@apadanatravel.ca

APADANA TRAVEL CORP.

106-18 St W- North Vancouver

www.apadanatravel.ca

آژانس هواپیمایی آپادانا