



Few destinations on earth cause as much amazement as Riviera Maya. What makes this destination special is the privileged location on Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula, where the turquoise waters of the Caribbean Sea embrace the powdery white sand of the beaches that cover the coastline. The 120 km of Caribbean coast that stretches the length of Riviera Maya exudes the multifaceted spirit of the destination. Sun and Sand, Maya Culture, ziplining, cenotes, diving and snorkeling, shopping and nightlife are just a few of the many exiting options Riviera Maya offers to provide their guests with a truly unique and marvellous experience.

Welcome to Riviera Maya!



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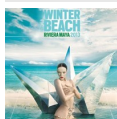
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THE REGION



The main city of Riviera Maya is Playa del Carmen. Located in the heart of the destination, this once small fisherman's village has now grown to a city with all amenities a tourist could ask for. Playa del Carmen, simply called "Playa" by the locals, is a vibrant and lively city.

The main street is the famous 5th Avenue, or "La Quinta Avenida". This avenue with a length of more than 3 km, crosses the city and is completely pedestrian. Here you will find bars, nightclubs, shops. Handcraft stores, coffee houses and restaurants from every corner of the world and for every budget whether a taco at the taco stand or a romantic candle lit dinner on the beach, options are there for everyone.

Shopping is excellent and the variety is enormous. Souvenir shops and art galleries, silver stores and handcraft from the region mingle with hammocks, sombreros, tequila shops and designer stores. La Quinta starts at the outdoor shopping mall called "Paseo del Carmen" which is located in between Playa and the hotel zone Playacar.

In Playacar you will find beautiful all inclusive chain hotels in a private and elegant area. Resorts are located on the beach and surround the Playacar Golfcourse, an 18 hole golfcourse designed by Robert von Hagge and a challenge according to the golfers as the greens are quite narrow. Meals and drinks are included in the greenfee and the golfclub also features a spa.

Amongst the all inclusive resorts you will find a small archaeological site called "Xaman-Ha". This was a ceremonial site where the ancient Mayas would practice purification ceremonies before they would make the crossing to the Island of Cozumel to worship Ixchel, Goddess of the moon and of fertility. During centuries the Mayas would challenge the Caribbean Sea to bring offers to Ixchel to favor fertility and to ask for blessings such as good health and abundant crops for their community. Xaman-Ha is also the name of the small bird sanctuary also located in Playacar. This is a cute little park with many species of birds from the region.

The nightlife of Playa has become famous in the region and guests from all over visit to have fun and dance the night away. The bars are located mainly in 12th Street and all within walking distance one from the other. As most of them are outdoors the street at night are as busy as during the day, and options range from dancing under the stars on the beach until watching the sunrise at the after hours club.

Akumal



About 30 km further south you find the village of Akumal. Akumal means "the place of the turtle" in the Maya Language and it was the first settlement of what has become the Riviera Maya, founded 52 years ago.

In spite of tourist development the place has not lost its small village mentality and the atmosphere is laid back and friendly. Within the community you will find some hotels and guesthouses and many private villas and condominiums for rent. In the town there is a center on environmental issues created by the CEA (Centro Ecological Akumal) a nonprofit civil organization, whose primary interest is to create environmental awareness to

residents and visitors and to ensure the environmental quality of the village. The main attraction of the village is Half Moon Bay, the beach area in the center of the village. As the coral reef runs very close to the shore there are very little waves and almost no current, which makes this beach area ideal for family vacations.

Half Moon Bay is home to the amazingly beautiful sea turtles, an endangered species that until today comes to the shore of Riviera Maya to lay their eggs. By just swimming out for about 100 meters you will have the unique possibility to snorkel with those fabulous creatures, as well as with stingrays and other multicolored tropical fish. At the end of the village there is a beautiful inlet called Yalku. This is the outlet of an underground river that mixes with the sea, so its water is brackish (mixed fresh and salt water). Yalku is a fabulous place to go snorkeling. The place charges a small entrance fee and there is snorkel equipment and life jackets for rent. You can also rent a palapa and spend the entire day here.

In Akumal you will find many different restaurants with excellent food and even better service. There are also some souvenir shops and supermarkets.

Tulum

Tulum which original name is Zamá meaning "Sunrise" in the Mayan language is the best known and the most representative site of the region. This majestic archeological zone preserves impressing views that inspire its visitors to be part of the mysticism that surround them.

There are over 60 structures all perfectly well preserved, amongst them "El Castillo" or "The Castle", the highest construction of Tulum, which splendor and unique beauty are framed by the turquoise blue waters of the Caribbean Sea.

For the many murals and other painting that were found in

the buildings it is believed that Tulum was an important ceremonial site dedicated to the Descending God. The site is open daily from 08.00 – 17.00 hrs. A little train will bring you from the parking lot to the entrance of the site, if you prefer you can also walk, it will take around 15 minutes. There is a fun outdoor shopping mall to buy a cold drink or some souvenirs after your visit to this stunning site.

Tulum Village

Tulum Village is located at 3 km south of the archeological site. This cute little town is certainly worth a visit. Tourists from all over the world travel to Tulum because of its laid back atmosphere. Tulum is very popular amongst European backpackers who travel here to enjoy the beautiful beaches and the local ambience away from the crowd. There is a bus station for those who want to travel by bus. In the town you will find many different restaurants and bars as well as souvenir shops, Banks, internet cafes and supermarkets. Most of the tourists rent bicycles to move around but there is also taxi service available.

The Tulum area is also very famous for its cenotes. A cenote is a fresh water sinkhole connected to vast underground river systems that flow beneath the ground and connect several caves and caverns. The cenotes have provided fresh water to the locals for centuries and they were sacred for the Mayans as it represented the entrance to the Xibalba, the Mayan underworld. Nowadays they are a unique place to go snorkeling or scuba diving.

Tulum Hotel Zone

The hotel strip of Tulum is without a doubt unique in the entire world. It is located on the coast just south of the archeological site and at 3 km distance from the village of Tulum. The beaches along this 9 km long hotel zone are amongst the most beautiful beaches Riviera Maya has to offer. The sand is powdery and white and the beaches are endless. The hotels are small and constructed with materials from the region and with great precaution to

protect the natural environment. It is probably best described as small palapa style bungalows in an unspoiled natural setting.

Most of the hotels depend on generators and alternative sources such as solar panels for their electricity. Only a few will offer power 24 hours a day, more common is that the electricity gets shut off at 11.00 pm. The hotels will provide you with candles to illuminate, and of course there is the moon and the millions of stars that will for sure make your stay memorable.

The ambience in Tulum is best described as "Hippy Chic". People come here to be away from the hustle and the bustle of the cities, to relax and to be close to nature. Many tourists will come to meditate and to practice yoga, giving this destination a unique spiritual touch.

DO & SEE



What makes the Riviera Maya a great place to vacation is the long list of fun activities that one can do and parks that one can during your stay in this marvellous destination. There is something for everybody and for every age group, from scuba diving to explore the coral of the Mesoamerican Reef to hiking in the jungle or ziplining through the treetops, fun is guaranteed for all!

Maroma Paradise



Marina with snorkelling, diving, horseback riding, motorized watersports and catamaran tours.

Address: Carretera Federal Cancun – Chetumal KM. 55

Opening hours: 09:00 15:00 hrs

Phone: Toll Free: 01 800 00 56627

Internet: www.maromaparadise.com

Xcaret



Xcaret is an eco-archaeological park with many different attractions like an aquarium, butterfly pavilion and their famous Mexico Spectacular Folklore Show at night.

Address: Carretera Federal Chetumal – Pto Juarez, KM 282

Opening hours: 09:00 - 21:00 hrs

Phone: Toll free: 01 800 212 8951

Internet: www.xcaret.com.mx

Punta Venado



A ranch with 6 km of virgin beach where one can go horseback riding, ATV Tours, snorkelling on the reef or simply hang out at the Blue Venado Beach Club.

Address: Carretera Federal Chetumal – Pto Juarez, KM 278, Playa del Carmen.

Opening hours: 08:00 - 17:00 hrs

Phone: Toll Free: 01 800 503 0046

Internet: www.puntavenado.com

Río Secreto



Discover the amazing underground world at this unique semi-flooded system of underground caves and caverns.

Address: Carretera Federal Chetumal – Pto Juarez, KM 283.5, Playa del Carmen.

Opening hours: 09:00 16:00 hrs

Phone: Toll Free: 01 800 681 6713

Internet: www.riosecreto.com

Indiana Joe's Aktun Chen



Recommended by National Geographic as one of the best underground walks of the world.

Address: Carretera federal Chetumal – Pto Juarez, KM 251

Opening hours: 09:00 - 17:00 hrs

Phone: +52 998 881 9413

Internet: www.aktunchen.com

Xel-Ha



A natural aquarium park considered the largest aquarium in the world, the perfect place to practice snorkeling and water activities.

Address: Carretera Federal Chetumal – Pto Juarez, KM 240

Phone: Toll free: 01 800 212 8951

Internet: www.xelha.com

Community Tours



Walk, swim and have a great day trip that combine ancient and modern Mayan culture, Sian Ka'an flora and fauna.

Address: Tulum Avenue, between Beta Norte y Orion street, Tulum QROO

Phone: +52 984 87 12202

Internet: www.siankaantours.org

Xplor



All Inclusive Adventure park with ziplining, swimming or rafting in underground rivers and amphibious vehicles.

Address: Carretera Federal Chetumal – Pto Juarez, KM 282

Opening hours: 09:00 - 17:00 hrs

Phone: Toll free: 01 800 212 8951

Internet: www.xplor.travel

Hidden Worlds Rain Forest Adventures



Six exciting experiences arranged into one unique tour. The Zip Coaster (Roller Coaster Zip line), The Aerocycle, Jungle Zip line, Splash down Zip line, Free Rappel and Cenote Snorkeling all in one.

Address: Carretera Federal Chetumal – Puerto Juarez, 15 minutes North of Tulum or 25 minutes south of Playa del Carmen.

Phone: Toll Free: 01 800 681 6755

Internet: www.hiddenworlds.com

More Info: transportation.hidden@gmail.com

Coba Archaeological Site



This archaeological site was an important commercial and ceremonial city in the pre classic period. Here you can climb the highest pyramid called the Nohoch Mul.

Address: 47 KM west of Tulum Village (towards Valladolid)

Opening hours: 08:00 - 17:00 hrs

Internet: www.inah.gob.mx/index.php/zonas-arqueologicas

Tulum Archaeological Site



Information about the attraction: the only archaeological Maya site on the shore. This walled city dates from the post classic period and offers over 60 well preserved structures.

Address: Carretera Federal Chetumal – Pto Juarez just north of the village of Tulum.

Opening hours: 08:00 - 17:00 hrs

Internet: <http://www.inah.gob.mx/index.php/zonas-arqueologicas>

Aventuras Mayas



Offers Tours that combine snorkelling, rapelling, ziplining and archaeological sites. 4 different excursions are available.

Address: Carretera Federal Chetumal – Pto Juarez, KM 286.5, Playa del Carmen

Opening hours: 08:00 - 17:00 hrs

Phone: +52 984 80 32551

Internet: www.aventurasmayas.com

Coba Maya Encounter



This excursion combines a visit to the archaeological site Coba with adventure activities in an authentic Maya village.

Address: Alltournative, Carretera Federal Chetumal – Pto Juarez, KM 287.

Playa del Carmen

Opening hours: 08:00 - 17:00 hrs

Phone: +52 984 80 39999

Internet: www.alltournative.com

The Jungle Maya Expedition



A day full of activity with swimming in Cenotes, a unimog ride and lunch at a typical Maya ranch in the jungle.

Address: Alltournative, Carretera Federal Chetumal – Pto Juarez, KM 287.

Playa del Carmen

Opening hours: 08:00 - 16:00 hrs

Phone: 1-877-437-4990

Internet: www.alltournative.com

Akumal



Laid back and friendly village where one can snorkel with sea turtles or explore the inlet Yalku.

Address: Carretera Federal Chetumal – Pto Juarez, KM 255

Internet: www.akumal.caribemexicano.com

EVENTS



Throughout the year there are many special events that take place in Riviera Maya. There are festivals that range all the way from the extraordinarily Riviera Maya Jazz Festival through international movie and food festivals. With the objective of complementing your vacations. More tips on www.rivieramaya.com

Sacred Mayan Journey



May of 2014.(date to be confirm) Re-creation of the crossing made by the Mayans from Pole (Xcaret) to Cutzamil (Cozumel) to honor the goddess Ixchel, jointly

organized by Xcaret and the municipalities of Solidaridad and Cozumel.

Address: Xcaret Park and Cozumel

Opening hours: May 2013

Internet: www.travesiasagradamaya.com.mx

Triathlon Xel-Ha



November (date to be confirm). Each year, the beauty of a majestic natural inlet in the Caribbean Sea is the backdrop for the Xel-Ha

Triathlon. This sport is

becoming very popular and the amount of triathletes in the country has shown tremendous growth in recent years.

The competition takes place during the month of

November at the park Xel-Ha and includes categories for all ages.

Address: Xel-Ha Park

Internet: <http://en.triatlonxelha.com/>

Winterbeach



From December to January (date to be confirm),

Winterbeach is an event that brings music, fashion and entertainment to say goodbye to the old year and welcome

the new one. National and International talent get together at Mamita's Beach Club for an ongoing series of events including concerts, catwalks from recognized Latin designers, DJ's and other parties to receive the new year's eve.

Address: Mamita's Beach Club

Internet: <https://www.facebook.com/winterbeachmexico>

Taste of Playa



November (date to be confirm). Taste of Playa is a community based culinary festival set in the heart of the Riviera Maya. With inspiration drawn from the dreams of

several local business owners, this event was conceived in 2009 as a way to celebrate the extraordinary talents of chefs and restaurateurs who have chosen Playa del Carmen as their home and establish the Riviera Maya as a world class culinary destination.

Photo: Taste of Playa

Address: Fundadores Park, 5th avenue with Juárez, behind the Chapel.

Internet: <http://www.tasteofplaya.com/>

Riviera Maya Jazz Festival



November 2014 (date to be confirm). Jazz music festival celebrates 12th anniversary with top national and international artists at Playa Mamitas, organized by the

Riviera Maya Destination Marketing Office.

Address: Mamita's Beach Club

Internet: www.rivieramayajazzfestival.com

Cancun - Riviera Maya Wine & Food Festival



From 13 - 16 March, 2014
With the theme: "Europe meets the Americas" the Cancun – Riviera Maya Wine & Food Festival will celebrate its third edition. This year's

first guests of honor is world famous Chef Daniel Boulud from France, considered one of America's leading culinary authorities and one of the most revered French chefs in New York, the city he has called home since 1982. The second Guest of honor is the Mexican Chef Guillermo Gonzalez Beristain, who studied in Mesa-College and the Culinary Institute of America, and has worked in prestigious restaurants in Europe, all with Michelin stars. Over two dozen other chefs and a team of renowned sommeliers, including the world's top female sommelier, Véronique Rivest will accompany these celebrity star Chefs during the festival.

Photo: Wine & Food

Opening hours: Events during the day & night

Internet: www.crmwinefoodfest.com

Riviera Maya Film Festival



March 9 - 15, 2014 Riviera Maya once again will be the main venue for the third edition of the Riviera Maya Film Festival, an event that is achieving to unite the

greatness of Quintana Roo, its people, its natural beauty and its ancient culture with the universal contemporary art: movies. During the six days of the festival, a variety of Mexican and foreign films will be broadcasted in natural settings both in Playa del Carmen and in Tulum.

Address: Playa del Carmen, Tulum, Holbox y Puerto Morelos

Internet: <http://rmff.mx/>

Turtle Festival



October 2014. It was founded in 2003 to raise awareness among residents of Tulum on the importance of conserving sea turtles. Many different activities for children,

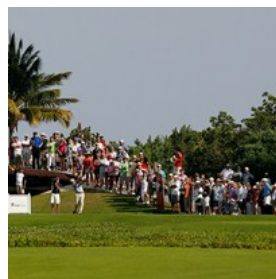
teenagers and adults invite the community to participate actively within the celebration of this festival.

Photo: Festival de la Tortuga Marina

Address: Akumal & Tulum

Internet: <http://www.festivaltortugamarinatulum.com/>

PGA Mayakoba Golf Classic



The OHL Classic at Mayakoba made golf history when the tournament was first conducted in 2007, becoming Mexico's Only PGA TOUR Event. A six-year contract

extension was announced in November 2011. The OHL Classic at Mayakoba will be in November as the event joins the new fall portion of the PGA TOUR FedExCup schedule,affording any PGA TOUR player the opportunity to compete in this tournament.

Address: Mayakoba

Phone: +52 984 206 3088

Internet: <http://www.ohlclassic.com/english/>

8th Life & Death Traditions Festival



October 30 to November 2, 2014. At the Day of the Dead Festival in Xcaret, visitors sample the traditional food, art and culture of this celebration of Mexico.

Photo: festivaldevidaymuerte

Address: Xcaret Park

Opening hours: 30 October - 2 November 2014

Internet: <http://www.festivaldevidaymuerte.com>

Arena Festival



January 31st to February 5th, of 2013, Arena Festival, Mexico's biggest gay and lesbian dance music festival, celebrates its blow-out second edition in Playa del Carmen on the Riviera Maya with 15 special parties.

Opening hours: events during the day & night

Internet: <http://www.arena.mx/>

XPLOR BRAVEST RACE UNDERGROUND



January 26, 2014 On Sunday January 26th, Xplor will receive around 3 000 competitors who will test their courage with strength-, skill- and resistance tests on a 5

km route, in which they will also face human obstacles –fear hunters- representing their fears and who will try to steal their courage during this challenge.

The aim is to finish the course and keeping the bravery flags, making the competitors one of "the bravest".

www.xplorbravestrace.com

Internet: www.xplorbravestrace.com

BPM Festival



January 3rd to 12th, of 2013,

The BPM Festival is an annual world-class electronic music festival in Playa Del Carmen, México held at the beginning of the calendar year. Originally

conceived as an elite dance music industry-networking event, the festival has morphed into an international mélange of electronic music lovers, DJs, producers, and party professionals.

Address: Mamita's Beach Club, Kool Beach, Canibal Royal, La Santanera, Blue Parrot.

Opening hours: 12:00-06:00 hrs

Internet: www.thebpmfestival.com

DINING



The Mexican Cuisine is known for its varied flavours and the great variety of spices and ingredients that are used, most of which are native to the country. Many of the recipes are based on a tradition that date thousands of years back and were passed on from generation to generation. It is for that reason that the UNESCO declared the Mexican Gastronomy an intangible Cultural Heritage in 2010.

Food plays an important role in the Mexican society and every meal is a feast. The preparation is a ritual by itself and it is not uncommon that half a day is spent in the kitchen to create these exquisite dishes.

The Riviera Maya is a hot spot for the up and coming restaurants, the latest foodie trends and new cuisine. Playa del Carmen, the main city of the destination is a vibrant district with its own style and flavor. Serving as a hub for Riviera Maya's nightlife, shopping and dining scene, Playa del Carmen is a cosmopolitan city with its own style and flavor. For a more low-key atmosphere, Tulum, known primarily as the site of ancient Mayan ruins, serves as an off-the-beaten path district for authentic local culinary offerings. With an array of fine dining options, experiential culinary lessons and opportunities to explore the art of wine and spirit tastings visitors are sure to find something to satisfy their palate.

Oh Lala



The cuisine at Oh Lala! is a refreshing change from that of other, more conventional restaurants. Guests are treated like good old friends in a relaxing atmosphere coupled with personalized service and good food.

Address: 10th Avenue between 14-16 street, Playa del Carmen
Opening hours: 18:30 - 23:00 hrs
Phone: +521 984 1295891
Internet: <http://www.ohlalabygeorge.com/>

La Cueva del Chango



Serves natural Mexican food from breakfast to dinner and all juices are made from fresh fruits. The restaurant is located in a tropical garden with abundant vegetation and trees.

Address: 38 Street Between Fifth Avenue and the Beach
Opening hours: 08:00- 23:00 hrs.
Phone: +52 (1) 984 147 0271
Internet: www.lacuevadelchango.com

La Casa del Agua



Address: 5th Avenue, corner with 2nd street, Playa del Carmen
Phone: +52 984 803 0232
Internet: <http://www.lacasadelagua.com/>

La Sirena

La Sirena Cevichería and Bar is a great place to eat fresh seafood and excellent ceviches in a relaxed atmosphere.

Address: 16 Street between 1st and 5th Avenue
Phone: +52 984 80 32448

La Zebra



This restaurant is in the 10 ten of most romantic restaurants of the world. They serve excellent Mexican food and great cocktails with fresh juices.

Address: KM Road Tulum to Boca paila, Tulum
Phone: +52 1 984 115 4726
Internet: www.lazebratulum.com

Xulam



Delicious Maya & Mexican food, served in a place surrounded by nature.

Address: 10th av. south, Playacar, Playa del Carmen
Opening hours: 14:00 to 0:00
Phone: 01 984 803 3567
Internet: www.xulam.com.mx

Kinich



Delicious Yucatecan
Restaurant, in downtown
Tulum.

Address: Carretera Federal Tulum- Chetumal, Manzana 39, Lote 1, Tulum
Phone: +52 1 984 871 2633
Internet: <http://kinichizamal.com/kinich-tulum/>

Maíz de Mar



Famed Mexico City chef
Enrique Olvera has partnered
with Grupo Kampai to open
Maíz de Mar in the state of
Quintana Roo. The restaurant
takes inspiration from the

popular cuisine
of Mexico's coasts and seeks to please both Playa del
Carmen
locals and visitors alike. Maíz de Mar extends Olvera's
culinary
philosophy—first expressed at Pujol and ENO—where
quality
takes precedence over luxury and where the highest
quality local
ingredients are essential, all amid a specially designed
ambience
that brings to mind everything you love about restaurants
at
the beach.

Address: Plaza Cacao 5a Avenida between 30 and 32. Playa del Carmen,
Quintana Roo.
Opening hours: tuesday to sunday from 12:00 hrs to 24:00 hrs
Phone: 01 (984) 803 1808
Internet: maizdemar.com
More Info: Info@maizdemar.com

Imprevist



Imprevist is a Catalan word
which means the
"Unexpected". Dining here and
experiencing these wonderful
dishes will be surprisingly
unexpected everytime. The

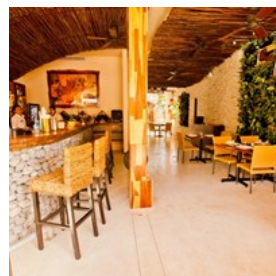
restaurant is situated in a quaint street in the Heart of
Playa del Carmen. After several years of experience and
learning from European chefs, Chef Juan Diego
Solombrino is well known for his incredible combination of
Mediterranean and Asian inspired cuisine.

Preparing dishes of unique flavor, creating art within each
presentation. He personally hand picks the products,
focusing on the menu to provide a wide variety so that
everyone can enjoy their meal, from vegetarian options to
oriental, excellent seabass or steak, ending with the delight
of a chocolate fondant berry sorbet.

"Cooking is an art, and for me it is the only art that
stimulates all senses. The moment when you take your
first bite, all your senses comes together to experience the
delightful aromas, flavors and textures of food" - Chef
Juan Diego Solombrino.

Address: 1 Avenida Norte Entre Calle 14 Norte y 16 Norte Bis SN
Phone: 984 141 66 25 or 984 168 70 26
Internet: <http://imprevistpdc.com/>

Aldea Corazón



This magical piece of Mayan
culture sets itself in a sacred
garden located right on the
5th Avenue yet invisible from
the outside. Whether you
would like to enjoy the view at

5th Avenue while savoring a frozen cocktail, or be
delighted by the reenerly and hearts with air conditioning
area or you would like to find yourself in a magical
environment surrounded by dream catchers, tropical

greenery, old leaf trees and underground cenotes. Pamper the most discerning palate by enjoying mouth-watering dishes as fresh local fish with hibiscus flower sauce or a tender beef fillet, filled with huitlacoche (Mexican corn fungus) covered with spicy poblano chile sauce. Aldea Corazon serves a fusion of Mexican cuisine with a Mayan twist.

Address: 5ta Avenida entre Calles 14 & 16
Opening hours: 8 am—12 am, Mon—Sun.
Phone: 01 984 803 1942
More Info: facebook.com/aldeacorazon

Yaxche



Award winning restaurant that serves Maya- Fusion food combining ancient and cosmopolitan ingredients.

Address: 5th Avenue Corner 22nd Street, Playa del Carmen
Phone: +52 984 87 33011
Internet: www.mayacuisine.com

DiVino

Divino by Glassbar offers delicious Italian food and an extensive Italian wine list.

Address: 5th Avenue, corner 12th Street, Playa del Carmen
Phone: +52 984 80 31270
Internet: www.theglassbar.com

Sur



This Argentinean Grill will amaze you with its wide variety of charcoal grilled cut meats as well as a large range of appetizers, seafood, pasta & salads. Its privileged

location on the corner of the 5th Avenue and charming Calle Corazon will enhance your dining experience being the perfect spot to enjoy the most cosmopolitan

pedestrian Avenue in all Latin America.

Try our exquisite fresh tuna carpaccio or our grilled charcoal octopus with a touch of cayenne pepper as a starter followed by a juicy beef tenderloin or our famous cowboy steak. Let our professional staff and exquisite cuisine give you an experience to remember.

Address: 5th Avenue, corner Calle Corazon, Playa del Carmen
Phone: +52 984 80 32995
Internet: www.restaurantesur.com

The Blue Lobster

Tasty Lobster and excellent service.

Address: 12 Street, corner 5th Avenue, Playa del Carmen
Phone: +52 984 80 31200
Internet: www.bluelobster.com.mx

Alux



Prehispanic and Mexican food served in an amazingly beautiful underground cenote.

Address: Avenida Juarez between 65 and 70 Street
Phone: +52 984 206 2589
Internet: www.aluxrestaurant.com

Posada Margherita



Delicious Italian Food, try the homemade pasta with lobster!!

Address: KM 4.5 Road Tulum – Boca Paila, Tulum
Phone: +52 984 80 18493
Internet: www.posadamargherita.com

El Tabano



Traditional Mexican food prepared in an innovative way. A really beautiful place with excellent service.

Address: KM 6 Road Tulum to Boca Paila, Tulum.
Phone: +52 1 984 134 8725

Mezzanine



Exquisite beach cuisine with a Thai twist overlooking the Caribbean Sea.

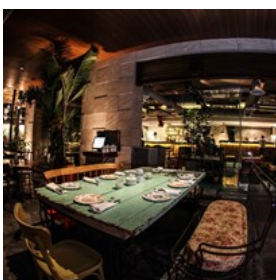
Address: KM 1.5 Road Tulum – Boca Paila, Tulum
Phone: +52 1 984 131 1596

La Nave

Traditional Italian food in the centre of town and very decently priced.

Address: Avenida Tulum s/n Tulum

Almirante Pech



Almirante Pech located on the famous and busy 5th Avenue. His contemporary fusion menu méxican & Yucatecan food offer you a unique experience in the new call

fifth.

His story honoring the great Admiral Pech will captivate you.

A unique sound with live DJs create a unique musical atmosphere.

Definitely a place you fall in love with.

The Admiral and his crew invite you to live this great experience.

Address: 5th Avenue and Calle 32 Playa del Carmen
Opening hours: 18:00 - 01:00 hrs
Phone: Ph. +52 (984) 8032912
Internet: www.almirantepech.com
More Info: <http://www.facebook.com/AlmirantePech?ref=ts&fref=ts>

CAFES



Mexico produces coffee of an excellent quality as its topography, altitude, climate and soil allow growing and producing varieties that are classified amongst the best of the world. As a coffee producer, Mexico ranks fifth and is the leading producer of organic coffee. It is for that reason that you will always be able to find an excellent cup of coffee in the Riviera Maya, whether it is to wake you up in the morning or to enjoy with a slice of cake in the afternoon or after an exquisite dinner in one of the many restaurants in town. Options are many and the coffee is always hot and fresh!

Ah Cacao



The best coffees and chocolates made with Mexican Cacao. Their Mayan Chocolate ice cream and their brownies are the best you have ever tasted.

Address: Av Constituyentes corner 5th Avenue, Playa del Carmen

Opening hours: 07:15 – 23:30 hrs

Phone: +52 984 80 35748

Internet: www.ahcacao.com

Chez Celine



Homemade French baguettes, delicious food and coffees.

Address: 5th Avenue corner 34th Street

Opening hours: 08:00- 23:00 hrs.

Phone: +52 984 80 33480

Internet: www.chezceline.com.mx

Coffee Café

Relaxed place to have a coffee. The chairs are very comfy and the place is pet friendly.

Address: 5th Avenue Corner 34th Street, Playa del Carmen.

More Info: es-es.facebook.com/coffeecafeplaya

Hot the Baking Company

A fabulous place to start the day with a good coffee and home baked bread.

Address: Corazon street between 5th and 10th Avenue, Playa del Carmen

Phone: +52 984 87 64370

Noah's Zoo Café

Offers a great variety of coffees and breakfast. Internet is included.

Address: 5th Avenue corner 14th street, Playa del Carmen.

Phone: +52 984 80 32377

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



Playa del Carmen comes alive again at night with vibrant bars and clubs that range from casual beach hangouts with beers on tap to swanky nightclubs serving sophisticated cocktails. The famous Quinta Avenida in the heart of downtown Playa is lined with chic nightclubs, sports bars, exotic hookah houses, open-air beach clubs with live music, rooftop patios with picturesque vistas and lively pubs and mezcalerias, which – staying true to Mexico's roots – feature a limitless selection of made-to-order mezcal drinks using liquor from the native agave plant.

Diablito Cha Cha Cha



Enjoy an exquisite fusion of Asian and Mexican cuisine (tempura calamari, tuna tostadas), while DJs spin an increasingly intense collection of funky cha cha cha music.

Address: 12 Street Corner 1st Avenue, Playa del Carmen

Phone: +52 984 80 33695

Internet: www.diablitochachacha.com

Kartabar

Kartabar is an excellent option for dining Mediterranean and Lebanese cuisine, or just for an exotic martini with friends.

Address: Kartabar is located in 12th street and 1st Ave. Norte.

Phone: +52 984 873 2228

Internet: www.kartabar.com.mx

La Azotea

Restaurant bar that serves Spanish delicacies with a Mexican edge in an energetic and centrally located environment.

Address: 5th Avenue corner 8th Street in hotel El Punto, Playa del Carmen

Phone: +52 984 803-0288

Internet: www.hoteleselpunto.com/eng/azotea_bar.cfm

Tequila Barrel

Tequila Barrel is a sports bar, great spot to drink a margarita and watch the daily parade of tourists. Or the perfect place to taste 70 different kinds of tequila and get the party started. It's a really lively place, popular with tourists, and has authentic Mexican décor.

Address: 5th Avenue between 10th and 12th Street, Playa del Carmen

Internet: www.tequilabarrel.com

La Mezcalina



Mezcalina is a very popular meeting point for tourists and local people who want to hear new musical ideas with Latin, indie and electronic rhythms, along with the traditional drink

Mexican mescal (is a distilled alcoholic beverage made from the maguey plant), authentic laid back Caribbean atmosphere.

Address: 12 street between 1st Avenue and the Beach, Playa del Carmen

Blue Parrot

The Blue Parrot has been a "must-do" for visitors, where one can experience an eclectic mix of music either on the beach dance floor where they feature more pop and retro music, or the Palapa Lounge which offers the progressive dance mix that our Latin American and European customers tend to prefer. For a more relaxed chill out vibe, the palapa-covered sky bar offers dramatic overviews of the Caribbean and the beachfront dance floor. The most spectacular at the Blue Parrot is the Fire Show, held every

night at 11.00 pm.

Address: 12th Street on the beach, Playa del Carmen.

Phone: +52 984 206 3350

Internet: www.blueparrot.com/beach-club

Coco Maya

On an oceanfront location, guests will enjoy dancing on the beach where renowned local DJs mix hip hop and Latin music or live music from 6pm until 5am.

Address: Coco Maya is located on the beach between Calles 12 and 14.

Phone: +52 1 984 1422474

Mandala

Decorated in an attractive Asian style, Mandala is a popular bar which offers an area to dance on the ground floor and the mezzanine, where there are DJs mixing the latest pop and techno tunes, and also there is an open-air terrace on the top floor where you can enjoy a drink and chill out for a while.

Address: 12th Street between 5th and 1st Avenue, Playa del Carmen

Phone: +52 984 87 94189

Internet: www.mandalanightclub.com/mandala-playa/index.html

Coco Bongo

The best in show production, an excellent selection of music, and the latest technology, making it the best choice for a night full of entertainment. With impressive acrobatics, excellent impersonations of celebrities.

Address: 10th Avenue corner 12th street Playa del Carmen

Phone: +52 984 803 3232

Internet: www.cocobongo.com.mx

La Santanera

Lounge around the couches under the open, palapa roof on the pretty and sexy upper level or go downstairs for late-night dancing to a DJ. Cover charge after 11 PM. La Santanera is the "after" hours of Playa.

Address: 12th Street between 5th and 10th Avenue, Playa del Carmen

Internet: www.lasantanera.com

La Bodeguita del Medio

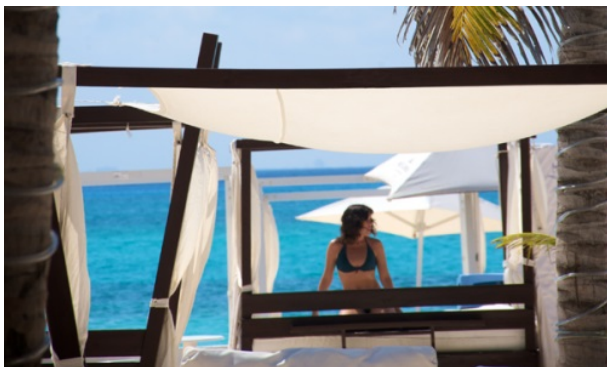
Indoor Cuban dance club with live dance bands. Free Salsa lessons on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7 PM.

La Bodeguita del Medio is a Cuban bar on the Northern end of 5th Ave that serves up live music and the best Mojito in Playa.

Take a free salsa lesson and sign your name with thousands of others on the walls, ceilings or light fixtures. (located at 5th Ave and Calle 34.

Address: 5th Avenue corner 34 Street, Playa del Carmen
Internet: www.labodeguitadelmedio.com.mx

SHOPPING



La Quinta is bursting with shops that offer visitors marvelous opportunities for shopping. There are very upscale prestigious brand boutiques reminiscent of Rodeo Drive in Beverly Hills. There also are stores featuring the designs and creations of local tailors and dressmakers utilizing an amazing palette of colors and cloths. Some of the shops specialize in the regional dresses that the women of the Yucatan wear, the huipil, as well as the cool guayaberas or shirt-jacs that the men use others feature regional dresses from all over Mexico.

There is a plethora of jewelry stores on La Quinta, some featuring the lines of internationally renowned designers and others specializing in creations in Mexican silver and gold. It is important that you purchase such items from the reputable stores on La Quinta rather than from street

vendors and others who often foist off ersatz jewelry on unsuspecting tourists. Quite often, you can bargain with the jewelry shop owners in order to get better prices on the items you wish to purchase.

The same thing goes with the myriad number of shops featuring creations by local artisans, beautiful arts and crafts that will lend an air of color and sophistication to your home. Bargaining usually is a given with these shop owners. Shops are open 7 days a week generally from 10.00 am – 22.00 pm. Many shops will accept credit cards as payment but there are shops that only accept cash as a payment method.

ACCOMMODATIONS



Riviera Maya offers a wide range of hotels and accommodations to choose from. Throughout the destination you will find All Inclusive resorts from renowned chains which will provide you with a dream vacation full of relaxation and rest.

Most of the resorts offer activities during the day and non motorized water sports such as windsurfing, kayaks and snorkel equipment are included in the package. At night a highly professional entertainment team will perform a show for you after dinner.

If you are looking for a more individual holiday a small hotel might be just what you are looking for. The small boutique hotels are located mainly in the villages and cities of Riviera Maya. Each hotel has its own style and

decoration, but they all have in common that they will provide you with an unforgettable experience and personalized service. As they are mainly located in the village they are an excellent gateway for those that want to explore the town on their own and try out the many local restaurants, bars, shops and nightlife options.

The destination offers more than 370 hotels so for sure there is something there for you. To search for a hotel please visit www.rivieramaya.com

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



Cancún International Airport

Cancún International Airport is the main airport to reach the Riviera Maya.

Cancun is the second-largest airport in Mexico and it serves more than 10 million passengers per year. The airport is located 50 km from Playa del Carmen and 112 km from Tulum.

Address: 50 km from Playa del Carmen & 112 km from Tulum.
Phone: +52 99 8848 7200
Internet: <http://www.asur.com.mx/asur/español/aeropuertos/cancun/cancun.asp>

Transfer from Cancun Airport to Riviera Maya

There are several options available for ground transportation. Some properties might include the transportation in the package.

Car rental is available and gives you the liberty to move around freely, all mayor car rental companies are represented.

Upon arrival you can also hire a shared shuttle service at around 18 USD per person or get a private taxi.

The most economic option is the ADO bus with services from Cancun Airport to Playa del Carmen with a brief stop at Puerto Morelos. Buses run from 10.00 am to 22.00 pm every hour and the rate is \$116 pesos (around 10 USD)

The terminal is located at the southeast corner of terminal 2. A shuttle service runs every 10 minutes between terminal 2 and 3. Payment is accepted in mexican pesos and US Dollars. (Euro is NOT accepted)

ATM machines are available inside the terminals 2 and 3. Buses are painted red and they will be marked with Playa del Carmen.

The ADO airport bus will take you to the bus station on 5th Avenue in downtown Playa del Carmen. There is a taxi stand located in front of the bus terminal for transportation to your hotel.

For more information please see the websites below:
www.ado.com.mx

Internet: www.ado.com.mx

Public Transportation

There are several ways to travel in Riviera Maya:

The ADO bus runs between the main cities and according to a timetable. The buses have air conditioning and video on board and offer services throughout the Mexican Republic. Buses to Cancun run every 15 minutes and to Tulum every 30 minutes.

For actual rates and schedules check the local bus station at 5th Avenue Corner Juarez Avenue in Playa del Carmen or click : www.ado.com.mx

Another option is the "colectivos" a shuttle-type service that runs between Tulum and Cancun. They run all day long and can be stopped at the side of the Highway 307. There is no timetable so some patience is requested. In Playa del Carmen you catch it at the "colectivo" stand located at 2nd Street between 15th and 20th Avenue. (Calle 2 Norte entre 15 y 20 Avenida).

Car Rental Agencies are located at the airport, in Playa del Carmen and in all the hotels in Riviera Maya. Rates may vary according to the season. A credit card and a valid driver's license are requested and the minimum age to rent a car in Riviera Maya is 21 years.

The Highway 307 is a modern 4-lane divided highway in excellent condition that connects Cancun with Tulum. From Tulum 2 lanes continue to Chetumal in the south of the state of Quintana Roo.

Taxi

Taxis are available 24 hours a day. Rates are per taxi and a maximum of 4 people per taxi is allowed. There are taxi stands at strategic places in the mayor towns or simply stop any taxi on the street. Taxis have fixed rates and all taxi drivers should have a rate chart available. It is recommended to make out the price before boarding. Make sure you carry small bills or the correct amount as change is difficult sometimes. Most taxi drivers will speak little english so it is recommended to have the address written down on paper and remember the taxi number written on the door for eventual forgotten items. The current average cost for a taxi within Playa del Carmen is 25 pesos.

Health Care

You can find pharmacies in all villages and cities in the Riviera Maya, most of them are open 24 hours and some of them offer delivery service.

Please note that laws have changed in Mexico and that a

prescription is required to purchase medication.

Farmacias Yza

Playa del Carmen, Quintana Roo Constituyentes Cruce con Av. 30 Col. Gonzalo Guerrero +52 984 873 0597

Farmacias del Ahorro

Playa del Carmen, Quintana Roo Av Constituyentes It 1, Gonzalo Guerrero c.p. 77720 Toll free: 01 800 711 2222

Medical Assistance is excellent in the Riviera Maya. Doctors are professional and speak fluent English. Hospitals and Private Clinics are available for the unfortunate case you need one.

HOSPITEN

Medical Service in Playa del Carmen Full hospital with all medical and emergency services.
Tel. +52 984 803-1002, +52 984 803-1002
Location: Hwy 307 on the North bound side near the Playacar entrance Accepts Credit Cards.
Open 24 hrs, daily

PLAYAMED

Medical Service in Playa del Carmen
Hospital and emergency room services.
Tel. +52 984 879-3114, +52 984 879-3114
Location: Hwy 307 and Calle 28, on the west side of the highway.
Open 24 hrs, daily

Telephone Code

The Riviera Maya offers several communications options. From phone booths to Internet cafes located in shopping malls and restaurants, most of them with Wi-Fi service. Also most of the Hotels offer Internet service.

Country code: +52 Area code: 984

To call from México to USA you have to dial 001+
telephone number

To call from México to other countries dial 00+ country
code+ telephone number

Electricity

110 Volt. Hotels usually offer voltage converters for 220
Volt devices.

Drinking Water

The water out of the tap is not drinking water. Please use
bottled water instead. Ice cubes are made out of bottled
water and are perfectly safe.

Weather

Riviera Maya has a subtropical climate with warm and
sunny weather all year around.

The average daily temperature is 28°C / 85F with higher
peaks in the summer months when temperatures can
reach 32°C, 90 °F.

The climate is predominated by a rainy season from June
until November. Generally this means some showers in the
early evening or during the night.

It is recommended to bring a sweater or a light jacket in
the wintermonths as temperatures may drop due to north
wind influence.