

### **Yucatan Peninsula with Mayan Train Itinerary**

This itinerary may be subject to change due to unexpected circumstances such as, but not restricted to, adverse weather or traffic conditions.

#### **Day 1: Travel to Palenque**

Flights from Manzanillo, Puerto Vallarta or Guadalajara airport to Villahermosa (via Mexico City). Transfer to Palenque by road (approximately 2 hours). Departure times to be confirmed upon making flight reservations.

**Accommodation:** Palenque National Park

#### **Day 2: Archaeological site of Palenque**

Breakfast in hotel, followed by transfer (approximately 15 minutes) to the ancient Mayan city of Palenque. Guided tour of this impressive archaeological site, followed by transfer back to hotel. Afternoon: chance to relax by the pool, or optional afternoon tours available.

**Accommodation:** Palenque National Park

#### **Day 3: Mayan Train to Campeche**

Early departure to Palenque train station to take the Tren Maya (Mayan Train) to the coastal city of Campeche (approximately 4 ½ hours), arriving around 1.30 pm. Time for lunch, followed by an afternoon city tour and free time in the evening to enjoy this colourful city's great atmosphere.

**Accommodation:** Campeche

#### **Day 4: Uxmal Archaeological Site, Chocolate, and Merida**

Transfer by road from Campeche to the archaeological site of Uxmal (approximately 2 hours); dating back as far as 600 DC, this site displays some of the most impressive Mesoamerican structures in all of Mexico. From Uxmal we head across the road to learn all about the importance of Cacao (chocolate) in the Mayan culture. Lunch included, followed by afternoon transfer to Merida (approximately 1 ½ hours). Evening orientation and free time for dinner.

**Accommodation:** Merida

#### **Day 5: Merida or Flamingos of Celestún**

City tour to explore the beautiful city of Merida and free afternoon, or optional day tour to see the flamingos in Celestún\* (approximately 1 ½ hours each way). Free time in the evening.

*\*Please note that we cannot guarantee seeing flamingos in large numbers, but Celestún is considered the best place for sightings during the winter months (November to March).*

**Accommodation:** Merida

**Day 6: Izamal, Chichén Itzá, and Valladolid**

Transfer by road to the yellow city of Izamal (approximately 1 ¼ hours) for tour of historic centre, followed by transfer to Chichén Itzá (approximately 1 ¼ hours), one of the most important Mayan cities of Mesoamerica. Lunch included, followed by visit to a beautiful cenote and time to refresh in its cool water. Afternoon transfer to Valladolid by road (approximately 1 hour). Evening free for dining.

**Accommodation:** Valladolid

**Day 7: Valladolid and Tulum**

City tour in Valladolid and time to swim in a cenote, right in the centre of the city. Time for lunch, followed by afternoon transfer to Tulum by road (approximately 1 ¾ hours). Evening free for dining.

**Accommodation:** Tulum

**Day 8: Tulum**

Optional morning tour to the unique coastal archaeological site of Tulum, followed by afternoon free on the beach, OR treat yourself to a full day of relaxation at the beachside hotel in Tulum.

**Accommodation:** Tulum

**Day 9: Return travel**

Transfer to Cancun airport (approximately 2 hours) for return flights.