

## Itinerario

### Detalles del viaje: 13 días



**Ida**

#### ● Día 1 · UK - Cancún

Upon arrival at Cancun International Airport, a Destination Services team member awaits you for pick-up and transfer to your hotel in Cancun. Overnight in La Quinta Inn or similar on a bed-and-breakfast basis.

#### ● Día 2 · Cancún – Ría Lagartos – Cenote – Chichen Itzá

After a savory breakfast we will head the road towards Merida. On route, we will start with the visit of one of the most important archaeological sites of the Maya, Chichén Itza. Known as one of the New Seven World Wonders. The legendary Maya city of Chichén Itza has been laboriously reclaimed from the jungle - learn about the Maya and their civilisation as you admire the scale and detail of this ancient city. Behold the geometric perfection of the 25-metre-tall Temple of Kukulcan, popularly known as El Castillo ('the Castle'), which was built both as a representation of the mystical Maya calendar and to reflect the optical illusion of a serpent snaking its way up or down the pyramid during the spring and autumn equinoxes. Admire the Great Ball Court, the largest of 13 discovered at the site, see the haunting Skull Platform, where the heads of human sacrifice victims and prisoners of war were impaled, and also the Sacred Cenote, where sacrifice victims were dumped. Also extremely well-preserved are the Temple of the Warriors, the Ossuary, the Nunnery and adjacent Church, and the large observatory known as the Snail. After our visit, we will continue to the 'White City of Merida', capital of the state of Yucatan. Overnight in Mision Merida or El Castellano on a bed-and-breakfast basis.

#### ● Día 3 · Chichen Itzá - Izamal - Mérida

You will have the morning at leisure. Our recommendation is to join the optional tour to the biosphere Celestun. We will do a boat ride through this beautiful biosphere, spotting wild flamingos in their natural habitat. In the afternoon we will have a guided citytour of Meridas' historical downtown (45 minutes). Explore the Paseo de Montejo, where you will find a series of beautiful villas and palaces built in the 19th century. Enjoy the splendid Plaza Grande, home of the cathedral and the Casa de los Montejo, built in the 16th century in the plateresque style and whose beautiful façade has become a symbol of the city. We also will see the Government Palace and City Hall. Overnight in Mision Merida or El Castellano on a bed-and-breakfast basis.

#### ● Día 4 · Mérida - Uxmal - Campeche

Breakfast at the hotel is followed by a morning exploring the ruins of another former Maya city clawed back from vegetation. Arrive at Uxmal and enjoy a guided tour of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, which as you approach it comes into view as it rises above the canopy of the jungle. Unlike other Mayan cities, Uxmal was devoured by the rainforest after the Spaniards had arrived. The most famous structure is the 35-metre-tall Pyramid of the Magician, which towers over the remarkably well-preserved Nunnery Quadrangle with its ornately carved interior and exterior walls. Across the central plaza, just beyond the ballgame court, is the Governor's Palace with its elaborately decorated roof. At the southern end of the main complex is the Great Pyramid, of which only one side has been excavated with the other three still unclaimed from the bush. Continue to Campeche to your hotel for Overnight. Overnight in Plaza Colonial or Mision Campeche on a bed-and-breakfast basis.

#### ● Día 5 · Campeche - Palenque

After breakfast at the hotel, set out to see Campeche on a panoramic tour of this historic coastal city, driving through the heart of the picturesque old town, with its pastel-coloured colonial houses, colonnaded arcades and bell-gabled churches. Alight and explore further by foot, seeing sights such as ramparts of the old city walls and St Francis' Cathedral. The state of preservation and quality of its architecture earned it the status of a UNESCO World Heritage Site and you will see why as you explore. Continue the journey to Palenque, a bastion of the Ch'ol Maya people, in the state of Chiapas. We are now in Mexico's 'deep south', where the colourfully dressed descendants of the Maya can be seen everywhere, and their languages frequently heard on the streets and in the marketplaces. Check in to your hotel. Overnight in Mision Palenque hotel on a bed-and-breakfast basis.

#### ● Día 6 · Palenque - Waterfall visit - Palenque

For thousands of years, the Maya's writ stretched across what are now the five southern Mexican states as well as all of Belize and Guatemala, and the eastern parts of both El Salvador and Honduras – until their civilisation mysteriously collapsed in the eighth and ninth centuries. It was during this period that the now ruined city of Palenque (or B'aakal as the ancient Maya called it) entered decline and was devoured by the jungle until it was encountered by Spanish conquistadors in the 16th century. In its heyday, Palenque was a sprawling city-state that spanned nearly 60 square kilometres but archaeologists estimate that they have excavated only 5-10% of this UNESCO World Heritage Site. So far, more than 200 structures have been unearthed, with the Temple of the Inscriptions, the Palace, the Temple of the Count and the Temple of the Cross the most prominent. Enjoy exploring this ancient site on a guided tour. After, we set out on a visit to an incredible waterfall where you can appreciate Mexico's natural beauty. We will head back to the hotel. Overnight in Mision Palenque hotel on a bed-and-breakfast basis.

#### ● Día 7 · Palenque - Becan- Chetumal

Departing Palenque after breakfast heading west, arriving to the archaeological site of Kohunlich, an interesting ceremonial centre and city of the ancient Maya. The Spanish name does not actually come from Mayan but from the English Cohune Ridge where cohune palm grew. The city had been elaborately planned and engineered, to perfection to led water into an enormous reservoir to collect rainwater. It had raised platforms and pyramids, citadels and plaza surrounded

with palace platforms. The site is best known for its Temple of the Masks, an Early Classic pyramid whose central stairway is flanked by huge humanized stucco masks. After our guided visit we will head to Chetumal, the capital of the state of Quintana Roo where we will overnight. \* Overnight in Capital Plaza Chetumal hotel on a bed-and-breakfast basis.

● **Día 8** · Chetumal - Bacalar - Tulum - Cancún

After breakfast, we will head today to Cancun. Close to the city of Chetumal is the small town and lagoon of Bacalar, commonly known as the 'Lagoon of Seven Colours' due to the distinct shades of blue apparent in the water. Be amazed by its beauty! Here we make a quick photo-stop before continuing north to Cancun to the beach extension hotel in the Riviera Maya.

● **Día 9** · Cancún

Todo incluido.

● **Día 10** · Cancún

Todo incluido.

● **Día 11** · Cancún

Todo incluido.

● **Día 12** · Cancún - UK

Desayuno en el hotel. Transfer al aeropuerto. Vuelo de regreso a UK.

● **Día 13** · UK

Llegada a UK.

