



DESTINATION PLAYA DEL CARMEN, RIVIERA MAYA, MX

May 23nd – 27th, 2014

Riviera Maya - Where is it: Originally called the Cancun - Tulum corridor **Riviera Maya**, also known as the *Mayan Riviera*, is a tourism district in the Caribbean which historically started at the city of Playa del Carmen and ended at the village of Tulum. However, the towns of Puerto Morelos situated to the north and between Playa del Carmen and Cancun is now considered as part of the Riviera Maya tourist corridor.



Playa del Carmen: Originally a small fishing town, tourism to Playa del Carmen began with the passenger ferry service to Cozumel, an island across the Cozumel Channel and world famous scuba diving destination.

Playa del Carmen, or just "Playa", has undergone rapid development over the past two years. Tourist activity in Playa del Carmen centers on Quinta Avenida, or Fifth Avenue, stretching from Calle 1 norte until Calle 40, a pedestrian walkway located just one or two blocks inland from the beach. Fifth Avenue is lined with hundreds of shops, bars and restaurants.

How to get there: Most visitors to Playa del Carmen arrive at Cancun International Airport (CUN). The Cozumel Airport (CZM) could also be considered, but would require a ferry ride into Playa del Carmen.

What to do: Oh, you mean besides beautiful beach after beautiful beach? Activities include jet skiing, snorkeling, scuba diving, swimming in cenotes, swimming with dolphins, zip-lining, horse riding, sailing, and guided jungle tours. The archeological site of Tulum is a do not miss.

Once the sun sets, the town of Playa del Carmen comes to life with lively bars, clubs and lounges. From Jazz to Hip-Hop to Reggae to Salsa; everyone is sure to find a spot for them on the dance floor.

The weather: Weather Averages for Playa del Carmen in May:

°F °C	Temperature	28°C	83°F
°F °C	Low Temperature	25°C	76°F
°F °C	High Temperature	32°C	90°F

The currency: The official currency is the Mexican Peso, but American Dollars are accepted in most places.

Passports and Visas: All persons, including US citizens traveling by air between the United States and Mexico are required to present a valid passport. Click [HERE](#) for information on obtaining or renewing your passport.



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Land Only Package: This LAND ONLY package includes:

- Round trip ground transfer from Cancun International Airport (CUN) to Playa del Carmen
- 4 nights hotel
- Day trip to Tulum Ruins (including admission into park)
- Day trip to Isla Mujeres (including ferry ride to/from island)
- Afternoon of shopping in Cancun
- Entrance into Coco Bongo

Cost: Total package cost is \$625 (per person, double occupancy) for everything listed above. A NON-REFUNDABLE deposit of \$150 is required to reserve your space. The remaining balance is due in full no later than **April 20, 2014**. If balance is not paid, all deposits and payments are forfeited and your space will be released.

Optional Activities (additional costs):

- Day trip to Xel – Ha
- Snorkeling the MesoAmerican Reef
- Cenote Snorkel
- Golf Cart rental on the island of Isla Mujeres
- Jet Skiing

Deposits and payments can be made via our secure payment form by clicking [HERE](#). A receipt will be sent to you within 24 hours of receiving payment.



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Detailed Itinerary

Day 1: Arrival (Friday, May 23rd) – Once clearing customs, we will be ready to begin our exploration of Riviera Maya. Depending on the time of your arrival, we will either travel together as a group to Playa del Carmen via coach bus or I will provide you with detailed instructions on getting to Playa del Carmen. After arriving into town, we will check into our hotel, **Be Playa**, and spend the remainder of the day relaxing by the hotel's rooftop pool or you can take this opportunity to explore the local neighborhood.

No trip to Mexico is complete without spending some time at Coco Bongo Nightclub! This larger than life hot spot is more than a dance club. Every 20 minutes, a celebrity impersonator will take the stage with backup dancers and perform a montage of songs. These performances are over the top, with acrobats and dancers (think Las Vegas meets Mexico meets Hollywood) and THIS is where we will spend our Friday Night!

Be Playa: A sensibly designed boutique hotel perched in the most exclusive area of Playa del Carmen, delivers luxurious comfort capturing the splendid freshness of the environment. Sophisticated, chic yet bohemian. Be Playa is not another boutique hotel. It's a unique hotel.

- **Amenities Include:** 24-Hour Front Desk, 24-Hour Security, Adjoining Rooms, Air Conditioned, Bar, Elevators, Lounge, Maid Service, Rooftop Pool with Snack Bar, and Room Service



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Day 2 (Saturday): Let's spend the day relaxing on the beaches of Playa del Carmen at Mamitas Beach Club where we will enjoy good food & drinks (not included), good music and of course – beautiful turquoise waters. The Beach Club offers everything needed for an enjoyable day at the beach.

Saturday night we will continue to explore the nightlife of Playa del Carmen, starting with Blue Parrot and their legendary Fire Show. After that, the night is up for grabs: Reggae, Hip-Hop, Dance, House.....you name it, you will find it. Or maybe simply relax at a lounge or Hookah Bar. The choice is yours!

Day 3 (Sunday): Today is the day we will head to the Tulum Ruins, the site of a Pre-Columbian Maya walled city and one of the last cities inhabited and built by the Mayas. There are three major structures of interest at the Tulum site: El Castillo, the Temple of the Frescoes, and the Temple of the Descending God. Among the more spectacular buildings here is the Temple of the Frescoes that included a lower gallery and a smaller second story gallery. The Temple of the Frescoes was used as an observatory for tracking the movements of the sun. Nixed figurines of the Maya "diving god" or Venus deity decorate the facade of the temple.

After exploring the ruins, we will spend the afternoon on Tulum's spectacular beaches, which have been named some of the best "in the world". Here you can jump on a fisherman's boat and head out for some of the best snorkeling you will find (additional cost).

Day 4 (Monday): Today we will drive into Cancun and hop on a ferry over to Isla Mujeres (Island of Women), where the beaches are pristine and bikini tops are optional. On this small island you can do nothing at all, or fill your day with shopping, snorkeling or swimming. Get a beach massage, take a yoga class – or how about rent a bike, moped or golf cart and explore the entire island.

Our last night in Riviera Maya will include a group dinner and recap. After dinner, the night is yours.

Day 5: Departure (Tuesday, May 27th) – Check out of hotel and transportation back to Cancun International Airport is provided.