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ITINERARY

Maya Route

Villahermosa-Palenque-Campeche/Edzna-Uxmal-Chichén-Itzá-Merida

January 22-29, 2019

THE MAYA ROUTE

8 DAYS, 7 NIGHTS

We are proud to present to you our S&S Tours learning adventure tour that travels through the states of Yucatán, Campeche, Chiapas, and Tabasco. Relive ancient history at the classic period Mayan centers of Chichén-Itzá (one of the new Seven Wonders of the World) and Uxmal, relax in the historical seaport of Campeche, retreat to your own little bungalow surrounded by the Chiapas jungle at Palenque, and soak up the mysterious history at La Venta Olmec Park in Mexico's "Garden of Eden"—Villahermosa. The tour begins in Villahermosa, Tabasco and ends in Mérida, Yucatán.

INCLUDED

- 13 meals
- 7 nights lodging
- Private transfers & tours
- Private driver/guides
- All entry fees
- All daily tips -maids, luggage handling, & meals

MEXICO TRAVEL TIP

Flexibility and a sense of adventure are the key to a successful trip in Mexico.

YOUR ITINERARY

DAY 1 – ARRIVE IN VILLAHERMOSA

United Airlines flies direct between Houston (IAH) -Villahermosa (VSA) and Merida (MID)-Houston.

HOTEL: Cencali

MEALS: None

DAY 2 – VISIT “LA VENTA” MUSEUM PARK – TRANSFER TO PALENQUE

We will take a morning tour to La Venta Museum where the colossal remains of Olmec sculptures and carved altars can be admired. Each of these gigantic heads measuring 2.7 meters high and 20 tons of weight were carved in the 4th century AD. Late afternoon we will have a transfer to Chiapas to the Chan-Kah Hotel Resort near Palenque archeological site. The Chan-Kah Hotel Resort is a tourist attraction in itself. Swim in the most exotic pool you will ever see.

HOTEL: Chan-Kah

MEALS: Breakfast and Dinner

DAY 3 – PALENQUE RUINS

Today we will visit the Palenque Ruins. The archaeological site of Palenque is located on a natural balcony that opens up to extraordinary jungle plains. Among the most aesthetically impressive ruins in Mesoamerica, it has been described as the most beautiful Mayan ruin of all. The elegance and craftsmanship of the construction, attest to the creative genius of this civilization. The ancient city reached its peak from the 6th to the 8th centuries AD. Visit the archeological site, particularly the Temple of the Inscriptions, the Royal Tomb, and the Palace, surrounded by exquisite jungle flora and fauna.

HOTEL: Chan-Kah

MEALS: Breakfast and Dinner

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DAY 4 – TRANSFER TO CAMPECHE

Take pleasure of the wonderful scenery as you transfer to Campeche. Keep an eye on the landscape – exotic vegetation will be appearing. Upon our arrival at Campeche, you will enjoy sightseeing this beautiful city located at the edge of the Gulf of Mexico. Founded in 1540, it became an upstanding commercial port during the colonial era. Harried by pirates, the city was fortified with thick walls and bastions for protection. Visitors can see the remains of the walls and fort of the old city.

HOTEL: Del Mar

MEALS: Breakfast and Dinner

DAY 5 – VISIT THE EDZNA ARCHEOLOGICAL ZONES & FORT SAN MIGUEL

Visit the archeological zone of Edzná and Fort San Miguel. The word Edzná comes from “House of the Itzás” which suggesting that the city was influenced by the Itzá Maya long before they arrived in Chichen-Itza. Equipped with a dry moat and working drawbridge, the fort itself is a thing of beauty. The roof deck, ringed by 20 cannons, affords wonderful harbor views.

Take time this afternoon and stroll the quiet streets of this colonial city and admire the colorful facades of the houses. At 7:00pm, enjoy an hour-long trolley tour.

HOTEL: Del Mar

MEALS: Breakfast and Dinner

DAY 6 – TRANSFER TO MERIDA – EN ROUTE VISIT UXMAL ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE

First stop will be at Becal where the Panama hats are made, and then you will transfer to the beautiful Uxmal Mayan city, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. Later arrive in Merida, capital of the state of Yucatán. It is well known as the “White City” because of the neatness and cleanliness of its streets and people.

HOTEL: Castellano

MEALS: Breakfast and Dinner

DAY 7 – TOUR TO CHICHEN-ITZA

Visit the historical ruins of Chichén-Itzá. Built in the late Classic Period, it is arguably the best known and most popular among all the Mexican ruins and has the honor of being one of the Seven Wonders of the World. It is the most completely restored archeological site in the Yucatan. This famous ceremonial center has been a sacred place to the Mayans for centuries. The earliest buildings date from 600 AD. Most impressive are the Ball Game Court, the Temple of the Thousand Columns, the Castle, and the Observatory, not to mention the old city of Chichén.

HOTEL: Castellano

MEALS: Breakfast and Dinner

DAY 8 – DEPART MERIDA

HOTEL: None

MEALS: Breakfast



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2019 PACKAGE PRICING

DEPARTS	RETURNS	SINGLE	DOUBLE
JAN 22 2019	JAN 29 2019	\$2945	\$2495

The package price does not include meals not specified on the itinerary, local guide tips, airfare, airport transfers, or trip cancellation insurance.

Optional Day Tour Extensions

You may choose one or both tours. Allow one overnight for each tour.

Celestun Biosphere Reserve is 54 miles from Merida. Celestun is most noted for its spectacular sights of thousands of flamingos in their native surroundings. These elegant birds require a special habitat with swampy ground, shallow salt water and protection from the tides and flooding. Dense mangroves and low forests with high temperatures that provide the abundant marine crustaceans that are necessary to give the plumage of these beautiful birds its distinctive coloring surround Celestun. Take a boat trip through the lagoon, the mangroves, the Valdiosera and Venecia freshwater springs and the Petrified Forest. **Package price is \$280 per person double occupancy.** It **includes** hotel lodging, 1 breakfast, a guided day tour in shared transportation to Celestun and a shared boat ride and entrance fees. It **does not** include guide or driver tips or other meals. (Minim 2 passengers required.)

Working henequen (sisal) hacienda. Get ready for an exciting expedition back in time through the Yucatan as you visit an authentic hacienda from the 17th century. The henequen boom began in 1875 and made Merida the jewel of the Yucatan Peninsula. Beautiful mansions, new ports, schooling in Europe, and cruises to New Orleans were all part of the gracious life of the henequen plantation owners. The tour starts with a ride into the henequen fields on the rails used one hundred years ago by the mule-drawn carts. You will visit the main house, the Mayan house, the plantations, and the machine house with its small museum. Bathe in the crystal-clear cenote (spring-fed pool). Bring bathing suit and towel and sunscreen. **Package price is \$395 per person double occupancy.** It **includes** hotel lodging, 1 breakfast, a private guided day tour and private transportation, and entrance fees. It **does not** include guide or driver tips or any other meals. (Minim 2 passengers required.)