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## MEXICAN CONTRASTS

9 days/8 nights

From \$3596 per person twin share

Departs daily ex Tuxtla

Price per person from:\*

Twin

**A** Hotel Bo/Hotel Boutique Quinta Cha Nab Nal/Casa Lecanda/Hotel Coral Tulum \$4680

**B** Casa Vieja/Chan-Kah Resort Village/Hotel Boutique Casa Lucia/Hotel Boutique Dune \$3596

\*Based on two people sharing, singles on request.

### INCLUSIONS

Private arrival transfer Tuxtla Airport to hotel, departure transfer hotel to Cancun Airport, 8 nights hotel accommodation on bed and breakfast basis, meals, private tours and transfers as specified in the itinerary with English speaking guide.

**U**n unravel Mexico's fascinating history in the states of Chiapas and Yucatan. The 16th century towns of San Cristobal de Las Casas and Merida feature classic Spanish architecture, whilst nearby villages are home to descendants of the ancient Maya. See some of the country's best archaeological sites, including Chichen Itza, Palenque and Uxmal.

#### Days 1/2 San Cristobal de Las Casas

Private airport transfer to San Cristobal de Las Casas, enjoying a boat trip en route (shared) in beautiful Sumidero Canyon. On day 2 take a half day city tour of San Cristobal to see its cathedral, squares and churches. Then drive into the highlands to visit the traditional Mayan villages of San Juan Chamula and Zinacantan. B (day 2)

#### Days 3/4 Palenque

After breakfast, admire the enchanting Agua Azul Waterfalls comprised of over 500 cascades. Continue on to Palenque for overnight. On day 4 enjoy a full day tour of Bonampak and Yaxchilan. Hidden in dense jungle, Bonampak was only discovered in 1946. Its colourful murals depicting Mayan life and mythology are amongst the finest in the country. Continue on by road and boat to reach the well-preserved riverside ruins at Yaxchilan. B

#### Days 5/6 Merida

Half day tour of Palenque, dating from the classic period (300 to 900 AD). Spectacularly located in jungle with views all the way to the

Gulf Coast, it features a turreted palace and pyramid with exquisite reliefs. Later, transfer to the airport for your flight to Merida (not included), built over 450 years ago on top of an ancient Mayan city. On day 6 visit Uxmal and Kabah. Uxmal is a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its low palaces set around courtyards, decorated with a profusion of motifs depicting the long-nosed rain god Chaac. Kabah boasts the impressive Palace of the Masks. Return to Merida. B/BL



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The Cascadas de Agua Azul, Palenque © Shutterstock

#### Day 7 Riviera Maya

Drive to Chichen Itza, the best restored of Yucatan's sites. Its magnificent ruins include the massive Pyramid of Kukulcan and the Great Ball Court, once used for human sacrifice. After a full day's exploration, transfer to Riviera Maya. BL

#### Day 8 Riviera Maya

Full day at leisure to relax. B

#### Day 9 Tour ends

Morning transfer to Cancun Airport. Tour ends. B

## YUCATAN PENINSULA

8 days/7 nights

From \$3195 per person twin share

Departs daily ex Merida

### INCLUSIONS

7 nights hotel accommodation on bed & breakfast basis, private transfers and sightseeing as specified in the itinerary, departure transfer hotel to Cancun Airport.

**T**he Yucatan Peninsula is a magical combination of luminous Caribbean waters, powder sand beaches, pre-Columbian ruins and atmospheric colonial cities. Maya culture flourishes here, evident in the traditions and cuisine, with fresh seafood being a staple. Visit the renowned pyramids of Chichen Itza, the walled city of Tulum and the archaeological sites of Uxmal and Kabah.

