



LUXURY TAILOR MADE TRAVEL

Tailor Made Mexico: Legends of the Maya

9 days from \$7,295

Private Journey

Travel with your private party on this Luxury Tailor Made Journey, departing when you choose and with expert local guides leading the way; you can even customize the itinerary to your interests.

Explore Mexico's archaeological treasures and deep traditions, beginning in bustling Mexico City and continuing to cobblestoned Campeche; the Mayan archaeological site of Edzna; and the Yucatan ruins at Uxmal and Izamal, and enjoy the chance to swim in *cenotes* (underwater caves).

A&K Advantages

Experience the finest of ancient and modern Mexico, from the metropolis of Mexico City to the spectacular Mayan ruins that dot the Yucatan Peninsula

Join your private guide on an exploration of Teotihuacán, one of the most important sites in Mesoamerica

Stroll the cobblestone streets of colonial Campeche, a UNESCO World Heritage Site

Explore the spectacular Celestun Biosphere Reserve, where up to 350 species of birds and dozens of indigenous animal species live and thrive

Behold the massive Magic Pyramid at Uxmal and the iconic step pyramid known as La Castillo in Chichén Itzá

Itinerary

Luxury Tailor Made Journeys depart on the dates that work for you and feature expert local guides throughout your journey. The itinerary below can be customized to your interests.

DAY 1 ARRIVE MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

Arrive in Mexico City, the capital of Mexico, where you are met and transferred to your hotel.

Four Seasons Hotel Mexico City

DAY 2 MEXICO CITY | PYRAMIDS OF TEOTIHUACÁN

Set out on a private city tour with your expert guide who leads you on an exploration of Teotihuacán, one of the most important sites in Mesoamerica. You may wish to climb the Pyramid of the Sun or the Pyramid of the Moon, and look out across the city and valley of Teotihuacán. Next, head to the historic city center, Zócalo, where you visit the National Palace, the Metropolitan Cathedral and the Palace of Fine Arts.

Four Seasons Hotel Mexico City | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 3 CAMPECHE | CITY OF SPANISH SPLENDOR

Fly to Campeche, where you are met and transferred to your hotel. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure.

Hacienda Uayamon | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 4 CAMPECHE | COLONIAL SPLENDOR

In the morning, discover Campeche, a UNESCO World Heritage Site featuring restored cobblestone streets, pastel-colored mansions and impressive fortified walls that protected this former Spanish port. Stroll along the *malecón* (waterfront promenade), or visit the scenic Plaza Principal. Then, enjoy a privately guided visit of the walled city center.

Hacienda Uayamon | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 5 CAMPECHE | MAYAN ARCHITECTURAL WONDERS

Set out on a drive to the Mayan archaeological site of Edzná, where you begin a full day of privately guided exploration. The city of Edzná showcases a variety of Mayan architecture, including the Edificio de los Cinco Pisos (Five-Story Building), a temple and an adjoining courtyard. Clap your hands and you can hear an echo travel across the site, the structures placed perfectly to allow the voice of a Mayan priest to reach a large congregation. Proceed to the archaeological site of Santa Rosa Xtampak, an important city in the Chenes region that reached its zenith between AD 550-950 and had a population of around 10,000. Discover the site with your expert guide, visiting the Snake Mouth Portal, a doorway in the form of a serpent's mouth. Later, after absorbing the rich history of this ancient site, return to your hotel for the evening.

Hacienda Uayamon | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 6 UXMAL | THE MAGIC PYRAMID OF UXMAL

Drive to Uxmal, which means "built three times" in the Mayan language, and explore its well-preserved ruins. Characterized by low horizontal palaces set around courtyards that are decorated with rich sculptural elements, its central structure is the massive Magic Pyramid, built between the seventh and 11th centuries. View its steep, rounded surfaces and the doorway near the top of its west side, a unique feature in Mayan buildings of the era. Also behold the façade of another impressive building on site, the Governor's Palace, with its intricately carved details that suggest a slithering snake. Next, proceed to the city of Merida, where you check in to your hotel.

Rosas & Xocolate Boutique Hotel + Spa | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 7 MERIDA | BIOSPHERE OF DIVERSITY

Set out on a privately guided excursion to the biosphere reserve of Celestun, one of the largest interdependent ecosystems in the world, famous for its colorful flamingo colonies, fresh-water springs and calm beaches. Enjoy a boat tour of the reserve, keeping watch for some of the more than 350 species of birds that have been identified here, along with a wide variety of indigenous turtles, frogs, crocodiles and insects. Return to Merida, where you tour its historic center, viewing the well-preserved colonial architecture, churches and monuments of this thriving Yucatan community.

Rosas & Xocolate Boutique Hotel + Spa | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 8 CHICHÉN ITZÁ | CITY OF THREE CULTURES

Today, travel to Izamal, one of the oldest cities in Yucatan, founded in the fourth century by Itzamna, leader and patriarch of the Mayan people. See firsthand how Izamal, known as the "city of three cultures," brings together elements of the pre-Hispanic, colonial and contemporary eras. Continue to the vast Ek Balam archaeological site, engulfed deep in the Yucatan jungle, to view its elaborate acropolis pyramid. After exploring, you may wish to go for a swim and relax in one of the region's most significant *cenotes* (underwater caves). This afternoon, proceed to Chichén Itzá, where you check in to your hotel.

The Lodge at Chichen Itza | Meals: Breakfast

DAY 9 DEPART CANCUN

Rise early for a guided visit to the famous Mayan site of Chichén Itzá, taking in its splendor before crowds arrive. Marvel at its iconic step pyramid, El Castillo (the Temple of Kukulcan), and visit the Great Ball Court, plazas, observatory and other temples, while learning about its troubled history as a settlement. Then, transfer to the airport in Cancun and board your homebound flight.



Enhance Your Journey

Elevate your experience with a host of options available for an additional cost.

PRIVATE EVENING AT THE NATIONAL ANTHROPOLOGY MUSEUM

Visit the Mexico City home of the Piedra Del Sol (Aztec Calendar Stone) after hours, on a privately guided excursion led by an expert guide.

VISIT THE GRAN MUSEO DEL MUNDO MAYA

Discover the Gran Museo del Mundo Maya near Merida, with its magnificent collection of textiles, religious ornaments, and objects that reflect Mayan life and culture.

HAMMOCK ARTISAN'S HOME WORKSHOP IN TIXKOKOB

Stop at a rural Yucatan community famous for its quality hammock weaving to meet a local artisan and watch a demonstration of his craft.

PRIVATE DINNER & WINE PAIRING / ARTISANAL BEER PAIRING

Enjoy a chef-led culinary experience, with your choice of wine and tequila or artisanal Mexican beer, at a mansion in Mexico City's La Roma neighborhood.

Dates & Prices

Jan–Dec; Priced from \$7,295

Internal Air from \$205

Mexico City/Campeche

Prices are per person, double occupancy for the itinerary as published for 2020 travel, and subject to availability.

Pricing reflects A&K's recommended months of travel of this itinerary. Supplements may apply over holiday periods, festivals and special events. International air not included.

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