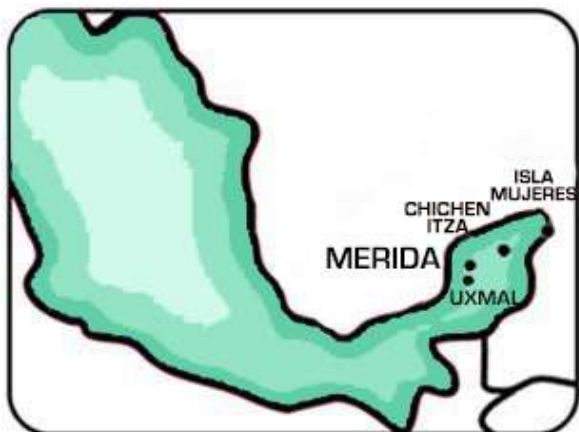


YUCATAN VIP 2024



DAY 1 – Arrival Merida Homestay or Hotel

Merida is the cultural and artistic heart and soul of the Yucatan Peninsula. When the Spanish invaded Merida, the original Maya city was called Th'o. Though it is a large city, Merida retains a distinct smaller city charm in the centro historico. This historic city offers insight into a rich culture, incredible cuisine, bountiful boutiques, authentic souvenir bargaining and friendly people.

DAY 2 – Guided walking tour / Bargaining Markets / Cooking *InterAction*

Start your morning with a guided walking tour of Merida's Centro Historico. Explore the 16th century San Ildefonso Cathedral, built on the site of a former Maya temple, the Casa de Montejo and Palacio Municipal.

There's ample time to browse the souvenir stores and hone your bargaining skills in the traditional market, widely recognized as the Mecca of Markets. Later, join our homestay directors for a traditional cooking lesson.

DAY 3 – Hacienda Sotuta de Peon / Cenote

Experiencing Hacienda Sotuta de Peon is literally like traveling back in time. Witness the step-by-step process of the transformation of the henequen (or Green Gold as it was known), from plant to fiber and from fiber to finished product. Conclude your experience with a mule-driven "truck" ride just like the plantation workers of old. Cool off with a dip in the hidden cenotes or a short siesta in one of the handmade hammocks.

Day 4 - Uxmal / Choco-Story *InterAction*

Uxmal has a magical feel and deep spirit not found at other Yucatan sites. Follow your guide as you explore Uxmal. This archeological site is a wonderful balance of jungle, wide open spaces, and the classic Puuc (hills) architecture of the Maya. Buffet lunch.

Next, visit Choco-Story, where you'll travel back in time to an era of splendor in a Maya pueblo setting. Learn about daily life, cornfields, gardens, and learn how cacao is transformed into chocolate. Choco-Story is a sensory museum where you will be able to taste a natural cacao beverage, watch the live crafting of hand-made ceramics by regional artisans, and witness a Maya ceremony.

Day 5 –Las Coloradas / Chichen Itza / Valladolid

After breakfast, transfer to the Rio Lagartos Biosphere and Las Coloradas pink lagoon. Later, transfer and tour Chichen Itza, one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. Overnight Valladolid hotel.

Day 6 – Isla Mujeres

Depart to the coast and your rapid boat transfer to Isla Mujeres. This tiny tropical retreat is only five miles long and one mile wide: idyllic beaches, quaint shops, affordable restaurants, and friendly natives.

DAY 7 - ¡Viva Isla!

Relax in your hotel pool, browse the souvenir markets or arrange an optional activity such as golf cart exploration, or a snorkeling tour (arrange and pay directly).

Day 8 – Return to USA



8 Days/7 Nighs



7 NIGHTS

Merida Hotel or Homestay
Valladolid / Chichen Itza
Isla Mujeres

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MEALS

Daily Breakfast and lunch are included Day 2-7.
Dinner Day 1 and Breakfast Day 2 are also included (pending flight schedule).

Homestay participants also receive dinner with their family Day 2-4.

