YUCATAN- LAND OF THE MAYA ANCIENT AND MODERN

FROM HOTEL HACIENDA TICUM YOU CAN GO ANYWHERE IN YUCATAN TO DISCOVER THE MAYAN WORLD AND COME BACK BY THE END OF THE DAY TO ENJOY THE AMAZING ATMOSPHERE OF HACIENDA TICUM

WE HOPE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO THIS UNIQUE ANCIENT CULTURE AND TO ITS DESCENDANTS TODAY

YOU WILL VISIT THE MAJOR ANCIENT SITES AND RUINS, MUSEUM COLLECTIONS, REMOTE HIDDEN MAYAN VILLAGES, YOU WILL WITNESS ANCIENT MAYAN CEREMONY (As seen in the movie “The Rain of God”), CENOTES (Underground rivers), GROTTOES, PRISTINE BEACHES AND NATURAL PARKS VIBRANT WITH EXOTIC FLORA & FAUNA, ALL PART OF THE MAYAN ENVIRONMENTS, PAST AND PRESENT, ALL AWAITING TO WELCOME YOU.

TOURS

Option 1 :
1 guide for the day
Can drive your car
Water for the day
Any number of person
Safety
800 pesos

Option 2 :
1 guide for the day
1 car for the day
Water for the day
1-3 persons
Car fuel and Safety
1900 pesos

Option 3 :
1 guide for the day
1 van for the day
Water for the day
3-6 persons
Van Fuel and safety
2300 pesos

TOUR TO CHICHEN ITZA

Chichen Itza Yucatan’s best known archaeological site a spectacular Maya-Toltec complex with many fine restorations, its Castillo, the celebrated temple of the Warriors, Caracol-Observatory, and its infamous sacrificial Cenote. Return to Hacienda Ticum about 6:00 pm
TOUR TO IZAMAL / CHICHEN & ONE CENOTE FOR SWIM

Izamal “The Yellow City” noted for its Monastery and its largest court yard in the Americas. Formerly a Franciscan convent built atop the largest pyramid in that ancient Maya capital. Chichen Itza Yucatan’s best known archaeological site, a spectacular Maya-Toltec complex with many fine restoration, its Castillo, the Celebrated Temple of the Warriors, Caracol-Observatory, and its famous sacrificial Cenote, Return to y Hacienda Ticum about 6:00pm

TOUR TO UXMAL

Uxmal is one of the most spectacular Mayan ceremonial centre among the Puuc Region declared by the UNESCO in 1996 as World Heritage Site, in this site you will see fine restoration of its unique Puuc Style architectural structures. After visiting the site we will go for lunch. On our way to the city of Merida we will stop to see hadcrafts at a traditional Mayan village with roots extending back to ancient Uxmal. Noted today for weavings and handicrafts. Return to Hacienda Ticum about 5:00 pm.

TOUR TO THE PUUC ROUTE

The Puuc Route begins with Kaba, this great Mayan Ceremonial centre with its spectacular Palace of the Masks, 250 identical Chac masks, each with an “elephant trunk” adorning the majestic facade. Sayil Though the Maya Puuc architecture is clear the grand columns of the palace’s facade suggest the celebrated Minoan architecture of ancient Knossos. Labna The great portal arch is the finest surviving example of its kind. Loltun Sacred grotto, A series of connected underground galleries and caverns extending 4 kilometres decorated with mystic glyphs and drawings some of which date back more than 10,000 years. Return to Hacienda Ticum about 6:00 pm
TOUR TO DZIBILCHALTUN & BIRDWATCHING / PROGRESO BEACH

Dzibilchaltun: This site occupied for more than 2000 years. As an ancient trade centre and pilgrims’ shrine. After visiting the museum a birdwatching tour on the nature trail leads to the Temple of the Seven Dolls (our logo) following the sacred cenote for a swim in its crystal-clear water. and Progreso beach for swim and seafood lunch in famous restaurant. Return to Hacienda Ticum aprox. 5:00 pm.

TOUR TO REMOTE MAYAN VILLAGES

Chumayel-Teabo, noted today for hand-weavings and traditional Mayan huipils sold throughout Yucatan. Morning in colourful Oxocutzcab, the Mayan’s major produce market, still serving all Yucatan with an incredible variety of fruits and vegetables. Includes lunch at famous restaurant at Mani and tour of its monastery. En route back to Merida, a stop in the busy Mayan centre of Ticul, visiting various artisans’ shops and galleries (ceramics, leather, wood carving). Return to Hacienda Ticum aprox. 5:00 pm.

TOUR TO CELESTUN WILDLIFE NATIONAL PARK

Celestun: famous wildlife national park. Birdwatching tour on boat, visiting the several islands and swim in ocean and followed by a seafood lunch. Return to Hacienda Ticum about 5:00 pm.

TOUR TO THE ARTE SACRO ROUTE

We will visit Colonial Churches and Modern Mayan villages better known as la ruta de los conventos “la ruta de los conventos” the with roots extending back to ancient Mayapan. Noted today for weavings & handcrafts. And lunch in a famous Restaurant. Return to Hacienda Ticum about 5:00 pm.

EK BALAM --- VALLADOLID CITY
We start the tour in Ek-Balam (Black Jaguar). A Mayan Classic site, contemporary with Palenque, Tikal, etc. Unique architecture, its Royal tomb recently excavated revealed 7000 Offerings which included imported gold items. Valladolid, is a historic colonial city in the midst of ancient Maya sites and cenotes. It was here the Caste War erupted. Here you will visit its famous church, the Maya market & free for swim and lunch at restaurant adjacent to the Saci Cenote. Return to Hacienda Ticum about 5:00pm

Night Clubs & Nightlife Tour

In Merida, Gala evenings on the town are our specialty. We are delighted to treat you to the colourful nightlife, combining entertainment and dining at some of the most famous establishments, as well as at some of our exciting new discoveries of some of the nightclubs specialities. The nightlife tour available for all kind of "open minded" adults (Lesbians, Gays, Macho Mexican type or a nice couple looking for an unforgettable evening salsa dance in Merida. The tour will cover several very nice, safe establishments. The itinerary will be decide at the moment by the participants. (many categories, many establishments to select) For more information. Direct line 9991 85 24 23 (24 hrs service)

The Route of Sacred caves

Walk into the underworld, walk into the body of the mother earth and encounter on its walls and galleries“The Road of Wisdom & Dreams” painted by the early Maya civilization.

TOUR TO CALKETOCK & OXKINTOCK

The tour group departs early in the morning from Merida toward the south to encounter the mystic and impressive Sacred Caverns of Calketok, this name translate in to English its mean .. “Stone Dear Neck” calketock grotto is one of the largest and unexplored in the entire Yucatan peninsula today...that makes it to be out of the tourist track, and just one mile away from this holy place ... Extends the ancient Mayan city of OXKINTOCK well known as the home land of the Puuc Architectural Style. After visiting the site we continue to the Mayan town of Muna to visit Patricia's studio. A traditional Mayan artist who still makes her pottery using the ancient mayan techniques.. And return to Hacienda Ticum about 5pm

TOUR TO BALAMCANCHE & CHICHEN ITZA

A tour to the most famous Mayan ruins of Chichen Itza, including the Castillo, the Temple of the Warriors and the sacrificial Cenote after visiting the site we continue toward north a ten minutes drive to discover the mysterious “Hidden throne of the Jaguar” better know as Balancanche caverns. After visiting the site we will go for lunch and return to Hacienda Ticum.
TOUR TO MAYAPAN & LOLTUN

Mayapan The walled city capital of the Cocom family, the rival city of Uxmal. En route visiting Colonial Churches and Modern Mayan villages with roots extending back to ancient Mayapan. Noted today for weavings and handcrafts. Includes lunch at famous restaurant. Loltun Sacred grotto. A series of connected under-ground Galleries & caverns extending 4 kilometres decorated with mystic glyphs and drawings some of which date back more than 10,000 Return to Hacienda Ticum about 6:00 pm

The Salt Route Excursions

ONE DAY TRIP Izamal, Xcambo and Xtampu

In this tour we will go first to the town of Izamal, since is here where the kings of Xcambo lived and ruled. Izamal “The Yellow City” is today noted for its Monastery and its largest court yard in the Americas. Formerly a Franciscan “mision” built atop the largest pyramid in that ancient Maya capital. After visiting the site we will head toward the north part of the Yucatan peninsula to encounter the ancient salt miner town of Xcambo and Xtampu... both sities dated back from the early classic period (400 d.c. to 600 d.c.). Free time to explore and continue to the beach for swim/lunch. Return to Hacienda Ticum about 5pm.

ONE DAY TRIP Dzibilchaltun, Xtampu and Xcambo

In this tour we will go first to the archaeological site of Dzibilchaltun: Site occupied for more than 2000 years. Ancient trade centre & pilgrims’ Shrine, the Temple of the Seven Dolls (Our Logo), tour the museum & bird watching tour on the Nature trail leading to the sacred Cenote for a swim in its crystal-clear water. And continue to Xtampu the ancient salt miner town, is from Xtampu and Xcambo where the ancient Mayans shipped salt to all parts of the peninsula. The sites dated back from the early classic period (400 d.c. to 600 d.c.). Free time to explore around and continue to the beach for swim/lunch. Return to Hacienda Ticum

Shaman and Mayan Villages Excursions

ONE DAY TRIP Mama, Chumayel and Oxcutzcab

We depart Early in the morning toward the south part of the city of Merida following the string of small Mayan villages and some former Haciendas on the way to Mama, in Chumayel we will stop to visit a Shaman and to learn some of his healing techniques and to visit some of his medicinal garden, after visiting his house we continue to Oxcutzcab to see the biggest out door Mayan markets in the Yucatan peninsula. And return to Hacienda Ticum about 06:00 pm.

ONE DAY TRIP Merida Market, Amulets & Medicinal Plants
We depart at late morning to the Merida market to visit some of the smalls stores manage by Mayans salling medicinal plants , amulets, magic perfumes and other items used for healings and to call the ancient Mayan gods during the rain ceremony. After the visit, we depart to a near by village to meet a traditional Maya doctor, he uses medicinal plants to cure and better know as an expert bone settler, also he will guide us to see his botanical garden. Return to Hacienda Ticum about 5 pm

ONE DAY TRIP  Go with the Shaman to the Jungle to look for medicinal plants

We depart from Merida early in the morning to the village of Chumayel to meet the village shaman and to go with him to the jungle to look for medicinal plants. Tour will last half a day in the jungle and return to the Mayan village for traditional lunch cooked by Mayans and served in hand made tortillas, after lunch we will return to Hacienda Ticum approximately by 5pm

CENOTES  Cuzama

Transfers services :

* SHUTTLE FROM MERIDA AIRPORT TO HOTEL HACIENDA TICUM 700 pesos
* SHUTTLE FROM CANCUN AIRPORT TO HOTEL HACIENDA TICUM 3000 pesos
* SHUTTLE TO CANCUN AIRPORT or PLAYA DEL CARMEN "DROP OFF" 3000 pesos
* TRANSFER FROM HOTEL HACIENDA TICUM TO HOLBOX ISLAND 3500 pesos

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