

GLOBAL PARADISE

FREE DESTINATION FIELD GUIDE

MEXICO / CARIBBEAN COAST

Cancun & Riviera Maya

A coastal journey with room for beaches, Maya heritage, and unhurried days.

PLAN FOR

01

Choose a base

02

Balance day trips

03

Check local conditions

Independent travel ideas / No purchase or sign-up required

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01 / FIND YOUR BASE

Start with the shape of your days.

01 Cancun Hotel Zone

Convenient beach stays; compare the exact shore, transport and inclusions.

02 Downtown Cancun

City restaurants and local routines; allow time to reach the beach.

03 Playa del Carmen

A walkable base for a different coastal rhythm and nearby excursions.

04 Isla Mujeres

An island day calls for ferry planning and respect for sea conditions.

02 / ARRIVAL AND MOVEMENT

Pick your arrival airport and ground transfer before paying for a stay. Confirm the terminal, pickup point, luggage rules and travel time directly with your provider.

03 / ENTRY REMINDER

For Canadian travelers, Mexico's immigration officer determines the permitted stay; a 180-day maximum is not an automatic grant. Keep the stamp or eligible e-gate receipt and follow current FMMD instructions. Other passports have different rules.

04 / FLEXIBLE FOUR-DAY OUTLINE

An itinerary with breathing room.

DAY 01**Arrive and settle****MORNING**

Travel to your chosen base and leave the first afternoon open.

AFTERNOON

Walk your immediate neighborhood and locate essentials.

EVENING

Rest, then note tomorrow's weather and transport plan.

DAY 02**Coast and culture****MORNING**

Choose a beach or town morning suited to the forecast.

AFTERNOON

Visit a museum, local market or shaded cultural stop.

EVENING

Try a relaxed dinner without a cross-region transfer.

DAY 03**One considered excursion****MORNING**

Choose either an archaeological site or a cenote, not both by default.

AFTERNOON

Check official opening details and operator safety standards.

EVENING

Return with enough margin for an easy evening.

DAY 04**Island or slow day****MORNING**

Consider Isla Mujeres if ferry and sea conditions suit you.

AFTERNOON

Otherwise keep a flexible local beach or food day.

EVENING

Recheck your departure transfer and documents.

Use this as a starting point, not a promise of openings, weather, access or availability. Confirm every reservation and route directly.

05 / A PRACTICAL FINAL CHECK

Go informed. Stay flexible.

- Compare lodging location with the activities you actually want.
- Check the latest hurricane-season forecast and local sea conditions.
- Use the official site for archaeological hours, fees and closures.
- Confirm transfer details and total price before paying.
- Keep copies of your entry record, reservations and emergency contacts.

OFFICIAL RESOURCES - CHECKED 14 OCTOBER 2026

Canada: Mexico entry and safety

[OPEN >](#)

INAH: Chichen Itza visitor information

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Mexico: official tourism portal

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