

GLOBAL PARADISE

FREE DESTINATION FIELD GUIDE

MEXICO / RIVIERA MAYA

Tulum

Plan the space between town, coast, archaeological heritage, and protected nature.

PLAN FOR

01

Know the distances

02

Start early, not at sunrise

03

Respect protected places

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 Tulum Pueblo

A town base with food and services; plan transport to the coast.

02 Beach Road

Coastal stays vary widely; confirm access, transport and total charges.

03 Aldea Zama

A quieter in-between base; check the real route to each activity.

04 Sian Ka'an

Protected nature requires careful operator choice and weather flexibility.

02 / ARRIVAL AND MOVEMENT

Compare Tulum and Cancun airport routings against your actual flight, arrival time and confirmed transfer. Do not assume a short or fixed drive time.

03 / ENTRY REMINDER

Mexico's permitted visitor stay is decided at entry, not automatically set to the maximum. Canadian travelers should retain immigration documentation and check current official guidance; other travelers must check rules for their own passport.

04 / FLEXIBLE FOUR-DAY OUTLINE

An itinerary with breathing room.

DAY 01**Find your bearings****MORNING**

Arrive and settle into town or coast without a packed schedule.

AFTERNOON

Walk your local area and check beach access and transport.

EVENING

Choose a nearby dinner; avoid unlit routes on foot at night.

DAY 02**Maya heritage****MORNING**

Visit the Tulum archaeological zone during official opening hours.

AFTERNOON

Leave room for rest and a separate cenote visit if conditions suit.

EVENING

Check tomorrow's weather and any nature-booking terms.

DAY 03**Nature day****MORNING**

Consider a guided Sian Ka'an visit with an established operator.

AFTERNOON

Respect wildlife distance and all reserve instructions.

EVENING

Return with daylight margin and a flexible meal plan.

DAY 04**Slow coast****MORNING**

Choose a beach, town or wellness morning at your own pace.

AFTERNOON

Confirm checkout and airport pickup before another outing.

EVENING

Keep the last evening simple.

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.

- Check INAH opening hours and all separate entry charges before visiting ruins.
- Do not plan an 8 a.m. ruins visit as a sunrise admission.
- Ask cenotes about current access, lifejackets and site rules.
- Confirm beach access and transport after dark.
- Check current weather, sea conditions and official travel advice.

OFFICIAL RESOURCES - CHECKED 14 OCTOBER 2026

[INAH: Tulum archaeological zone](#)[OPEN >](#)[Canada: Mexico entry and safety](#)[OPEN >](#)[UNESCO: Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve](#)[OPEN >](#)**IMPORTANT TRAVEL NOTE**

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