

RIVIERA MAYA



The most popular destination in Mexico for destination weddings - welcome to the Riviera Maya, where Mayan ruins, calm white sand Caribbean beaches, jungles and cenotes abound. Adventurers, beach lovers, ocean enthusiasts and history buffs will all find activities of interest. With an expansive coastline, this large regions hosts 3 distinct areas, each with their own personality!

APPROXIMATE FLIGHT TIMES TO CANCUN

Canada Cities

- Vancouver • 5.5hrs
 - Edmonton • 5.25hrs
 - Calgary • 5hrs
 - Winnipeg • 4hrs
 - Toronto • 3.25hrs
 - Halifax • 4.2hrs
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TIME ZONE: Central Standard Time (CST)
ELECTRICITY: 110 volts
LEGAL DRINKING AGE: 18 yrs old

CLIMATE

- All year round you can expect sun and warm weather with an average high temperature of 30°C or 86 °F. The highest temperatures register between May and September when daytime highs can reach 32°C, 90°F. There are also two rainy seasons from October to January and April to July; however they can be a great refresher during the heat of the day.
 - Hurricane season (June-November) does affect this region.
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CURRENCY

- Mexican Pesos
 - Most hotels and tourist attractions will take US dollars
 - Canadian dollars are not accepted
 - Credit Cards are accepted at most major attractions, but for local shopping you will need Pesos.
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EXPERIENCE THE COUNTRY

- Mayan Ruins at Chichen Itza, Tulum or Coba
 - Xcaret Eco-Park: designated UNESCO world heritage site, underground river tubing, orchid living museum, Mayan village, manatee lagoon, spider monkey island, jaguar island, xpa spa, snuba, snorkel, swim with dolphins, swim with sharks, natural pools, butterfly reserve, coral reef aquarium
 - Xel-Ha: a natural aquarium: snorkel, river tubing, visit cenotes, nature bike rides, snuba, swim with dolphins, rope bridges and more adventure awaits!
 - Xplor Park: is a unique underground world. Slide down 13 zip lines, fly through the air and land in the crystal clear waters of the cenotes, walk the amazing suspension bridges.
 - 5th Avenue in Playa del Carmen: (La Quinta Avenida) for shopping and nightlife
 - Akumal: to release sea turtles (seasonal)
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FOODS TO TRY

- try a Café Maya, made from a local liqueur, Xtabentun
 - enjoy 'fresh' salsa and homemade tortilla chips
 - cochinita pibil (pork marinated in achiote & sour orange, wrapped in a plantain leaf, and baked)
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ENTRY / EXIT REQUIREMENTS

The following generally applies to Canadian/USA residents.

- all visitors must possess a valid passport
 - all visitors must be in possession of a tourist card given upon arrival
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CANADA CONSULATE OFFICE

Consulate of Mexico in Calgary
833-4th Avenue SW, Suite 1100
Calgary, AB T2P 3T5 Canada
p: (403) 264-4819 x21 and 23
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LEGAL MARRIAGE REQUIREMENTS

The legal marriage requirements for Mexico are subject to change without notice. Maritime Travel cannot control the decisions of government officials in Mexico, and we cannot be responsible for changes that might affect the legal status of any destination wedding ceremony.

RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT: none required

MEDICAL TESTS: blood tests and chest x-rays required

WAITING PERIOD: 4 business days

WITNESSES: 2

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:

The following information is from the local Consulate office.

Canadian Citizens wishing to get married in Mexico must present the following documents before the Officer of the Civil Registry office of the city or town where the marriage is to take place:

1. A completed application form obtained in Mexico at the Registry Office. This includes a statement as to whether the couple will maintain separate property and assets or have joint property. This statement may not be valid for future purposes, under Canadian law.
2. Valid passport and Migratory Form to prove legal status in Mexico.
3. Certified copy of their Birth Certificate, which must be legalized by the Mexican Consular Office having jurisdiction over the region where the birth certificates were issued.
4. If either party has been married before, they must present either a certified copy of the Divorce decree, duly legalized by a Mexican Consulate with jurisdiction where the divorce was filed, or; a certified copy of a Death Certificate duly legalized by the Mexican Consulate with jurisdiction over the place where the spouse died.
5. A physician's certificate stating that according to the blood tests and x-rays taken in Mexico, neither applicant suffers from any contagious disease.
6. Two legally qualified witnesses (over 18 years of age), who must be present at the ceremony.

LANGUAGE OF DOCUMENTS: Spanish

· all documents above must be translated and certified by the consulate

ESTIMATED PROCESSING FEES: \$1000.00 USD

CIVIC CEREMONY: Only legally recognized marriage type in Mexico

RELIGIOUS CEREMONY: Not legally recognized, must do a civic ceremony first

SAME SEX MARRIAGE: Symbolic (non-legal) weddings permitted

RIVIERA MAYA HOTELS

PUERTO MORALES AREA HOTELS

- Azul Beach
- Azul Sensatori
- Dreams Riviera Cancun
- El Dorado Casitas Royale
- El Dorado Maroma
- El Dorado Royale
- Excellence Riviera Cancun
- Iberostar Grand Hotel Paraiso
- Iberostar Paraiso Beach
- Iberostar Paraiso del Mar
- Iberostar Paraiso Maya
- Iberostar Paraiso Lindo
- Moon Palace Cancun Resort
- NOW Jade Riviera Cancun
- NOW Sapphire Riviera Cancun
- Ocean Coral & Turquesa
- Royalton Riviera Cancun
- Secrets Capri Riviera
- Secrets Maroma
- Secrets Silversands

PLAYA DEL CARMEN AREA HOTELS

- Azul Beach Resort
- Barcelo Maya Beach
- Barcelo Maya Caribe
- Barcelo Maya Colonial
- Barcelo Maya Palace Deluxe
- Barcelo Maya Tropical
- Blue Bay Grand Esmeralda
- Grand Sunset Princess
- Grand Velas Riviera Maya
- Iberostar Quetzal
- Iberostar Tucan
- Paradisus La Esmeralda
- Paradisus La Perla
- Playacar Palace
- RIU Lupita
- RIU Palace Mexico
- RIU Palace Riviera Maya
- RIU Playacar
- RIU Yucatan
- Royal Playa del Carmen
- Sandos Caracol Eco Resort
- Sandos Playacar Beach Resort
- Secrets Capri Riviera
- Viceroy Riviera Maya

TULUM AREA HOTELS

- Dreams Puerto Aventuras
- Dreams Tulum
- El Dorado Seaside Suites
- Grand Bahia Principe Akumal
- Grand Bahia Principe Coba
- Grand Bahia Principe Tulum
- Grand Palladium Colonial
- Grand Palladium Kantenah
- Grand Palladium Riviera
- Grand Palladium White Sands
- Grand Sirenis Mayan Beach
- Grand Sirenis Riviera Maya
- Hard Rock Riviera Maya
- Occidental Grand Xcaret