


HONEYMOON

# Honeymoon Mexico – Yucatán

Maya temples, turquoise cenotes and colonial towns, with the Bacalar lagoon as a quiet finale.

| RECOMMENDED LENGTH | DATES | TRANSPORT | ESTIMATED FROM, EXCL. FLIGHT |
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| **14** days | **Your choice**<br>you pick the dates | **Self-drive**<br>a driver is possible too | **€3,230** p.p. |

Premium stays, two romantic moments and everything arranged down to the last detail. You choose the dates; I work out the route personally for you.

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# Your honeymoon

**You only plan a honeymoon once. That is why I work out this route for you down to the last detail: the finest stays on the route, two romantic moments on just the right day and everything arranged in advance, so there is nothing left for you to think about. You choose the dates and the pace; I adapt the route until it is entirely yours.**

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### Down to the last detail

Every day is worked out: stays, transport, tickets and reservations are ready before you leave.

### Premium stays

Boutique hotels, lodges and villas that I choose carefully for each route, with a breakfast to start the day slowly.

### Romantic moments

Two moments to remember, at the most beautiful spot on the route and at just the right time of day.

### Personally tailored

You tell me what you dream of; I fine-tune the days, the pace and the moments until it is just right.

## TWO ROMANTIC MOMENTS

— A catamaran across the Bacalar lagoon as the sun goes down
DAY 12

— A romantic dinner in a cenote, twenty metres underground
DAY 6

A quiet ending: the last days are there to savour it all, so you come home rested.

## BEST TIME TO TRAVEL

JAN FEB MAR APR MAY JUN JUL AUG SEP OCT NOV DEC

BEST TIME TO TRAVEL
November to March

TRANSPORT
Self-drive; a driver is possible too

ESTIMATED FROM, EXCL. FLIGHT
from €3,230 p.p. · estimated price



DAY 3 Flamingos in the Ría Lagartos Biosphere Reserve

## Highlights

- Three nights in Río Lagartos (two if you land late): a sunrise boat ride among the flamingos and a slow afternoon in colourful San Felipe
- The pink salt water of Las Coloradas
- Climbing Ek Balam and swimming in X'Canché cenote
- Chichén Itzá (World Heritage) at opening, before the crowds
- Three nights in colonial Valladolid, with a cooking class at a Maya family's home
- Tulum above the Caribbean Sea and floating through the canals of Sian Ka'an
- Bacalar's 'lagoon of seven colours' by sailboat

## Your route on the map




Map: Natural Earth (public domain) · the arcs show the order of the route, not the exact road

1. **Cancún (airport)**
   1 night · day 1
2. **Río Lagartos**
   2 nights · day 2–3
3. **Valladolid**
   3 nights · day 4–6
4. **Playa del Carmen**
   2 nights · day 7–8
5. **Tulum**
   2 nights · day 9–10
6. **Bacalar**
   2 nights · day 11–12
7. **Puerto Morelos**
   1 night · day 13

overland, arrow = direction of travel  day trip



DAY 9 Tulum: temple above the Caribbean Sea

## Your route, day by day

**This is the route. It is a starting point, not a fixed programme: we adapt the days and the pace until it suits you perfectly. The two romantic moments are marked on their day.**

DAY 1

### Arrival in Cancún

Flight with a connection to Cancún. If your flight lands early enough to drive in daylight, you go straight on: your driver meets you in the arrivals hall, or you collect your rental car at the airport (the rental office is only minutes away), with a briefing and our route notes. The drive to Río Lagartos takes approx. 3 hours, and in Yucatán it is best not to drive after dark. If you land later, a driver (or the hotel shuttle) takes you in approx. 15–25 minutes to a good hotel close to the airport, and you drive to Río Lagartos the next morning. Once your flight is known, I decide which of the two it will be.

DAY 2

### Río Lagartos and Las Coloradas ◆ BREAKFAST

A first day in the north of Yucatán. The pink salt ponds of Las Coloradas and the deserted beaches of the Gulf of Mexico, and sunset in the fishing village of Río Lagartos. If you landed late and slept at the airport, this is also your driving day: in the morning your rental car is delivered to your hotel (with a briefing and our route notes) or your driver is ready, you drive approx. 3 hours to Río Lagartos and visit Las Coloradas in the afternoon.



The pink salt water of Las Coloradas

DAY 3

### Flamingos and San Felipe ◆ BREAKFAST

At sunrise, with a local fisherman in a boat through the Ría Lagartos Biosphere Reserve: flamingos (largest numbers November–June), herons, crocodiles and a natural clay mask. Then a slow afternoon: a fifteen-minute drive to San Felipe, a fishing village of wooden houses painted yellow, turquoise and fuchsia, with large murals. Fresh fish for lunch by the harbour, then a small boat across the ría to the white sand of Playa Bonita, or a short trip through the mangroves to the Ojo de Agua spring. Sunset with a drink on a jetty in Río Lagartos.

DAY 4

### Ek Balam and Valladolid ◆ BREAKFAST

Drive (approx. 1 hour) to Ek Balam, where the Acropolis can still be climbed, and a refreshing dip in X'Canché cenote. Arrival in Valladolid.

DAY 5

### Chichén Itzá at opening time ◆ BREAKFAST

Early departure (approx. 45 minutes) to visit Chichén Itzá, one of the New Seven Wonders, before the day-trippers from Cancún arrive. Then a swim in the community-run Yokdzonot cenote, managed by women from the village. In the afternoon you explore Valladolid, with the San Bernardino convent.



San Bernardino convent in Valladolid

DAY 6

### Maya cuisine and cenotes ◆ BREAKFAST · LUNCH

Cooking class with a Maya family in a nearby village: tortillas, cochinita pibil and stories about daily life. Afternoon swim in the cave cenotes of Dzitnup (X'kekén and Samulá) or time to explore Valladolid yourself.

> YOUR MOMENT
> **A romantic dinner in a cenote, twenty metres underground**

DAY 7

### Cobá and the Caribbean coast ◆ BREAKFAST

Drive (approx. 1 hour), yourself or with your driver, to Cobá: cycle through the jungle between the ruins of this large Maya city. Continue to Playa del Carmen (approx. 1h15). Free evening on Quinta Avenida.

DAY 8

### Snorkelling on the Riviera Maya ◆ BREAKFAST

Swimming with sea turtles in Akumal bay (only allowed with a guide authorised by the nature authority CONANP; this guide is included) or, if you prefer, by ferry to the coral reefs of Cozumel.

DAY 9

### Tulum: temples by the sea ◆ BREAKFAST

Drive (approx. 45 minutes) to Tulum. Visit the ruins on the cliffs above the Caribbean Sea at opening time, and then Gran Cenote. In the afternoon you enjoy the beach.

DAY 10

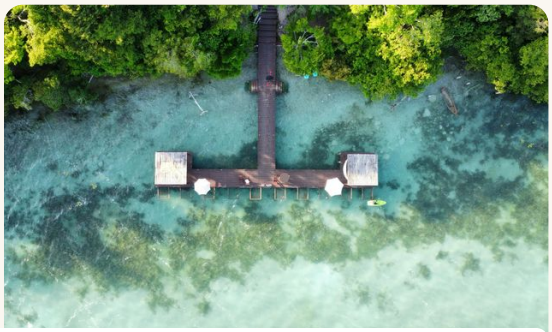
### Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve ◆ BREAKFAST · LUNCH

With a local Maya cooperative to the Muyil site and by boat through the lagoons of Sian Ka'an (World Heritage). Wearing a life jacket, you float down an ancient Maya canal through the mangroves. Leave the car today: the cooperative collects you.

DAY 11

### To Bacalar ◆ BREAKFAST

Drive (approx. 2.5 hours), yourself or with your driver, south to Bacalar lagoon and its seven shades of blue. In the afternoon you swim or kayak in the lagoon.



DAY 12

### Sailing on the lagoon ◆ BREAKFAST

Sailing trip with a skipper on the lagoon to the 'Pirates' Channel', the stromatolites and Cenote Negro. In the afternoon you can visit San Felipe fort.

> YOUR MOMENT
> **A catamaran across the Bacalar lagoon as the sun goes down**

DAY 13

### Back north ◆ BREAKFAST

Drive (approx. 4.5 hours) back up the coast to Puerto Morelos, stopping wherever you like. My tip for the last evening: fresh fish on the beach.

DAY 14

### Return flight ◆ BREAKFAST

Free morning by the sea. You return your rental car at Cancún airport (approx. 25 minutes), or your driver drops you at departures, for your return flight. You are home the next day. A few days later I call you to hear how it went.

## Premium stays

### Premium

The finest addresses: a suite in a restored colonial house in Valladolid, beach hotels in Playa del Carmen, Tulum and Puerto Morelos and a lagoon-front hotel with its own jetty in Bacalar. Río Lagartos has no luxury hotel: there I take the best available.

Every night is booked and confirmed in advance, at Premium level. Prefer another stay? I change it.

## What I arrange for you

1. **Welcome on arrival**
   On arrival you are met and taken to your first stay; on the last day you are brought back to the airport in good time.
2. **Transport**
   Self-drive; a driver is possible too. Domestic flights, trains and boats where they make sense, all booked in advance.
3. **Activities at your pace**
   The activities and entrance tickets on the route, and the two romantic moments. Anything you would rather skip, we simply leave out.
4. **Eat wherever you like**
   Breakfast is included. For the rest I give you my restaurant tips, but you are completely free to choose where you eat.

## The price of your honeymoon

ESTIMATED FROM, EXCL. FLIGHT

**from €3,230**

p.p. · estimated price

PREMIUM, PER PERSON FOR 2 TRAVELLERS, EXCL. INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT

Including the two romantic moments. The price is the route's Premium price plus the two romantic moments. It is an estimated price, not an offer: your exact price is in your personal proposal.

In high season the price can be higher, in low season lower.

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT

International return flight to Cancún not included: allow about € 570–850 p.p. depending on the month (most expensive in summer and around the holidays). I find you the best flight with your quote.

ESTIMATED PRICE Estimated prices: per person, based on 2 travellers sharing a room, excl. international flight, estimated from desk research (2027 price level). The binding price is the one in your personal proposal and booking confirmation.

### Included

- ✓ 13 nights in Premium, double room with breakfast
- ✓ Airport welcome in Cancún; if you land late, also the transfer to a hotel close to the airport
- ✓ Your choice: rental car from day 1 to day 14 with full insurance, pickup and return at Cancún airport (if you land late, from day 2, delivered to your airport hotel) and our route notes, or transfers per ride with local drivers for all journeys and airport drop-off (one dedicated driver for the whole trip on request)
- ✓ All listed entrance fees (Maya sites, cenotes, Sian Ka'an) and activities: Río Lagartos flamingo boat and the boat across to Playa Bonita in San Felipe, cooking class with a Maya family, snorkelling in Akumal with the compulsory licensed guide, the Maya cooperative trip in Sian Ka'an and the Bacalar sailing trip
- ✓ Lunch at the cooking class (you eat what you cook) and during the Sian Ka'an trip (no alternative)
- ✓ Quintana Roo VISITAX tourist tax

### Not included

- – International flight (I'm happy to book it for you, or you book it yourself; allow approx. €570–850 pp, depending on the month)
- – Other meals and drinks (you get my restaurant recommendations)
- – When self-driving: fuel, tolls and parking (indicative ± €125 fuel per car for the whole route, plus approx. €20 toll per trip on the Cancún–Valladolid motorway; paid locally) and the deposit on your credit card
- – Tips for driver, skippers and guides
- – Travel and cancellation insurance
- – Optional activities and personal expenses
- – Local lodging tax charged by some hotels on site

## Practical information

**HEALTH**
No mandatory vaccinations. Dengue occurs, especially in the rainy season: mosquito protection. Use biodegradable sunscreen (mandatory in many cenotes and reserves). Consult a travel clinic (ITG/Wanda).

**CURRENCY & PAYMENT**
Mexican peso (MXN). Cards common in towns; cash needed for cenotes, markets and small restaurants. Don't exchange money at the airport.

**TIME DIFFERENCE**
Quintana Roo UTC-5 all year (no daylight saving): 6 hours behind Western Europe in winter, 7 in summer. Note: Yucatán state (Valladolid, Chichén Itzá) is UTC-6, one hour behind Quintana Roo.

**LANGUAGE**
Spanish; Yucatec Maya in the villages; English common on the Caribbean coast.

**MEALS**
Breakfast is included every day, as are the lunch you cook yourself at the cooking class and lunch during the Sian Ka'an trip, where there is no alternative. For the other meals you get my restaurant recommendations, but you are completely free to choose where and when you eat: I never steer you to expensive restaurants in return for a commission.

As of September 2026: check your own country's travel advice and health information before you travel.

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**Personally composed**, down to the last detail.

You always have my number at hand.

ESTIMATED PRICE

The price is the route's Premium price plus the two romantic moments. It is an estimated price, not an offer: your exact price is in your personal proposal. In high season the price can be higher, in low season lower. Tell me when you are getting married, how long you would like to travel and what you dream of: within 48 hours you receive a personal proposal, free and without obligation. Email info@steennot-travels.be or visit steennot-travels.be.

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