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**18** DAYS

**Mexico + Cuba**

**Guatemala + Belize**



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### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Chichen Itza – 7 New Wonders of the World
- Teotihuacan “Pyramid of the Sun”
- Cancun – 2Nights All inclusive 5\* Resort
- Mayan Ruins – Palenque, Yaxchilan, Tulum, Tikal
- Tour Havana in Vintage cars

- Visit Cigar factory and Rum museum in Cuba
- Guatemala and Belize
- Colonial town of San Cristobal
- Boat ride through Sumidero Canyon
- Authentic local Mexican and Cuban cuisine

#### **Day 1 Depart for Mexico City**

Depart for Mexico City via Amsterdam.

#### **Day 2 Arrive Mexico City (3 Nights) (D)**

Viva Mexico! Arrive in **Mexico City**, with its history, culture, arts, Tequila and Mariachi Bands. Transfer to your centrally located hotel at the “Zocalo” or Main Square.

**Zocalo Central Hotel 4\* or similar**

#### **Day 3 Mexico City – Xochimilco (B, L, D)**

In the morning, visit the **National Museum of Anthropology**. It contains the largest collection of Mexican Art and has ethnographic exhibits about its present day indigenous group. Afterwards continue to the south part of the city, passing by the University with the famous Library.

Tour **Xochimilco**, the floating gardens. **Tour the canals in a typical boat**, enjoy the lively Mexican ambient with the boats around you and enjoy a nice rustic Mexican lunch.

#### **Day 4 Mexico City – Teotihuacan (B, L, D)**

Morning visit to **Teotihuacan (UNESCO World Cultural Heritage site)**. See the **Quetzalcoatl Temple, Pyramid of the Sun and the Moon, Jaguar Temple, Road of the Dead and Palace of Quetzalcoatl**.

Visit one of the most important religious sites of Latin America: **Sanctuary of the Virgin of Guadalupe, Old and New Basilica** as well as the original piece of cloth where the image of the Virgin appeared to a young shepherd according to legend.

Tour of Mexico City historical centre (UNESCO site) taking in sites such as **Zocalo Main Square with National Palace**, view ruins of **Aztec Main Temple, Metropolitan Cathedral and the Fine Arts Palace and Post Office**.

#### **Day 5 Mexico City – Tuxtla Gutierrez – San Cristobal de las Casas (B, L, D)**

After breakfast, depart to airport for your flight to **Tuxtla Gutierrez**. Upon arrival, transfer to **Chiapas de Corzo, oldest Spanish settlement in Chiapas region**. Chiapas' thickly wooded jungles, mountains and valleys, together with its traditional cultures and indigenous roots have kept its look, feel and style very distinct from the rest of Mexico.

Enjoy a **boat ride on the Grijalva River** into the fascinating **Sumidero Canyon**, where the rocky steep walls go up over 1000m on both sides. The flora and fauna, even with crocodiles, is extraordinary.

Overnight at **San Cristobal de las Casas**, an old colonial town, and high up in the mountains. It is a colorful town and cultural and economic center of the Maya highland population in Chiapas state. Stroll the streets after dinner on your own to soak in its magical atmosphere.

**Hotel Casa Mexicana 4\* or similar**

<b>Day 6</b>	<b>San Cristobal de las Casas – Native Towns – Palenque</b>	<b>(B, L, D)</b>
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Visit to **San Juan Chamula and Zinacantan**, typical native towns where the people still keep their traditions, language, customs and beliefs. The churches, temples, housing and clothing are very original.

Afternoon arrival to the archaeological site of **Palenque**, surrounded by jungle and of the most important sites of the "Mayan World". See the **Pyramid of Inscriptions, King Pakal's sarcophagus** and its fascinating carved gravestone, **Sun Temple, the Cross Temple and the Palace**.

**Hotel Chan-Kah 4\* or similar**

<b>Day 7</b>	<b>Palenque – Yaxchilan – Flores, Guatemala (2 Nights)</b>	<b>(B, L, D)</b>
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Early morning departure to **Corozal**, on the border with Guatemala.

Visit the Mayan archaeological site of **Yaxchilan**, famous for its jungle atmosphere. It can only be reached by **boat** on the **River Usumacinta** (the river that divides Mexico and Guatemala).

After lunch, border crossing into **Guatemala** by riverboat. Arrive to **Flores** where we will spend the next 2 nights.

**Hotel Villa Maya 4\* or similar**

<b>Day 8</b>	<b>Flores – Tikal</b>	<b>(B, L, D)</b>
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Transfer to **Tikal**, one of the largest archaeological sites of the pre-Columbian Maya civilization. It is located within **Guatemala's Tikal National Park** which was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1979. Explore the tropical jungle and discover within the trees, the **Temple of the Jaguar and the Temple of Masks** which dominates the **Great Plaza**. Passing through the north acropolis will lead to the **Lost World**, where the **Temple of the Serpent** can be seen. Enjoy a rustic lunch before driving back to Flores

<b>Day 9</b>	<b>Flores – Xuantunich, Belize – Chetumal, Mexico</b>	<b>(B, L, D)</b>
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Cross into **Belize** to visit **Xuantunich**. What you will see today is a Classic Period (300-900AD) ceremonial centre, with large plazas ringed with Pyramids. The largest is the 130 foot "El Castillo" which is large by Mayan standards. The site was occupied until around 900AD and was likely abandoned after an earthquake.

A panoramic drive through **Belize** before crossing the border into **Chetumal, Mexico**.

**Hotel Capital Plaza 4\* or similar**

<b>Day 10</b>	<b>Chetumal – Tulum – Chichen Itza</b>	<b>(B, L, D)</b>
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Head towards **Chichen Itza**. On the way stop at **Tulum** for a visit of this Mayan site once the commercial harbor of the area. Later on stop at the village of Valladolid and continue for 30 minutes until Chichen Itza.

**Tulum** is on the Yucatan Peninsula. The tropical beach backdrop is the main attraction of this picturesque, much-visited small ruin on the shore of the Caribbean Sea.

**Mayaland & Bungalows 4\* or similar**

<b>Day 11</b>	<b>Chichen Itza – Hacienda Selva Maya – Cancun (2 Nights)</b>	<b>(B, L, D)</b>
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5 minutes walk to **Chichén Itzá**, the most important and awesome Mayan site in Mexico. Declared **World Heritage by UNESCO** and one of the **new 7 wonders**. We will find advanced archaeological knowledge in this city. We will visit the pyramid known as the "The Castle" or **Temple Kukulcan**, the **Ballgame Court, the Skull temple, Jaguar's temple, the Observatory, the One Thousand Columns Square & the Sacred Well**.

Head to **Hacienda Selva Maya** where you will be able to swim in the cenote's clear cool waters.

Continue to stunning **Cancun** on the Caribbean Sea with its talcum powdered turquoise beaches. Your home for the next 2 nights will be in an all-inclusive 5\* resort.

**Hotel Gran Park Cancun 5\* or similar**

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<b>Day 12</b>	<b>Cancun</b>	<b>(B, L, D)</b>
Free day to enjoy the many facilities of your beautiful 5* resort. Laze by the beach or do some shopping or sample the many activities that Cancun offers. Note that Cancun is famed for its nightlife. Warm white powdery sand beaches and turquoise crystal clear waters together with the famous Mexican hospitality make this a place like no other!		
<b>Day 13</b>	<b>Cancun – Havana, Cuba (3 Nights)</b>	<b>(B, D)</b>
Transfer to airport for flight to <b>Havana</b> , the capital of Cuba, the largest island in the Caribbean and just situated just 90 minutes south of Florida. Steeped in the history of Spanish colonialism and post-war revolution, the grandeur of Cuba's rich history can be experienced in the vibrant UNESCO preserved city of Havana which is a living museum of days gone by. Free at leisure after checking in. <b>Hotel Saratoga 4* or similar</b>		
<b>Day 14</b>	<b>Havana</b>	<b>(B, L, D)</b>
Start the day with a <b>Coco taxi ride</b> to a <b>tobacco factory</b> . Visit a <b>cigar factory</b> where they have been hand-rolling cigars in the same way for the last 50 years. There is no city in whole Latin America with a larger colonial center. <b>Havana Old City Walking tour</b> includes <b>Capitolio, Obispo Street, Cathedral Square, Hemingways "Bodeguita", Plaza de las Armas, Castillo de la Fuerza Real, El Templete and Plaza Cieja</b> .  Enjoy a <b>Mojito</b> at the " <b>Bodeguita del Medio</b> " and <b>Daquiri</b> at " <b>La Floridita</b> ". Visit " <b>Museo del Ron Havana Club</b> " to experience rum making as well as a taste of true Cuban Culture.  Enjoy " <b>Havana Queens</b> " <b>show with dinner</b> . Their repertoire ranges from classic ballet, flamenco, rumba, salsa and modern dance. The show has successfully toured Europe and has been featured in many videos.		
<b>Day 15</b>	<b>Havana "Hemingway and Mafia Tour"</b>	<b>(B, L, D)</b>
<b>Day Excursion</b> with specialist guide for literature and the bygone <b>Mafia Times</b> . Start the day in a <b>classic car</b> and visit to <b>Finca Vigia</b> where Ernest Hemingway used to live. Hemingway left his mark all over Havana. Continue to <b>Cojimar</b> , the fishing community where the writer celebrated his Pulitzer prize in 1953, with his fishermen friends and Gregorio Fuentes, captain of his yacht Pilar, and main character of his book "The Old Man and the Sea".  In the afternoon, enjoy a trip in a <b>Chaika</b> - the former presidential limousine, through Vedado and Miramar. Since the 1930's Havana was replete with mobsters. This tour visits the haunts of the mafia bosses and along the way takes in the panoramic views of the city and some of the best architecture of this period.		
<b>Day 16</b>	<b>Havana – Depart for Home</b>	<b>(B, L)</b>
At leisure till transfer to airport for your return flight.		
<b>Day 17</b>	<b>In transit</b>	
<b>Day 18</b>	<b>Home</b>	

**Dept date: 24 April 2020 / 06 Nov 2020**

**TOUR FARE (TWIN SHARE)**

**RM25,500pp**

**Single supplement – RM4,500**

**Excludes**

- Airfare to Mexico City / Return from Havana
- Travel Insurance