Ancient & Colonial Bespoke

PRIVATE TOUR

Chichen Itza – Valladolid - Cenote - \$195 pp (min 2PAX) Coba – Valladolid - Convento San Bernadino - \$145 pp (min 2PAX)

It is amazing to think that the vast majority of visitors to the Yucatan Peninsula do not get beyond the modern high rise landscapes of Cancun or Playa del Carmen. As visitors to Tulum we imagine that you appreciate a less formulaic type of tour and as Chichén Itzá is the most famous and spectacular archeological site on the Yucatan peninsula and is crowded with day-trippers from Cancun, we offer a slightly different approach. Chichén is located just outside of the small Spanish colonial city of Valladolid so we try to arrive as early as possible at the Mayan site, spend two hours there and then head to Valladolid while the coach tours are only just arriving to Chichén Itzá.

Coba is a less developed site than Chichén, but has the advantage of still allowing visitors to climb the pyramid (please be aware that there are not a lot of health and safety measures in place, a piece of rope for a handrail!!!)

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TOUR PROGRAM:

- · 7-7:30am: pick up at the hotel
- · Visit the ruins at Chichén Itzá or Coba
- Traditional lunch in Valladolid and stroll in the main square
- Visit the Convent San Bernardino of Valladolid or a nearby Cenote
- 5:30-6pm: drop off at the hotel

FOR WHOM?

This is a long day, but after the whirl of Chichén Itzá or Cobá, Valladolid has a gentle restorative air that allows you to fully absorb the morning sights.

- Transportation in air-conditioned car
- Local Guide
- Entrance to archeological site and convent or Cenote
- · Lunch, Snacks and Drinks

Turtle Bay and Azul Lagoon

PRIVATE TOUR 1/2 DAY

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If this is your first time here then this trip is a must. Simply... swim with wild turtles... a million miles away from the fin clad crowds of Xel-Ha.

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TOUR PROGRAM:

- · 8/9.00am: pick up at the hotel
- · Snorkeling with wild turtles
- Exploration of crystal clear lagoon with amazing array of tropical fish
- · Simple lunch by the lagoon (or picnic if preferred)
- 1:30/2:30pm: drop off at the hotel

INCLUDED IN TOUR:

- · Transportation in air-conditioned car
- Snorkel, mask and flotation vest
- · Turtle Guide
- · Cold mineral water, soft drinks and snacks
- · Entrance fees
- Simple Lunch (drinks not included)

Note for passionate birdwatchers; if you come between mid-Novembers to end of March, you will be able to enjoy the extraordinary migratory birding season of Sian Kaan. Please feel free to discuss this with front desk and they will be able to tailor a boat trip in the lagoon.

Magical Cenotes

PRIVATE TOUR 1/2 DAY

Introduction to Cenotes - Cave Cenotes - Lagoon Cenote - \$95 pp (min 2PAX)

If this is the first you have heard of Cenotes, then you are in for a wonderful surprise. Spend a magical morning (or afternoon) exploring four different Cenotes- natural fresh-water limestone sinkholes interconnected beneath the ground creating a pure filtered water system, unique in the world. Enjoy the first open air lagoon Cenote, snorkeling amongst fresh water fish near the mangrove. Followed by a short trek down into the partially submerged world of the cave Cenote system in which stalagmites and stalactites are accentuated by shafts of light (and bats). Swim in two of the best known underground Cenotes of the entire water-system aguifer.

TOUR PROGRAM:

- · 8:30am: pick up at the hotels
- · Snorkeling in lagoon Cenote
- Mid-morning refreshments
- Exploration of Underground River or cave Cenotes.
- · 1pm Return to Hotel

- · Transportation in air-conditioned car
- · Snorkel, mask and wet suit provision
- Entrance fees
- · Cold drinks, fruit and snacks

Hidden Underworlds

PRIVATE TOUR 1/2 DAY

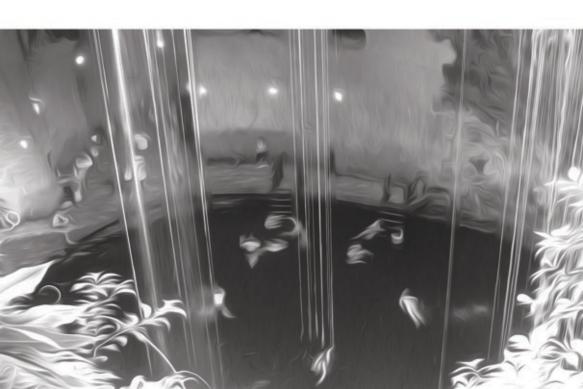
\$95 pp (min 2PAX)

If you have already experienced the wonder of cenotes, such as Dos Ojos or Grand Cenote, then we can take you off the beaten track to some of the quieter, wilder undiscovered cenotes such as Crystal, Cenote Escondido or Sac Actun (real skeletons) and a couple that do not even have names yet!

TOUR PROGRAM:

- · 8/9.00am: pick up at the hotel
- · Snorkelling in at least three different cenotes
- Exploration of underground river or cave system.
- Simple lunch El Camelo or Aguachiles or on the fishermen's beach (as preferred)
- · 2-3pm: drop off at the hotel

- · Transportation in air-conditioned car
- · Snorkel, mask and wet suit
- Cold mineral water, soft drinks or beer Simple Lunch (drinks not included)



Temples & Jungle

PRIVATE TOUR FULL DAY

Coba Ruins - Wild Cenote - Monkey Reserve - Artisan Markets - \$165 pp (min 2PAX)

Explore the wonderfully unspoilt Mayan ruins of Coba by bicycle. This ancient ruined city is only partially revealed in the wild jungle setting. Dating from the late-classic period (600-1000 A.D.), this important site was built as a metropolis and capital of a large state that extended from the Peten in Guatemala to the Gulf of Mexico. Coba is famous for its two grand pyramids (from the top of which you can appreciate a spectacular view over miles of virgin jungle), its ball court, its stellae reminiscent of those at the famous Tikal, and its painting fragments. Following a cooling dip in a nearby cenote we will enjoy a traditional Yucateca lunch, before continuing on to the Protected Monkey Reserve deeper into the jungle. On the return journey we will stop at a local Mayan Village where numerous authentic artisan handicrafts and artworks can be found at a fraction of the price of those in the larger tourist towns of the Riviera Maya.

TOUR PROGRAM:

- · 8:30-9am: pick up at the hotel
- Discover Coba Ruins by bike the most important archeological site in the state of Quintana Roo
- · Cenote swim or zipline
- · Delicious Yucatec meal
- Exploration of the jungle with native guide who will show you local wildlife, including two different kinds of monkeys
- · Artisan Mayan Village Shopping
- 5:30pm: drop off at the hotel
- HALF DAY TOUR RETURNS AFTER BIKE RIDE AROUND THE RUINS AND INCLUDES A STOP OFF AT THE LOCAL MAYAN VILLEGE



WHO'S THIS FOR?

This private tour focuses on experiencing an authentic taste of the native ancient Mayan culture, jungle and ruins without the theme park atmosphere. It is planned for the more adventurous traveler who wants to know more about the local culture as well as flora and fauna of the region from a local source. It's also great fun for children.

- Transportation in Air-conditioned Car
- Cold drinks and snacks
- · Entry and bike hire at the ruins
- Lunch
- · Entry and Guide at the Monkey forest

Tulum Ruins and Cenote or Reef

PRIVATE TOUR 1/2 DAY

\$95 pp (min 2PAX)

A wonderful half day trip, combining the cliff-top ruins of Tulum and a swim on the reef (Summer) or in a magical cenote (Winter) Cenotes are natural fresh-water limestone sinkholes interconnected beneath the ground, creating a pure water system, unique to Yucatan. Enjoy the unique experience of a partially underground cenote; snorkelling or just swimming amongst fresh water fish in the crystal clear water (bats an optional extra). Simple lunch on the fishermen's beach

TOUR PROGRAM:

- · 8:30am: pick up at the hotel
- · Visit to Tulum Ruins
- · Snorkelling/swimming in freshwater underground cave
- · Simply Luch
- · 2:30pm: drop off at the hotel

- · Transportation in air-conditioned car
- Snorkel and mask
- · Entrance fees to ruins
- · Simple lunch of fresh fish

Sian Ka'an The Biosfera

1/2 DAY TOUR

Sian Ka'an Biosphere - Muyil - Eco-path - Floating Experience - \$155 pp (min 2PAX)

Sian Ka'an Biosphere, explore fresh water wetlands - ecopath - boat trip along ancient trading canals - floating experience and picnic.

The archeological site of Muyil is located in the norhern part of the Sian Ka'an Biosphere reserve. The ancient Mayan trading post is the perfect place to enjoy astounding mayan temples such as the 17 meters (57 ft) building known as "El Castillo" in the incredibly diverse semi-deciduous forest of Sian Ka'an. From the archeological site we take an interpretive trail towards the tallest observation point of Sian Ka'an to admire the exhuberant vegetation, the fresh water wetlands and a sand dune in the horizon. Once we reach the Muyil lagoon, we take a boat across two lagoons connected by a canal that has been in use for many centuries. Xlapak is the name of the building at the beginning of the lazy river and the start of an incredible floating experience in crystal clear pluvial water on its way to the caribbean. We float for over 30 minutes surrounded with mangroves, orchids, bromeliads and cacti while we hear the songs of birds and the wind blowing the seasonally floated fields of saw grass. A delicious vegetarian picnic with seasonal fruits awaits for us at the end of the float.

TOUR PROGRAM:

- · 8-gam: pick up at your hotel
- · Explore the archeological site of Muyil
- · Walk on a wooden interpretive path to reach the Muyil lagoon
- · Boat trip across Muyil and Chunyaaxche lagoons
- · Start of the float from Xlapak building
- Picnic
- · 1-2pm: drop off at your hotel

FOR WHOM?

Sian Ka'an - Muyil Tour is an excellent excursion for those who want a relaxing and inspiring excursion while learning about the ecology of the area and the Mayan civilization in half a day. This tour is for all ages.

- · Air-conditioned transportation
- · All entrance fees
- · Water, fruits and snacks
- Guidance
- · Boat ride
- · Floating vest
- Picnic