

Mexico: Yucatan (Valladolid & Tulum)

Wed 28th Dec - Fri 6th Jan

- **Cancun & Tulum** are 5 hours behind the UK. **Valladolid** is 6 hours behind the UK.
- Mexico uses Pesos (**MXN**) and they use a \$ to indicate pesos when quoting prices.
- Exchange rate: **£1 GBP = \$23 MXN** (approx)
- Tipping isn't a must but it's appreciated. Restaurants may add service charge but if they don't, just add 10%.
- You'll be able to use your cards in most places (restaurants, hotels etc) but you'll need cash to pay drivers when you land on 28th and for day tour on the 29th.
- My suggestion is to fly with at least **\$500 USD** in cash and keep it as a backup.
- When you land in Cancun, withdraw **\$10,000 MXN** (£450 approx) at an airport ATM.
 - \$3700 MXN will be going straight to the driver for the airport hotel transfer.
 - \$1150 MXN will be for the driver on the 29th Dec.
 - If the ATM for some reason doesn't work, you'll have the \$500 to exchange to \$MXN

Flights (British Airways)

Outbound flight: BA 2203
Class: World Traveller Plus

Inbound flight: BA 2200
Class: World Traveller Plus

Hand Baggage: 1 cabin bag and 1 hand bag/
personal item (each)
Checked Baggage: 2 bags at 23kg (each)

Accommodation

Valladolid (28th - 30th Dec): [Hotel Refugio 41](#), C. 41 255D, Bacalar, 97784, Valladolid
Tulum (30th Dec - 2nd Jan): [Wakax Hacienda](#), Playa Del Carmen, Carr. Cancún - Tulum Km 239
Tulum (2nd - 6th Jan): [Ma'xanab Hotel](#), Municipio de Tulum Boca Paila, 77760 Tulum

Wed 28th Dec: London to Cancun

ACTIVITY / TIMES	LOCATIONS	NOTES
Head to Gatwick: 07:00	London	Airport will be busy so head there early.
Checkin: 08:00	London Gatwick South Terminal	Flight: BA 2203 Class: World Traveller Plus Flight time: 11 hours
Depart: 10:45	London Gatwick South Terminal	Hand Baggage: 1 cabin bag and 1 hand bag/ personal item (each)
Arrive: 16:45	Cancun International Airport	Checked Baggage: 2 bags at 23kg (each)
Transfer: 17:30 \$3700 MXN (driver)	Cancun International Airport to Valladolid (2hrs approx) Driver: Javier WA Number: +52 998 396 7354	You'll be met at arrivals and driven to Valladolid. Driver speaks a bit of English but won't be super fluent. Please pay in cash MXN 3700 (Mexican Pesos). This covers tolls and all extras. **Valladolid is 1hr behind Cancun & Tulum**
Checkin: 19:30	Hotel Refugio 41 C. 41 255D, Bacalar, 97784, Valladolid Number: +52 984 316 7448	Booked through Airbnb & paid in full. Munya, I've added you to the Airbnb reservation and they know you're both the guests!

Thu 29th Dec: Chichen Itza & Valladolid

ACTIVITY / TIMES	LOCATIONS	NOTES
Breakfast: 08:00	Hotel Refugio 41	Breakfast starts 8am.
Depart: 08:30 \$1150 MXN (driver)	Valladolid to Chichen Itzá Kayla will confirm name and number of driver on the 28th Dec.	You'll be met at hotel by a driver who'll transfer you to Chichen Itza (approx 45 mins). Please pay in cash MXN 1150 (Mexican Pesos). This covers driver for the whole day, until you return to Valladolid. You'll need shoes (flip flops), swimsuit, towel, sunglasses, sunscreen and extra cash for drinks and tip. You'll be able to leave stuff in your car when you go into Chichen Itza.
Tour & Explore: 09:30 \$1200 MXN (2 tickets) \$900 MXN (guide)	Chichen Itza Most people spend 3hrs here.	Buy tickets at the entrance gates (with driver), as it is cheaper than pre-purchasing them. Tickets cost approx \$600 MXN each. You should be able to use card here, but have MXN as backup. If you want a guide, this is approx MXN 900 extra and driver can help arrange at Chichen Itza.
Depart: 12:30	Chichen Itza to Tsukan	Drive is approx 20 mins.
Lunch & Cenote: 13:00 \$900 MXN (entrance & lunch for 2)	Tsukan Sanctuary https://tsukan.com.mx/	This is a restaurant, cenote and Mayan experience. Kayla came here the other day and recommends eating lunch first then heading to the cenote. Tickets cost \$450 MXN (set lunch included) or \$230 MXN (lunch not included). If you're hungry, go for the set lunch. Once you've eaten, it should get less busy and you can take a dip in the cenote.
Depart: 15:00	Tsukan to Valladolid	Drive is approx 1 hr. You'll be dropped at the hotel and you can chill until dinner or go for a wander into the main square.
Dinner: 19:00	Meson de Marquis Calle 39 No 203 x 40 y 42 Colonial Centro, Valladolid 97780 Mexico	Table booked for 7pm. This is one of Valladolid's most popular restaurants, set in an old Mexican style building. It's 10/15 min walk from your hotel. Just turn left and walk towards the Parque Principal (main square).

Fri 30th Dec: Valladolid & Wakax Hacienda

ACTIVITY / TIMES	LOCATION	NOTES
Breakfast: 08:00	Hotel Refugio 41	Breakfast starts 8am. Perhaps pack up your stuff before heading out for your walking tour.
Free Walking Tour: 10:00 \$200 MXN (tour)	Parque Principal Francisco Canton Rosado (Main Square) Tour starts in the main square, where you had dinner the night before.	The guides wear red tie-dye t-shirts so they should be easy to spot. Maybe get there for 9:50am so you have time to find them. Tour lasts approx 1.5 hrs and, although it's free, it's kinda expected to tip. I would do \$100 MXN each.

Checkout: 12:00	Hotel Refugio 41	Check out and drop your bags at the hotel so you can head out for lunch. You could check out earlier to save you coming back.
Lunch: 12:30	Cafe Encanto C. 44 #189, entre 37 y 39, Centro.	I'll leave this up to you! Cafe Encanto is one suggestion and it's about 10 min walk from the Hotel.
Depart: 14:00 \$1700 MXN (transfer) \$500 MXN (approx for cenote)	Valladolid to Tulum Kayla will confirm name and number of driver on the 29th.	Driver will pick you up from Hotel Refugio. Drive is approx 1.5 hrs, with one stop off at a cenote. Cost for the transfer is \$1700 MXN paid in cash to driver. This includes tolls but not the cenote entrance.
Check-in: 16:00	Wakax Hacienda Playa Del Carmen, Carr. Cancún - Tulum Km 239, 77776 Tulum Contact Numbers: +52 999 530 1515	Checkin and chill out. I'll let you plan the rest of the night.

Sat 31st Dec: Tour & New Years Eve

ACTIVITY / TIMES	LOCATION	NOTES
Breakfast: 07:30	Wakax Hacienda	Check with hotel what time breakfast starts.
Tour & Lunch: 08:30 - 14:00 \$200 MXN (tip)	Tulum (4 hrs approx) Guide: Sonya Number: +529841190345 Kayla will help coordinate this.	You'll be going to a few cenote's and another Mayan ruin. I'll leave it as a surprise, and I'll let you decide what time you want to be back for. This has been paid in full, but you're welcome to tip. I would suggest \$200 MXN (more than enough). You'll need flip flops, swimsuit, towel, sunglasses, sunscreen and extra cash for drinks and tip.
Relax: 14:00	Wakax Hacienda	A few hours to relax and get ready before heading to dinner.
Depart: 17:45	Wakax to Gitano Beach (30mins)	You'll need to prebook this taxi with the hotel, and book your pickup after midnight as well.
NYE Dinner: 18:30 - 00:00	Gitano Beach Carr. Tulum-Boca Paila km 4.2 Zona Costera, ROO 77780	This is a 4 course meal (with one glass of champagne included), followed by live music and flamenco dancing. This has been paid in full, but drinks aren't included so bring your cards and cash. Tickets are through event bright. Munya I've emailed these through and they're also in the WA group.

Sun 1st Jan: Relax Wakax Hacienda

ACTIVITY / TIMES	LOCATION	NOTES
Breakfast, Relax and chill: 09:00	Wakax Hacienda	Happy New Year you two! Nothing's planned for today so enjoy relaxing.

Mon 2nd Jan: Wakax to Ma'xanab Hotel

ACTIVITY / TIMES	LOCATION	NOTES
Breakfast & Checkout: 12:00	Wakax Hacienda	Check out is at midday, but perhaps they'll allow a later checkout. Ask the night before, or when you check in. No point rushing to Ma'xanab Hotel as you can't check in until 3pm.
Transfer: 14:00	Wakax Hacienda to Ma'xanab Hotel	Arrange taxi with your hotel.
Check-in & Dinner: 15:00	Ma'xanab Hotel, Municipio de Tulum Boca Paila, 77760 Tulum	This is where you'll be for the next 4 nights, until you head fly back to London. This has been paid in full.

Tue 3rd Jan: Enjoy Ma'xanab Hotel

ACTIVITY / TIMES	LOCATION	NOTES
Breakfast, chill & explore Tulum.	Ma'xanab Hotel	Nothing planned. (I'll be back with signal today!)

Wed 4th Jan: Beach Day & Tulum

ACTIVITY / TIMES	LOCATION	NOTES
Breakfast, chill & explore Tulum.	Ma'xanab Hotel	Nothing planned for today. If you want to arrange anything, message Kayla or speak to the hotel front desk.

Thu 5th Jan: Beach Day & Tulum

ACTIVITY / TIMES	LOCATION	NOTES
Breakfast, chill & explore Tulum.	Ma'xanab Hotel	Nothing planned for today.

Fri 6th Dec: Cancun to London

ACTIVITY / TIMES	LOCATION	NOTES
Breakfast & Check out: 08:00	Ma'xanab Hotel	I'll let you plan this.
Head to Cancun Airport: 13:30	Tulum to Cancun (2hrs approx) Please arrange taxi with the hotel. They'll be able to advise the best time to leave.	Prepare for the hoards of American tourists.
Checkin: 15:00	Cancun International Airport	Flight: BA 2200 Class: World Traveller Plus Flight time: 11 hours Hand Baggage: 1 cabin bag and 1 hand bag/personal item (each) Checked Baggage: 2 bags at 23kg (each)
Depart: 18:35	Cancun International Airport	

Sat 7th Dec: London

Arrive: 08:45	London Gatwick South Terminal	Welcome home!
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