



Cancún

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Cancún's white sandy beaches and inviting warm, crystal clear waters makes it a paradise for all beach and water sports enthusiasts. Add a vibrant nightlife and the closeness to the breathtaking Mayan ruins and you have Mexico's most popular tourist hot spot. Caring for four million tourists yearly, it's hard to understand this beautiful resort was a sleepy fishing village just a few decades ago. Cancún is best known as a family, sporting and wedding resort where you can choose your own pace and lifestyle to suit your frame of mind. Its colorful buzz and ancient traditions co-existing with ultra-modern developments enchant everyone, from backpackers to luxury travelers.



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Cancún is naturally divided into two distinctive districts, the famous Hotel Zone (Zona Hotelera) and the actual city of Cancún, known as Centró. The Hotel Zone, shaped like a narrow horseshoe and surrounded by 25 kilometers of pure white sandy beach, is linked to the city on the mainland via the four-lane Boulevard Kukulcán.

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Hotel Zone

Most hotels in the Hotel Zone are located directly on Cancún's beautiful beach. The Hotel Zone itself is divided into kilometer long sections which makes it easy to navigate. The heart of the area is undoubtedly Cancún's famous buzzing party zone (km 8) where the bars and night clubs draw both young and old crowds until early morning hours. The party also attracts performing and visiting celebrities so you'll never know who you might be rubbing shoulders with.

Down Town

Downtown (El Centro) is the actual backbone of Cancún. What it lacks in history it makes up for through being a true melting pot - an exciting mix of the old traditional Mexico and an ultra modern urban sprawl. Avenida Tulum, the main street, passing through the heart of the city, is easy to reach by public transport. The street is lined with shops, banks, internet cafes, bars and restaurants. Don't miss out on a weekend visit to Parque Las Palapas, on the market square, where locals come to chat and watch the entertainment provided by various local groups. The lively, happy atmosphere and the sound of the Mexican music is infectious and any worries will quickly be postponed to

mañana'. Browse around the artisan stalls and try some of the local sweet delicacies or visit the hippie market around the corner.

In the evenings, the place to be is Avenida Yaxchilan with its lively restaurants and bars, popular with locals and tourists alike.

Mayan Ruins

A visit to Cancún is not complete without a trip to the famous Mayan ruins. Many of them have not yet been excavated and are waiting to be explored. Chichén Itzá, one of the new seven wonders of the world, is an absolute must. Whilst you are there, don't miss out on the stunning light show that transports you back in time in a spectacular atmosphere. Equally stunning is Cobá, currently the only ruin that can still be climbed, offering a breathtaking view over the jungle and Tulum, with its spectacular backdrop of the clear turquoise water of the ocean.

Opening hours: 7 Days a week 09.00 to 17.00

Internet: www.chichenitza.com, www.Cancun-discounts.com,
www.entertainment-plus.net

Cenotes

These magnificent cenotes (sinkholes) are unique to the Yucatán peninsula and many still remain undiscovered and unexplored to this day. Witnessing the breathtaking beauty of the large clusters of stalactites and stalagmites being mirrored in the crystal clear cool waters is a unique experience. Every cenote has its own particular beauty and putting on a swimsuit and snorkel the pool is an absolutely unforgettable experience. Some tour operators also offer cave diving excursions for very experienced divers.

Opening hours: 7 Days a week

Internet: www.hiddenworlds.com, www.grancenote.com

Isla Mujeres

A 20 minute boat ride from Cancún lies the small island of Isla Mujeres with its laid back Caribbean ambiance, tiny

streets lined with stalls and street cafés in pastel colored houses. Golf carts and mopeds dominate the streets. Although only 5 miles long and half a mile wide, the island offers everything from a beautiful palm fringed white beach on the north coast to a dramatic rocky shoreline on the eastern side. Visit the turtle farm, try one of the local fish restaurants on the beach or visit Garrafón Park at the south of the island with its spectacular view over Cancún's skyline. A must for nature and wildlife lovers is a tour to Isla Contoy, a nature reserve only inhabited by a few biologists and restricted to 200 visitors per day.

Internet: www.isla-mujeres.net, www.islacontoy.org

Eco Parks and Tours

If you are looking for a great family day out don't forget to visit the eco parks of Xel Há or Xcarét. With shows and adventures set in stunning lush tropical vegetation with exotic wildlife, these parks offer a truly wonderful entertaining, educational and fun day out for young and old alike. For the slightly more energetic and adventurous, try one of the exciting eco tours which will make you feel like a true explorer.

Internet: www.xelha.com, www.alltournative.com

Parque Las Palapas

The lively, friendly atmosphere of Parque Las Palapas is worth a visit, especially in the weekend evenings. Watch a local performance or just observe and soak in the atmosphere, browse around the artisan stalls or visit one of the bars and cafés dotted all around the Parque. Just across the adjacent car park, next to the church, you find the so-called 'Hippie Park' offering hand-made jewelry, lamps and tie-dyed clothing.

Address: Parque Las Palapas, SM 22, Cancún

Puerto Cancún

One of the newest developments in Cancún, Puerto Cancún is a mixture of residential, commercial and tourist area. Featuring a large marina, golf course, waterside

promenade with a luxurious outdoor shopping complex and cafes, it will be another impressive landmark of Cancún.

Address: Blvd. Kukulcán, Hotel Zone, Cancún

Scenic Rotating Tower

To fully appreciate the beauty of Cancún and its surrounding area, do ride the 360° rotating scenic tower where you get a spectacular birds-eye view of the entire Hotel Zone and surrounding area from the 100 m tall tower. A different experience during day and night time, the view is unsurpassed.

Address: Embarcadéro, Blvd. Kukulcan KM 4, Cancún

Opening hours: Daily 09.00 – 23.00

Tickets: Admission Fee

Cancún Theatre & Mexican Folk Art Museum

Mexican folklore dance shows and plays advertised at the theatre and at hotel concierges, where you also buy tickets. Discover one of Cancún's little treasures, the Mexican Folk Art Museum brimming with excellent examples of Mexican folk art and crafts.

Address: Embarcadéro, Blvd. Kukulcan KM 4, Cancún

Internet: www.museoartepopularmexicano.org

Cancún Conventions & Exhibitions Center

Cancún's Convention Center is the home of the official Tourist Information office and has all year round exhibitions and events. Check the events calendar on their website to see what's on.

Address: Blvd. Kukulcan, KM 8.5, Cancún

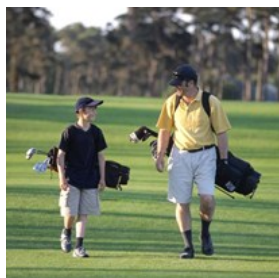
Opening hours: Daily from 10:00

Phone: +52 998 849 4332

Internet: www.cancuncenter.com

Email: info@cancuncenter.com

Golf



A paradise for golfing enthusiasts of all abilities, Cancún is a golfing Mecca. The 10 top quality 18 hole golf courses in the area are all created by world class

designers such as Jack Nicklaus, Greg Norman and P.B. Dye to name a few. Each golf course, not forgetting the numerous smaller ones, is set in lush tropical vegetation amidst plentiful wildlife with stunning backgrounds. A sheer pleasure for golfers and spectators alike.

Internet: www.cancungolf.org

Water Sports

What better way to enjoy water sports than in the warm, crystal clear turquoise waters of Cancún? Whether you choose to go swimming, sailing, kayaking, windsurfing, kite sailing, jet-skiing, parasailing, diving or snorkeling along the second largest reef in the world, you will not be disappointed. Maybe you prefer to stay on the surface and experience the thrill of deep sea fishing or just relax on a sunset or lobster cruise, there is literally no water sport imaginable that you won't find in Cancún. Aspiring and advanced divers should not miss a dive in the famous diving paradise of Cozumel. Another must is the popular jungle tour through the nature reserve of the Nichupte Lagoon where you can be captain of your own boat.

Address: Blvd. Kukulcán, HZ, KM 15.1, Cancún

Phone: +52 998 848 8327

Internet: www.aquaworld.com.mx

Dolphinaris Cancún

Is swimming with dolphins a dream to you? Then you have come to the right place. Make it a reality at Dolphinaris Cancún, go swimming with the animals, become a trainer for a day or take a day to follow the daily routines in a dolphin's life.

Address: Boulevard Kukulkan, Cancún

Phone: +52 998 881 3000

Internet: www.dolphinaris.com

Email: contactus@dolphinaris.com

Interactive Aquarium

At this aquarium you will get up close and personal with the sea life in a way that is not possible anywhere else. Swim with the dolphins, touch a stingray and feed a turtle, this is a great way to spend your day.

Address: Blvd. Kukulcan Km. 12.5 Zona, Plaza La Isla, Cancún

Phone: +52 998 883 0411

Internet: www.aquariumcancun.com.mx

DINING



Photo: Mom the Barbarian

Mexican cuisine is very versatile and best known for its intense and varied flavours, colourful decoration and variety of spices. Tacos, nachos and guacamole are only a small part of Cancún's culinary repertoire beside the large palette of foreign cuisine. Whether you fancy a quick snack on the trot or a gourmet meal in stylish settings, Cancún has a fantastic selection of restaurants featuring dishes from all over the world.

Thai Lounge

In this traditional Thai style establishment every table setting consists of an individual stylish palapa with its own unique table and sofa, giving the restaurant a serene and elegant ambiance. Enhancing the experience is dolphins swimming gracefully on one side and a fantastic view over the lagoon on the other. Classic Thai specialties in an ultra chic atmosphere.

Address: Plaza La Isla, Blvd. Kukúilkan, HZ, KM 12.5, Cancún
Internet: www.thai.com.mx

La Destilleria

This is a dining experience within an old tequila distillery offering a truly Mexican atmosphere. The perfect place to sample excellent traditional Mexican seafood, meat and vegetarian dishes. Visit the tequila museum within the restaurant and try some of Mexico's finest tequilas!

Address: Blvd. Kukúilkan, KM 12.5, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 885 1086 / 87
Internet: www.ladestileria.com.mx

La Dolce Vita

This restaurant has a friendly Italian style ambience and a view of the lagoon. La Dolce Vita offers a good range of meat and fish dishes.

Address: Ave. Coba, Hotel Zone, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 885 0161
Internet: www.dolcevitacancun.com

La Parilla

La Parilla is a Mexican style restaurant, popular with locals and tourists alike. It has a large selection of Mexican seafood and meat dishes accompanied by Mariachis and skillful waiters.

Address: Ave. Yaxchilán No. 51, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 193 3973
Internet: www.laparrilla.com.mx
Email: grupos@laparrilla.com.mx

La Palapa Belga

La Palapa Belga is an insiders tip with great European cuisine in a palapa style restaurant overlooking the lagoon and Hotel Zone. Specialties include mussels served in a cooking pot.

Address: Quetzal N° 13, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 883 5454
Internet: www.palapabelga.com
More Info: in the garden of Hotel Imperial Laguna

La Troje

La Troje has great food, fast service and a nice ambience. Popular with locals and an insider tip for tourists. Famous for its salads and filled pancakes!

Address: Ave. Acañech SM 15, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 887 9556
Internet: www.latrojedecancun.com
More Info: Next to Sport City opp. Plaza Las Americas shopping mall

Roots

The Roots is a Jazz bar with restaurant close to Parque Las Palapas. They serve great freshly cooked food and world-class live music.

Address: Calle Tulipanes 26, SM 22, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 884 2437
Internet: www.rootsjazzclub.com

Hard Rock Cafe

Nestled amongst the shops at Forum By The Sea is Hard Rock Café, a perfect place to stop for lunch, dinner, a cold beer or listen to live music. There is a bar and tables outside on a patio overlooking the beach and, of course, a chance to buy memorabilia from their collection.

Address: Blvd. Kukulcan Lotes 10&10C, Local A-20, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 8818 120
Internet: www.hardrock.com

Harrys

Cancún's place to be. A chic and classy restaurant with a subtle underlying elegance. The menu offers a select range of excellent meat and seafood dishes, each one cooked to perfection and beautifully presented.

Address: Blvd. Kukúilkan, HZ, KM 14.2, Cancún
Phone: 52 998 840 6550 / 1
Internet: www.harrys.com.mx

Du Mexique

Du Mexique is an intimate restaurant with only seven available tables. This is truly a hidden gem amongst the crowded restaurants and a place where you will relish in the exquisite menu.

Address: Bonampak 109, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 884 5919
Email: dumexique@prodigy.net.mx

Wazaaabi Sushi House

Wazaaabi Sushi House is one of the best sushi restaurants in town. Neither the appetizer, main course nor the dessert will disappoint you. This is a place which you will, most definitely, re-visit.

Address: Av. Bonampak Plaza Peninsula local 9 y 10, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 889 9263
Internet: www.wazaaabi.com
Email: info@wazaaabi.com.mx

Blue Gecko Cantina

Blue Gecko Cantina can easily be missed if you just walking down the street. But this restaurant serves some of the best tacos in town. Come for lunch or dinner and relax with a Jalapeño Margarita in your hand.

Address: Blvd Kukulcan Km 16 Marina del Rey, Cancún
Phone: +52 984 840 6935
Email: bluegeckocantina@gmail.com

Peter's Restaurante

At Peter's restaurante you will have a great dinner experience. The restaurant is small and intimate, providing the best service and an even better menu. All food is freshly prepared and ending your dinner with the chocolate mousse is almost a must.

Address: Bonampak 72, Zona Hotelera, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 251 9310
Email: petersrestaurante@yahoo.com

Bovino's Churrascaria

Bovino's Churrascaria is a Brazilian inspired restaurant and should be on your stop while in Cancún. They have a delicious menu and a big fresh salads bar accompanied by excellent service.

Address: Av. Yaxchilán, Sm 17 Mza. 2, Lote 4, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 8980 857
Internet: www.bovinoscancun.com

Puerto Madero

Puerto Madero you will find an Argentinian menu with delicious sea food and amazing steaks. The food presentation is wonderful and so is the service and the lovely view.

Address: Blvd. Kukulcan Km. 14.1, Zona Hotelera, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 885 2827
Internet: www.puertomaderorestaurantes.com

CAFES



Photo: Tony Hisgett

Home to some of the best coffee worldwide, Cancun's café culture is somewhat different from that in most countries. Most people prefer to take their coffee inside with air conditioning rather than outdoors and because all bars double as cafés, 'European style' street cafés is a relatively new phenomenon but gaining fast in popularity.

Jazz Café

Nice little cafe in La Isla's outdoor mall, right in front of the water fountain. A great place to watch a mellow sunset over the lagoon.

Address: La Isla Shopping Mall, KM 12.5, Cancún

Gourmet Market

Gourmet Market is situated in Plaza Caracol and is a great place to chill out in style over a good cup of coffee with a selection of excellent home baked cakes. Try the delicious apple strudel or some great tapas.

Address: Plaza Caracol 1st floor, KM 8, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 883 1395

Starbucks

Starbucks is a famous popular US coffee company that recently opened several franchises in Cancun.

Address: Shopping Plaza La Isla
Internet: www.starbucks.com

Cafe Andrade

Cafe Andrade is a Mexican diner with excellent coffee and a Veracruz inspired menu. This is a great place for breakfast or brunch with good prices and fast service.

Address: Avenida Coba, Plaza Las Avenidas, Cancún

Cafe Nader

Cafe Nader serves traditional meals but is a bit fancier than a regular café and therefore a bit more expensive. It is however a popular brunch place on Sundays.

Address: Avenida Nader Supermanzana 5, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 887 0863
Internet: www.cafenader.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Whatever you are in the mood for, you will find it in Cancún. Shake your hips to Latin music, break it down to hip hop or pump it up to club music- the floor is yours!

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Bling

Bling is an ultra-chic lounge bar with a terrace overlooking the lagoon. It is a popular place for a good night out. The fashionable crowd is around their 30's and they keep partying until at least 04 in the morning.

Address: Blvd. Kukulcán, HZ, KM 13.5, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 840 6014

Carlos'n Charlie's

Carlos'n Charlie's is a restaurant and club with entertainment, performances and live music. It is a place of great fun for both young and old and should not be missed.

Address: Forum by the Sea, HZ, KM 8, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 883 4468
Internet: www.carlosandcharlies.com/Cancun

The City

Mega Night Club with 1,000,000 watt sound system, 650 sq.ft. of video screens, super stage, shows, world class acts, themed nights, foam parties and a private beach club. You name it - The City's got it!

Address: Blvd. Kukulcán, HZ, KM 8, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 848 8385
Internet: www.thecitycancun.com
Email: info@thecitycancun.com

Coco Bongo

Fantastic shows, brilliant entertainment, an absolute must! Coco Bongo combines music from different time periods into a fabulous all-night mix. You can also catch live salsa

music performances.

Address: Forum by the Sea, HZ, KM 8, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 883 5061
Internet: www.cocobongo.com.mx

Mambo Café

Caribbean themed nightclub with Latin music.

Address: SM35, MZ2, Lote 3, Plaza Las Avenidas, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 884 4536
Internet: www.mambocafe.com.mx

Margaritaville

Margaritaville is a fun place every day of the week. Here you will find a crowd of all ages with different bands performing each night. Check out their volcano in the restaurant.

Address: Blvd Kukulcán, HZ, KM 11, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 885 2375
Internet: www.margaritaville.com.mx

SHOPPING



Photo: Matthew Freeman

Amidst the beaches, jungle and culture, Cancún also provides its visitors with every shopping experience imaginable, from flying salesmen and market stalls to boutiques and modern indoor and outdoor shopping malls. Cancún's shops are as versatile and creative as its people and the privileged tax status of Cancún (10%) makes it popular for buying luxury items. You can still practice your bartering skills at the markets, although most shops have fixed prices. Mexico is the world's number one exporter of

cowboy boots and is also famous for its silverware, tequila, hot chili sauces and handcrafted pottery. Other popular souvenirs are vanilla essence, Aloe Vera products, blankets, and of course the famous Mexican sombreros.

Down Town

For the slightly more adventurous, Cancún City offers all shopping amenities imaginable from street vendors selling chewing gum and well equipped supermarkets to luxury shopping plazas with bowling alleys, cinemas, amusement arcades etc.

The three major Plazas are Plaza Las Americas, El Paseo and Gran Plaza, all of which can be easily reached by taxi from Avenida Tulúm. For those looking for a market to try their haggling skills, try Market 28, close to Walmart and Sam's club.

ACCOMMODATION



Photo: tomleetaiwan

Cancún has a whole area dedicated to different accommodation options. Choose between all-inclusive resorts, boutique hotels, hostels and much more.

Riu Cancún

All inclusive resort opposite Plaza Caracol and within easy walking distance of the party zone, offering stunning views of Isla Mujeres. Very popular with families, the hotel offers plenty of shady areas, a beautifully landscaped garden with three pools, various bars & restaurants and a spa.

Address: Blvd. Kukulcán, KM 8, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 848 7850
Internet: www.riu.com

Email: hotel.caribe@riu.com

Club Med

This All Inclusive hotel is perfect for young and old seeking quiet relaxation. It is situated within beautiful gardens and lakes at the southern tip of the bay, offering a choice of two separate beaches. One overlooking the entire bay of Cancún, the other facing the open sea. They offer facilities like children's club, leisure and sport activities, bars and restaurants. The hustle and bustle of the main strip is within a short bus or taxi ride of the hotel.

Address: Punta Nizuc off Blvd Kukulcán, KM 20, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 881 8200
Internet: www.clubmed.com

Ambar

With its unique concept, BeachScape Kin Ha Villas & Suites offer the largest suites in Cancun with 1, 2 & 3 bedroom suites with complete kitchens within a full-service resort situated on a beautiful beach. Close to attractions like shopping, bars and restaurants and an 18-hole golfcourse, Pok-ta-Pok.

Address: Blvd. Kukulcán, KM 7, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 891 5400
Internet: www.ambiancevillasancun.com

Ritz Carlton

Exactly what one expects from the Ritz and more exuberant luxury. Subtle elegance, all round perfectionism, outstanding service, top class restaurant and Cleopatra-style spa treatments, all set on one of the most beautiful beaches in the world. All rooms and suites have a breathtaking view of the ocean and despite its size, the Ritz maintains its ambiance of intimacy and exclusivity.

Address: Retorno del Rey #36, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 881 0808
Internet: www.ritzcarlton.com

Aqua

This is a über-chic, elegant hotel situated right opposite Plaza La Isla. Aqua, a hotel where eastern tranquility

fusions perfectly with Mayan serenity in the most elegant and stylish settings. The hotel omits a magical ambiance from the minute one enters the lobby. Zen-style gardens, swanky bars & lounges, extravagant spa, calming and luxurious rooms.

Address: Blvd. Kukulcán, KM 12.5, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 881 7600
Internet: www.feel-aqua.com

Hilton

An award-winning resort with its landmark pyramid shape, the Hilton is set within the largest landscaped gardens adjacent to the spectacular Playa Delfines with an unprecedented view over the entire bay of Cancún. With its enormous infinity pool, superb luxury spa, an 18-hole golf course on site, fantastic sporting and business facilities, the Hotel offers the perfect blend for everyone.

Address: Blvd. Kukulcán, KM 17.5, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 881 8000
Internet: www.hiltoncancun.com

Aloft Cancun

Aloft Cancun is beautifully located with only with 200 meters to the beach. The rooms have a modern decor in soft colours and free WiFi. At the hotel you can enjoy their gym, pool and the panoramic views from the roof.

Address: Boulevard Kukulcan, Zona Hotelera, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 848 9900
Internet: www.starwoodhotels.com
Email: reservations.03930@alofthotels.com

Ramada Cancun City

The Ramada hotel is located in down town Cancún and offer their guests a free shuttle service to the beach. The rooms have a private balcony, TV, AC and an in-room safe. At the beach club you can find services such as laundry, baby sitting and a cooling children's pool.

Address: Av Yaxchilán 41 SM 22, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 881 7870
Internet: www.ramada.com

Oasis Palm Beach All Inclusive Resort Cancun

At Oasis Palm Beach you will have a 200 meter private beach where you can enjoy your days in the sun with a delicious drink. This resort has several outdoor pools, spa, 9 restaurants, 8 bars and shops. You will have everything you need here.

Address: Kilometer 4.5 Boulevard Kukulcan, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 881 7000
Internet: www.oasispalmbeach.com

Hard Rock Hotel Cancun

Hard Rock Hotel Cancun offers top accommodation with private balconies and double hot tub. You will never get bored just staying at the hotel as they provide endless with entertainment. You can cool down in their beautiful pool while overlooking the sea.

Address: Blvd. Kukulcan Km14.5, Zona Hotelera, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 881 3600
Internet: www.hrhcancun.com

Hotel Krystal

Hotel Krystal offers 453 modern rooms in a wonderful, relaxing atmosphere. Every room has air condition, a safety deposit box and beautiful views over the resort. The hotel has an on-site car rental service if you would like to discover other parts of the region.

Address: Kukulcan km. 9, lote 9A, Zona Hotelera, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 848 9800
Internet: www.krystalcancun.com
Email: reservacionescancun@krystal-hotels.com

Hyatt Regency

How does an out-door pool, spa and just minutes to a private beach sound? At Hyatt Regency you can enjoy this and much more. The hotel has on-site dining options, rooms with a private balcony, 24 h room service and a MP3 docking station.

Address: Blvd. Kukulcan Km.8.5, Zona Hotelera, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 891 5555
Internet: www.cancun.regency.hyatt.com

Email: cancun.regency@hyatt.com

Casa Turquesa

This is a luxury boutique hotel with beautiful views over the ocean. They have a relaxing spa with a pool, an on-site art gallery and your own private terrace where you can enjoy the view from a hot tub.

Address: Boulevard Kukulcan 5, Zona Hotelera, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 193 2260
Internet: www.casaturquesa.com
Email: reserve@casaturquesa.com

Condominios Salvia

Located in the heart of the hotel zone, this hotel has an excellent location close to many bars, restaurants and shops. Relax with a drink in your hand in the tropical garden or cool down in their out-door pool.

Address: Boulevard Kukulcan Km. 9, Zona Hotelera, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 848 3849
Internet: www.salviacancun.com

The Royal Cancun

The Royal Cancun is located on the beach in the hotel zone area with gorgeous views over the ocean. The rooms have a modern decor, tile flooring, kitchen area and a TV with a DVD player. On the facility you have the option of Italian, French, Mexican or Caribbean meals.

Address: Blvd. Kukulcán Km 11.5, Zona Hotelera, Cancún
Phone: +52 998 881 5600
Internet: www.royalresorts.com

EVENTS



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ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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Cancún Airport International

Cancún Airport International (CUN) is the 4th busiest airport in Latin America with 12 million passengers in 2008. Terminal 1 manages North American charter airlines including domestic charters. Terminal 2 handles some international airlines and all scheduled domestic airlines and the new Terminal 3 deals with operations from

almost all international North American and European airlines. Located outside the city of Cancún at KM 22 of the Cancún-Chetumal highway, approximate transfer times to Cancún's City or Hotel Zone is 20-30 mins. Buses, shuttles, private transfers, VIP vehicles, and Limousines are available for pickup and every terminal has a designated taxi service available. A public modern air-conditioned bus service to Cancún's central bus station is available outside Terminal 2.

Internet: www.cancun-airport.com

Email: information@cancun-airport.com

Bus

Cancún's central bus station on Ave. Tulum offers excellent and regular connections to most local and national destinations. A regular shuttle transfer to Playa del Carmen leaves every 15-30 minutes. The frequent local bus service between the Hotel Zone and downtown (R-1 or R-2 buses) is excellent value and runs 24 hours. Buses stop on hand signal and will often leave before everyone is seated.

Car Rental

All major car rental companies are available. Driving in the city is not recommended for the faint of heart as traffic can be daunting. There appear to be no rules, everyone seems to drive at their desired pace and multi-lanes often change into a single lane without warning. Driving on the highway (Carretera federal) is similar to most motorways and autobahns, however, due to occasional pot holes, wild animals crossing and the possibility of drunk drivers it is recommended to plan journeys so that your destination is reached before nightfall. One of the car rental companies available is Mexico Car rental.

Phone: +52 998 8862496

Internet: www.mexicocarrental.com.mx

Taxi

Taxis are a common mode of transport in Cancún and Mexico. Despite warnings to agree on a price before

getting in, one should know, that all taxi drivers belong to a syndicate and there is an official fixed price list split into various zones that all taxi drivers must carry (also available in all hotels). Taxis in the Hotel Zone are more expensive than downtown and a standing taxi always costs slightly more than one flagged down from the curb.

Post

The postal service in Mexico is very slow and often not very reliable. Sending anything of importance or value is therefore safer by courier service.

Cancún's main post office

Address: Sunyaxchen and Ave. Xel-Ha, Cancún

Phone: +52 998 884 1418

More Info: Market 28 on the corner of Ave.

Pharmacy

There are two types of pharmacies in Mexico, the regular 'Farmacia' and the 'Farmacia Similares'. The former sells well-known brand medications whilst the latter sells cheaper, non-branded medicines. Prescriptions are generally not required for anything and most medicines are widely available. You can find a Farmacia on almost every corner downtown with several located in the Hotel Zone. Many Farmacias are open 24 hours and also have a delivery service for a small surcharge.

Telephone

Country code: +52

Area code for Cancún: 01998

Please note that not all international mobile phones will work in Mexico and it is therefore best to check with respective providers beforehand to ensure service.

Electricity

110 Volt. Hotels usually offer voltage converters for 220 Volt devices.

Population

734, 000

Currency

Mexican Peso 1 \$ = 100 Centavos

USD are widely accepted in tourist areas.

Prices may be in USD or MX pesos.

Opening hours

Hours are guidelines:

09.00 – 21.00 downtown

10.00 – 22.00 Hotel Zone

Shops & malls are usually open 7 days a week.

Small shops may close for siesta between 14.00 – 16.0

Internet

www.visitmexico.com

Newspapers

Novedades de Quintana Roo (Spanish)

Miami Herald Cancún Edition (English)

Emergency numbers

General Emergency No 066

Tourist information

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