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MAYAKOBA

Makes Moves to Maximize Luxury in Mexico

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With its abundance of sun, white beaches, turquoise waters, pristine lagoons, coral reefs, and tropical jungles, Mexico's Riviera Maya certainly does not lack luxury. Add to this Mayakoba's four award-winning hotels and incredible luxury residences all nestled securely into a 620-acre gated resort community. Who can resist the allure of a destination on the Mexican Caribbean that promises tranquility and resort inspired concierge service including world-class cuisine, superior wellness amenities, and seemingly unending adventures in an environment that honors its Mayan heritage while enhancing the native landscape?

Situated on a spectacular stretch of coastline and surrounded by a tropical jungle, the Mayakoba destination offers four unique luxury hotels under one resort umbrella. Following the gentle contours of the land for sustainable design and functionality, each resort has its own personality all blending seamlessly with Mother Nature.









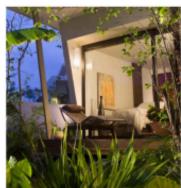




Rosewood Mayakoba

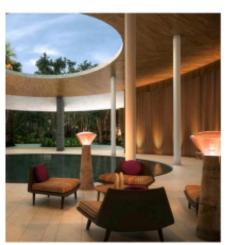
As the center and centerpiece, Rosewood completed a \$20 million transformation in late 2019. 129 suites on a mile-long stretch of pure-white sand beach now contain generously proportioned rooms crafted from indigenous materials, with oversized bathtubs, private bath gardens, and heated plunge pools. Eight dedicated, loft-style Wellness Suites each feature an outdoor serenity pavilion, private salt therapy pool, reflexology fountain, enhanced sleeping tools, a wellness station, and a dedicated well-being butler. Dining options at Rosewood include the haute cuisine Casa del Lago, beachfront tapas at Punta Bonita, Asian inspired cuisine at Agave Azul, and a new adults-only beachfront hideaway, Aqui Me Quedo. This resort features the breathtaking Sense Spa & Fitness Studio, with eight island suites and the Kuxtal Sensory Garden.













Andaz Mayakoba

Celebrating its 5th anniversary, Andaz lets guests explore the cuisine and culture of modern Mexico in style, while lovingly supporting her natural surroundings. There is no shortage of innovative and inspired cuisine at this resort that boasts 214 guestrooms, including 41 suites, and two luxury outdoor pools. Naum Wellness & Spa offers an authentic Mayan spa experience, along with a 24hour state-of-the-art gym. Savory on-site culinary options include innovative Latin American fare at Casa Amate or a casual array of Mediterranean delicacies at Sotavento.







Banyan Tree Mayakoba

After a \$50 million resort-wide renovation, Banyan Tree now includes floating lagoon villas, each with a two-story layout and heated plunge pool, as well as 34 new beachfront pool suites, and an extraordinary new beach club, combining both Mexican and Asian cultures. The award-winning Banyan Tree Spa, with all therapists from Thai provinces, highlights its signature Rainforest Experience, an invigorating hydrothermal indulgence to stimulate the senses. Culinary experiences range from authentic Thai cuisine at Saffron, to fresh seafood and contemporary Mexican fare. Among its many nature-driven excursions is the opportunity to explore freshwater Mayakoba canals with a romantic Ixchel dinner or Tapas cruise.







Fairmont Mayakoba

Largest of the four resorts, the Fairmont has recently completed the first phase of its multimillion-dollar property-wide renovation, including the enhancement of 188 guest rooms, updated common areas, the introduction of Tauro Steakhouse, and a highly anticipated beach club. The La Laguna and Trattoria restaurants have each recently debuted new looks. Fairmont includes a total of 401 rooms and suites, including beach and lagoon casitas. Restaurants draw on curated menus featuring modern Mexican, Asian, and coastal concepts. The 37,000-square-foot Willow Stream Spa features 20 treatment rooms including a unique couple's suite, two mineral pools, and steam rooms.







Available to all resort guests, El Pueblito is a traditional village-style space that spotlights boutique shops, the beautiful white La Santa Cruz chapel, an arcade, a picturesque park, and a mix of restaurants. It also hosts art exhibitions, farmer's and craft markets, live entertainment, and cultural activities throughout the year. Guests who want to stretch their culinary muscles can attend El Pueblito Cooking School, an authentic "hands-on" opportunity to prepare a complete Mexican regional lunch or dinner with expert Mexican chefs.

All guests have access to a stunning three-milelong nature trail and spectacular 18-hole golf course, designed by renowned architect and PGA legend Greg Norman, which is home to the Mayakoba Golf Classic. Cruises through waterways offer glimpses of more than 300 species of birds and native wildlife. Mayakoba also places an emphasis on outdoor pursuits with its new Dive and Water Sports Center and Mayakoba Dive School. Guests can personally explore the crystal-clear waters of the Caribbean with Mayakoba's \$1.7 million Van Dutch Yacht or join coral reef restoration efforts on the world's second-largest barrier reef.

With so much to see and do, Mayakoba is truly bringing next-level luxury to the Mexico's Riviera Maya.