



ADEPT EXPEDITIONS PRESENTS

# MYSTERIES OF THE MAYA A SYMBOLIST TOUR OF THE YUCATAN

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**NOVEMBER 15 - 21, 2020**

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# SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH - DAY 1: ARRIVAL IN MERIDA

YOU WILL RECEIVE A WARM WELCOME BY OUR LOCAL REPRESENTATIVE UPON ARRIVAL AT THE **MERIDA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT** BEFORE BEING TRANSFERRED TO THE HISTORICAL AND PALATIAL UXMAL HACIENDA. WE WILL HAVE A CASUAL MIXER WHERE YOU WILL MEET MEMBERS OF OUR EXPEDITION PARTY AT NIGHT.

*Overnight: [Uxmal Hacienda](#)*



## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH - DAY 2: SUNRISE CEREMONY, UXMAL RUINS

WE START THE DAY OFF EARLY WITH A SPECTACULAR SUNRISE CEREMONY. THIS IS HOW BEGIN TO GET INITIATED INTO THE MYSTERIES OF THE MAYA. THE TRADITIONAL SUNRISE CEREMONY IS CONFERRED BY ONE OF THE YUCATAN'S MOST VENERATED SHAMAN.

AFTER OUR CEREMONY YOU'LL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO ASK THE SHAMAN ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY HAVE AND WE'LL HAVE A MAYA-TO-ENGLISH TRANSLATOR THERE TO TRANSLATE FOR YOU, AS OUR SHAMAN SPEAKS IN THE YUCATEC MAYA LANGUAGE. THEN WE ENJOY A MAYA VILLAGE EXPERIENCE FOR TRADITIONAL MAYA BREAKFAST TO FUEL OURSELVES BEFORE EMBARKING ON OUR JOURNEY TO EXPLORE THE UXMAL. HERE **ANYEXTEE** WILL TAKE US ON A SYMBOLIST TOUR OF THE RUINS AND YOU'LL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO CLIMB THE GREAT PYRAMID OF UXMAL.

**Overnight: [Uxmál Hacienda](#) - (Breakfast)**



## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH - DAY 3: MYSTERY RUINS, XKICHMOOK

GRAB YOUR INDIANA JONES HAT BECAUSE WE ARE GOING ON A ROAD TRIP INTO THE HEART OF THE JUNGLE TO EXPLORE HIDDEN RUINS.

ALONG THE WAY WE STOP AT A MAYA VILLAGE AND CONNECT WITH THE CULTURE BEFORE EXPLORING "THE BURIED BEAUTY", XKICHMOOK. BECAUSE THE COMPLEX IS OFF-THE-BEATEN-PATH, THIS IS NOT A TYPICAL TOURIST DESTINATION (WE ARE THE ONLY TOUR OPERATOR CURRENTLY TAKING GROUPS HERE.) BE IMMERSED IN THIS HIDDEN CEREMONIAL COMPLEX THAT ONLY FEW EYES HAVE EVER SEEN.

**Overnight:** [Uxmal Hacienda](#) - (Breakfast, Lunch)



## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH - DAY 4: EK BALAM, CHICHEN ITZA KUKULKAN LIGHT & SOUND SHOW

AFTER BREAKFAST WE CHECK OUT AND TRAVEL TO EK BALAM ENJOYING OUR LUNCH ALONG THE WAY. WE EXPLORE THE LESS VISITED BUT NO LESS VALID ANCIENT RUINS OF EK BALAM, HOME TO THE TOMB OF UKIT KAN LEK TOK AND ONE OF THE YUCATAN'S TALLEST STRUCTURES.

FROM EK BALAM WE TRAVEL TO CHICHEN ITZA WHERE WE'LL CHECK INTO MAYALAND HOTEL DIRECTLY ACROSS FROM THE CHICHEN ITZA ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE WITH ITS OWN PRIVATE ACCESS. YOU WILL BE TREATED TO A MOST SPECTACULAR LIGHT AND SOUND SHOW PROJECTED ONTO THE KUKULKAN PYRAMID. IT'S AN AMAZING INTRODUCTION TO CHICHEN ITZA AT NIGHT, UNDER THE MOON BEFORE FULLY IMMERSING OURSELVES IN AN INTENSIVE SYMBOLIST STUDY OF THE SITE THE FOLLOWING DAY.

**Overnight:** [Mayaland Hotel & Bungalows](#) - (Breakfast, lunch)



# THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH - DAY 5: CHICHEN ITZA. SACRED CENOTE EXPERIENCE

AFTER BREAKFAST AND EARLY MORNING VISIT TO CHICHEN ITZA. WE AVOID THE LINES AND ENTER AT OPENING FROM A [PRIVATE ENTRANCE](#). THIS PUTS US AT THE PYRAMID OF KUKULKAN BEFORE THE DROVES OF TOURISTS SHOW UP GIVING YOU THE OPPORTUNITY TO GET PHOTOS AND SELFIES WITH THE ICONIC PYRAMID SANS ANY UNINTENTIONAL PHOTOBOMBING IN THE BACK GROUND. THEN WE BEGIN OUR ESOTERIC TOUR WITH A SYMBOLIST INTERPRETATION OF THE SITE. YOU WILL LEARN ABOUT THE HISTORY, MYSTERIES AND MUCH MORE!

AFTER CHICHEN ITZA, YOU WILL HAVE THE OPTION TO TAKE A SWIM AND IMMERSE YOURSELF IN THE HEALING WATERS OF A SACRED CENOTE. BELIEVED BY THE MAYA TO BE A PORTAL TO THE UNDERWORLD. ITS A REFRESHING AND RELAXING WAY TO COOL OFF AFTER A DAY OF EXPLORING CHICHEN ITZA.

**Overnight:** [Uxmal Hacienda](#) - (Breakfast)



## FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH - DAY 6: LOL TUN CAVE, LABNA RUINS & FAREWELL DINNER

AFTER BREAKFAST WE VISIT THE LOL TUN CAVE WHERE WE WILL PLUNGE INTO THE DEPTHS OF XIBALBA, THE MAYA UNDERWORLD TO EXPLORE WHAT WAS ONCE HOME TO THE ANCIENT MAYA. WE WILL SEE A LITTLE KNOWN OLMEC HEAD, ANCIENT HAND PRINTS AND MUCH MORE. CAVES WERE CONSIDERED SACRED AND USED FOR RITUAL BY THE ANCIENT MAYA SHAMAN. THE LOL TUN CAVE IS SHROUDED IN MYSTERY AND WE'LL GO INTO MORE DEPTH ON-SITE.

AFTER LOL TUN, WE ENJOY OUR LUNCH BEFORE VISITING THE ENIGMATIC RUINS OF LABNA. AFTER RETURNING TO THE HACIENDA UXMAL YOU WILL ENJOY OUR FAREWELL DINNER PARTY.

**Overnight:** [Uxmal Hacienda](#) - (Breakfast, lunch, Dinner)



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST - DAY 7: BREAKFAST,  
FOLLOWED BY DEPARTURE**

ENJOY A BEAUTIFUL BREAKFAST BUFFET, FOLLOWED BY DEPARTURE

*Overnight: [Uxmal Hacienda](#)*



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