



HIDDEN MAYAN TREASURE

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STAND WHERE SPARKLING, CRYSTAL BLUE WATER MEETS SOFT
WHITE SAND, AND BREATHE IN THE TRANQUIL, TROPICAL BREEZE
OFF THE CARIBBEAN OCEAN IN BEAUTIFUL PLAYA DEL CARMEN.

At Mahekal Beach resort it is easy to get lost in the moment. While in the heart of Playa del Carmen, the breathtaking beach still feels secluded. The magical Mahekal resort is nestled between the lush Riviera Maya jungle and Playa del Carmen's longest stretch of beach. Perfectly defining laid-back luxury, at Mahekal, the luxury is in the experience with each detail kept in mind.

Steps away from the ocean, the palapa style bungalows promise a relaxing haven; each including a private terrace where two hammocks sway. Oceanfront bungalows include plunge pools in an enclosed patio. With no televisions in the rooms, this intimate retreat offers an unplugged vacation experience. The resort's recent three-year, sixteen million dollar renovation successfully maintained the authentic bohemian atmosphere while providing modern luxury and seamlessly offering the ultimate, authentic Mexican retreat. Crescenciano Nerey, Mahekal's executive chef, oversees all food and beverage operations at the resort. He passionately utilizes his twenty-eight years of experience as a progressive culinary professional and draws on inspiration from the Mayan philosophy on farming. Each day the menu changes based on what can be harvested in the area creating flavorful, fresh and unique dishes. This "Farm-to-Fork" experience is available at the resort's newest restaurant, Fuego. Nerey prepares meals over an open flame in a wood-fired oven grill. Indoor or outdoor seating are enjoyed in a romantic candlelit atmosphere under a palapa-style roof complete with unique bohemian-chic décor.

The culinary connoisseur ready to fully immerse in the Mayan culture and participate in the ultimate food-adventure will love The Mayan Culinary Casita at Mahekal. This lunch experience provides a historical look into the ways the Mayan people prepared and ate their meals. Upon entrance into the tropical tree enclosed retreat, each guest is greeted by a Mayan priest with a blessing and served the local produce drink, xtabentún. The chefs and staff describe the process and invite participants to help prepare the flavorful lime and chicken soup as it is cooked in the heated pit ovens, cooked underground. Lunch is served with handmade tortillas, fresh fruits and perfectly paired red or white wines. It is a remarkable, unique experience.

Playa del Carmen is one of the most desirable destinations for travelers all over the world. The modern, sophisticated traveler seeks a mixture of adventure, beauty and leisure while absorbing the local culture. Mahekal's location in Playa del Carmen makes it an ideal destination. The resort is conveniently located on Playa del Carmen's famous 5 avenue, home to some of the best shopping, finest cuisine, and vibrant nightlife. It is also an hour away from the Mayan ruins in Tulum to further explore the rich culture. There is a vast array of sea life to explore in the ocean while snorkeling or scuba diving from the resort and many underwater caverns to uncover. Playa del Carmen is an ideal destination, and Mahekal provides a magical experience.