Escape to the tropical splendor of Playa del Carmen at Mahkal Beach Resort. Located on the Northern end of the vibrant Fifth Avenue - the pedestrian street lined with trendy bars, nightclubs, shops, and international restaurants, this oasis has the best of both worlds: a prime location on the strip, yet serenity and peace in its acres of landscaped oceanfront bliss.

After undergoing a $10 million dollar re-imagination, experience the romance of gypset living at its best with 122 luxuriously appointed individual and two story palapas with thatched grass rooftops amongst 800 feet of white sand oceanfront. Meander through the exotic lush vegetation on meandering stone pathways through the property with the soothing melodies of indigenous exotic birds. Choose from a garden view, ocean view or ocean front palapa that comes equipped with an oversized bathroom, generous sitting area, outdoor terrace with a hammock, and even a select few offer a private plunge pool to enjoy the balmy sea breeze. Designed by Hilda Espino in partnership with Todd Fiscus, whose illustrious clientele includes Tom Ford, Salvatore Ferragamo, and Neiman Marcus, this famed tastemaker chose a soothing yet chic neutral palette accented with contemporary and colorful Mexican design touches that truly embodies the beachy boho luxe lifestyle.

Spend the day relaxing on a plush lounger on the sugary white sand beach with a refreshing tropical mojito or laze by one of two new pools including the serene infinity pool overlooking the ocean just to immerse yourself in paradise. As Cipriani Venice has Harry’s Bar, Mahkal has Bali’s Bar named after the beloved concierge which is perfect for grabbing a cocktail or a game of pool before heading to town. For gastronomic Mexican/Latin fare, dine at the romantic candlelit La Cocina enhanced by the alluring aromas of the exotic tropical flora abound. For dining alfresco either poolside or oceanfront try the lively Los Olas serving breakfast, lunch, and street food themed dinners.

Take advantage of their summer specials running from May 1 through September 30 and save 20% off a 4 night minimum stay, making it an ideal time to head south to the beckoning Caribbean. Relax and unplug from the rest of the world as Mahkal doesn’t offer any television just wifi, but hey who needs to watch TV when you’re in the middle of paradise.

For more information: mahkaibeachresort.com