

**SMALL GROUP**  
Maximum of  
24 Travelers

**NO SINGLE  
SUPPLEMENT**  
for Solo Travelers

**LAND  
JOURNEY**

## Mayan Splendor in Mexico's Yucatán Peninsula

### Inspiring Moments

- ▶ Enjoy time to explore and savor the **charming colonial city of Mérida**, buzzing with dynamic culture, top-notch food and warm hospitality.
- ▶ Marvel at the monumental ancient **Mayan cities of Uxmal and Chichén Itzá**, and learn about their extraordinary civilization.
- ▶ Soak up the radiant, golden architecture of **Izamal**, an under-the-radar gem.
- ▶ Admire coral-pink flamingos on a cruise through the **tranquil Celestún Estuary**.
- ▶ Meet **local craftspeople** for a fascinating look at their artistic endeavors.
- ▶ Choose a **fun Mérida tour** that speaks to you, focused on street food, honey bees or a historic mansion.
- ▶ Experience two **UNESCO World Heritage sites** and a **Biosphere Reserve**.

### INCLUDED FEATURES

#### Accommodations (with baggage handling)

- **7 nights** in Mérida, Mexico, at the first-class Villa Mercedes Merida, Curio Collection by Hilton.

#### Extensive Meal Program

- 7 breakfasts, 6 lunches and 3 dinners; including Welcome and Farewell Dinners; tea or coffee with all meals, plus wine with dinner.

#### Your One-of-a-Kind Journey

- **AHI Travel Assurance** plan that covers Accident and Sickness Medical Expense, Trip Delay and Emergency Evacuation for U.S. residents.
- **Discovery excursions** and **Personalize Your Journey** | **PYJ** choices highlight the local culture, heritage and history.
- Expert-led **Enrichment programs** enhance your insight into the region.
- **AHI Sustainability Promise:** We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit.
- **AHI Connects:** Local immersion.
- Free time to pursue your own interests.
- A personal VOX headset to hear your English-speaking guide clearly.
- Welcome and Farewell Receptions.
- Tipping of guides and drivers.
- Complimentary travel mementos.

#### Itinerary

- Day 1** Depart gateway city✈. Arrive in Mérida and transfer🚗 to hotel
- Day 2** Mérida
- Day 3** Uxmal | Muna | Peba
- Day 4** Celestún Estuary
- Day 5** Chichén Itzá
- Day 6** Hochtún | Izamal
- Day 7** Mérida
- Day 8** Transfer🚗 to the airport and depart for gateway city✈

✈Flights and 🚗transfers included for AHI FlexAir participants.

**Note:** Itinerary may change due to local conditions.

**Activity Level:** We have rated all of our excursions with activity levels to help you assess this program's physical expectations. Please call or visit our website for full details.



Izamal



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## Discovery

### **AHI Connects: Meet the People.**

Master craftsman Estaban Abán Montejo shows how he creates lovely jewelry from cocoyol seeds and henequén thorns.

**Mérida City Tour.** Stroll with your guide through this vibrant city founded in 1542 by Spanish conquistador Francisco de Montejo on the site of the ancient Mayan city of T'hó. See the Cathedral of San Ildefonso and other stately landmarks, and view murals by Mexican painter Fernando Castro Pacheco in the Palacio del Gobierno de Yucatán.

**Grand Maya World Museum.** Get great background details on ancient Mayan culture at this must-see, modern museum.

**Uxmal.** Uxmal's outstanding ruins reveal meticulous design principles and ornate stone carvings. On a guided tour, see the Pyramid of the Magician, the House of the Governor and more, plus learn about the Mayans' achievements in architecture, astronomy and mathematics.

**Ceramic Workshop.** Discover the ancient methods used by local artisan Patricia Martín Morales to create fine Mayan reproductions.

**Cenote Sambula.** Beneath the Yucatán landscape lie cavernous cenotes, freshwater wells formed by sinkholes in the limestone bedrock. Go down into a beautiful cenote maintained by a group of families in Peba.

**Yucatecan Serenade.** Relish this romantic musical tribute to women and their beauty by guitar trios, a celebrated cultural event.

**Celestún Estuary.** View vibrant American flamingos and more on a cruise through the estuary's lush mangrove and petrified forest.

**Chichén Itzá.** This magnificent Mayan city flourished as a hub of military and religious power from the eighth to the 13th centuries. Explore the imposing Pyramid of Kukulcan, the grand temples and the Great Ballcourt with intriguing commentary from your guide.

**Noche Mexicana.** Feel uplifted by joyful Mariachi music and colorful, swirling dancers at an evening performance in Mérida.

**Izamal.** Visit Hochtún's cemetery filled with elaborately decorated tombs, and then head to Yucatán's Yellow City and tour the 16th-century Convento de San Antonio de Padua.

**Market Visit.** Delve into the history of the Yucatán diet at the bustling Mercado Central and try indigenous foods. Enjoy lunch later at the Museo de la Gastronomía Yucateca.

### **PYJ | A choice of unique excursions:**

#### Mérida

- Street Food & Photography Walk
- Honey Tasting & Stingless Bees
- Las Casas Cámara



## Enrichment

- ▶ **History of the Yucatán Peninsula**
- ▶ **The Mayan Civilization's Golden Age**
- ▶ **Contemporary Mexico**

### UNESCO World Heritage

1. Pre-Hispanic City of Chichén Itzá
2. Pre-Hispanic Town of Uxmal

### UNESCO Biosphere Reserve

Ria Celestún Biosphere Reserve



Pyramid of Kukulcan, Chichén Itzá



Ria Celestún Biosphere Reserve



Pyramid of the Magician, Uxmal

## Accommodations

**Villa Mercedes Merida, Curio Collection by Hilton** 



The information in this flier is correct at the time of printing. Please visit our website to ensure that you receive the most current information.

## **AHI Sustainability Promise**

We strive to make a positive, purposeful impact in the communities we visit, whenever possible.

**Environmental Impact** | Thoughtful choices to minimize our environmental footprint: eco-friendly transportation, guided walks in lieu of bus tours and less plastic waste.

**Social Impact** | Ongoing initiatives to support local businesses that employ and benefit people in the community. Curating meaningful experiences by staying in intimately sized locales instead of cities affected by overtourism.

**Economic Impact** | Community-based tourism using expert local guides and lecturers, plus program scheduling during quieter, "shoulder seasons."

## AHI Travel Expertise


**Passenger Service Representative** | Helps with everything from arranging flights to fulfilling special requests.

**Travel Director** | Manages all details to ensure a memorable trip.

**Travel information** | Prepares you fully for your journey.

**Expert local guides and lecturers** | Provide friendly, knowledgeable service and share their passion for their country.

## Let us arrange your flights!

 **AHI FlexAir** | Our **personalized air program** features transfers, assistance and flexibility.

## DATES & PRICES

**March 21-28, 2023**

From Price \$3,445

Special Savings \$250

**Special Price** **\$3,195**

VAT is an additional \$295 per person.

All prices quoted are in USD, per person, based on double occupancy and do not include air transportation costs (unless otherwise stated).

**Single supplement waived for solo travelers!** This offer is limited, capacity-controlled and tends to sell out quickly.