

TRAVEL BUREAU

# GO TO STAR

November 15–23

# MEXICO

2021



# About the tour

The Go to Star author travel agency invites you to Mexico

We'll travel to the Yucatan Peninsula, as distinctive and vibrant as crushed annatto seed sauce. Hidden here, in the dense jungle between the Caribbean Mayan Riviera and the former henequen plantations that enriched Spanish colonizers, are Mesoamerican artifacts and contemporary art galleries. We will hear mockingbirds singing under the balcony of an old hacienda,

swim in the karst cenote lake, and understand the rules of the ritual ball game. We will also see the world's largest colony of pink flamingos and learn how Native American recipes influenced modern gastronomy and how the former Mayan port, Tulum, became the new St. Barts.





Day 1

# November 15



01

Arrival  
in Cancun



02

Night  
at Hotel Nizuc 5\*

Day 2

# November 16



01

Excursion:  
Cancun - Chichen Itza -  
Ik Quil - Merida,  
Chichen Itza



02

Transfer  
to Mérida



03

Accommodation  
at the Hacienda Xcanatun 5\*



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## We will discover the authentic Mexico

Moving from the Caribbean coast deep into the Yucatan we will get to know the real Mexico through its symbiosis of pre-Hispanic and colonial history, architecture and gastronomy.

We will see the famous temple complex of Chichen Itza with its pyramid, observatory, and ball field and learn why only priests and scientists could be part of this landscape of white stone and the "eyes" of the earth, the underground lakes. We will be amazed at the scale of the structures and try to guess why they were abandoned by their people and forgotten for centuries. On the way we will visit Mayan villages and swim in the giant karst lake, the Ik Quil Cenote.



Day 3

# November 17



01

Departure for an excursion program:  
Merida - Ushmal - Celestun



02

Return to Mérida

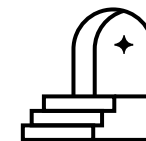


03

Accommodation in the Hotel Chable Yucatán 5\*

Day 4

# November 18



01

Temazcal Indian bath ritual



02

Free Day

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## Mérida

Mérida is the white city beloved by all of Mexico. An amazing symbiosis of Indian culture and modernity, provincial simplicity and vibrant gastronomic and artistic traditions.

We will see the heart of colonial Merida - Socalo Square, the house of Francisco de Montejo, the Catholic Church and the picturesque nameless streets diverging from north to south and from west to east.

## Ushmal

Ushmal is one of the most beautiful ancient Mayan cities. It has preserved pyramids, palaces and temples, characterized by special geometry and not typical Mayan decor. We will visit the Pyramid of the Magician, built, according to legend, by a midget magician in one night, the Square of Nuns, the Ruler's Palace and other examples of Puuc architecture.

The Celestun Reserve awaits us, home to about 10,000 animals and birds, including endemics. We will explore Celestun from the water, sailing along the shore all the way to the mouth of the river of the same name, surrounded by petrified forest. This is where you can see the main wonder of the reserve - thousands of pink flamingos that come here to winter.

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## The restaurant IXI'IM

It owes its fame not only to its colonial past but also to its modern gastronomy. The restaurant IXI'IM, created by one of the country's most respected chefs, Jorge Vallejo, offers a new reading of the region's traditional ingredients and recipes.





## Coba

On the way to the Caribbean coast of the Yucatan we will stop by one of the most ancient cities of Mayan culture, Coba, and explore its vast territory by rickshaw or bicycle. It is here that the pyramid temples, which are still allowed to be climbed, are preserved.

After Coba, we will go to the stalactite caves and lakes - cenotes, where sea and karst water do not combine, forming a "water and oil" effect. We explore the cascade of picturesque caves with a snorkel or scuba diver.

## Tulum

Tulum is the most picturesque and cozy of the ancient cities of the peninsula. We will learn why it is called one of the key trading centers of the Maya. We will see the archaeological excavation area, the fresco temple and the Castillo temple built on a cliff.

We will visit an open cenote, kayak on the turquoise water of the lake, or test ourselves in extreme activities: ziplining or jumping into the water from a cliff.



Day 5

# November 19



01

Excursion:

Merida - Coba -  
Karst Caves



02

Arrival in Tulum



03

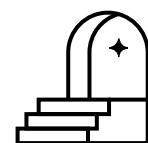
Accommodation  
at the Casa Malca Hotel 5\*





Day 6

# November 20



01

Enjoying the atmosphere of Tulum



02

Relaxing on the beach



03

Discovering the iconic restaurants and clubs of the city

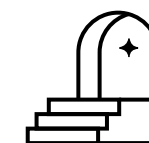
Day 7

# November 21



01

Snorkeling through the system of underground rivers and cenotes



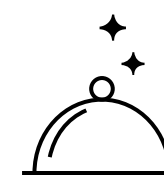
02

Archaeological area of Tulum



03

Trip to the Maya Tanka Village



04

Traditional lunch in the Maya Tanka village

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Day 8

# November 22



01

Free day

Day 9

# November 23



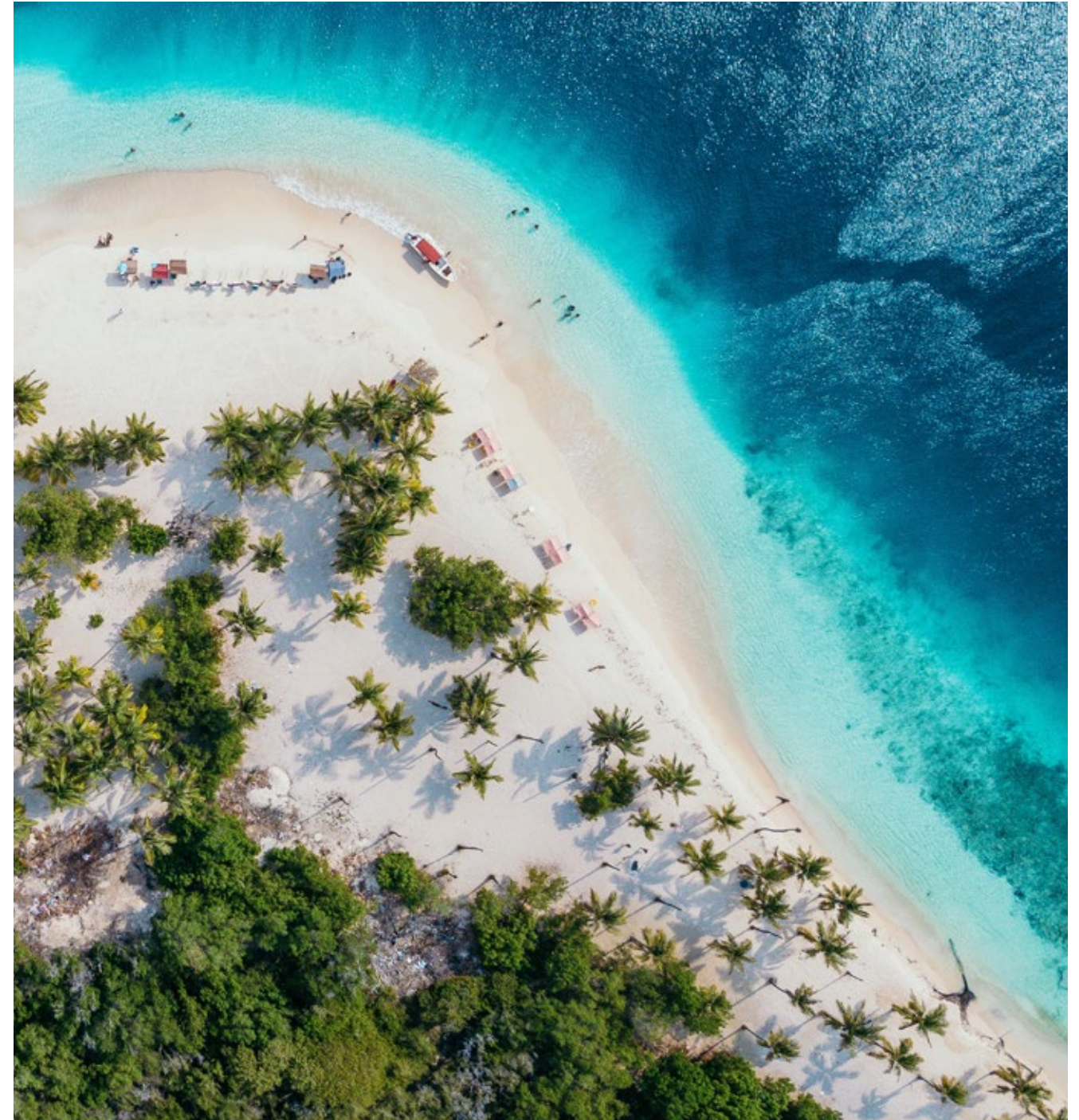
01

Transfer  
to Cancun airport



02

Flight to Moscow







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