



Tour Name

Maya Underworld Explorer

Tour City

Playa del Carmen

Tour Snapshot

Descend into the ancient Maya underworld! On this Playa del Carmen tour, you'll explore astonishing ancient underground rivers and caves, see otherworldly stalactites and stalagmites, swim in crystal-clear *cenotes*, and walk through the jungle! You'll also learn about local history and culture, finishing off with a traditional Maya ceremony.

Highlights

- Go underground and explore the amazing labyrinths that hide beneath Playa del Carmen
- Swim through turquoise-coloured cenotes
- See stalactites and stalagmites and learn about these ancient formations
- Visit a protected area that is home to endangered jaguars
- Learn about ancient Maya traditions and how they honoured the Xibalba, or the underworld

Local Impact: How you will help the local community by joining this tour:

- By taking this tour, a USD \$1 donation is made to "El Comité de Protección y Conservación del Jaguar, a conservation committee that works to protect jaguars.
- On this tour you visit a cenote that is only available to three tour companies as a way to avoid deterioration and over-tourism in this sacred cave.

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide, transportation, helmet and lamp rental, water shoes, park admission, one snack and one bottle of water.

Exclusions: Wetsuit/swimsuit, additional food and drinks, travel insurance, tips/gratuities for your guide.

Schedule details

- Duration:5 hours
- Meeting point:
El Sangha-Rito. Address: MZA 58 LTE 5, Avenida C.T.M 5, Zazil-ha, Luis Donaldo Colosio, 77720 Playa del Carmen, Q.R.
[Google maps link](#)
- Find the exact meeting point with what3words: [///primarily.soundly.sustain](https://www.what3words.com/primarily.soundly.sustain)
- Starting time: 8.00 AM
- Ending point:
El Sangha-Rito

Full Itinerary

Your adventure begins in the traditional setting of El Sangha-Rito. A place where you can grab some coffee or a snack to fuel up for the day. If you do fancy a coffee before the tour, please ensure you get here early because once all your fellow tour participants have arrived we'll depart for the jungle, where the fun starts...

After driving for a couple of minutes on the highway, we'll get off the beaten track and make our way past the entrances to cave systems, onwards into the jungle. Channel your inner Indiana Jones and imagine the treasure that awaits us as we ride through the jungle to our cave of choice.

Upon arrival at the cave, we will ensure that everyone is equipped with all the right equipment necessary for our trek. At the cave entrance, your guide will talk about the type of cave we'll be visiting and about how it was formed. A few health and safety guidelines will follow, including how the signal system works to get in and out of the cave.

Do not worry if you have never been caving before, your guide will be on hand to support you. While we will be underground for about 2 to 3 hours, the caves are fairly large and they aren't tight or closed-in. Even travellers with claustrophobia have happily taken part in all the activities without any problems. You won't be expected to swim underwater to reach any of the cave entrances, so you can leave the SCUBA gear at home and relax.

Once we are all ready for the adventure, we will get into the Xibalba (meaning 'underworld' in Mayan mythology). Once inside the vast cave, you'll see stalactites, stalagmites, limestone columns and astonishing sinkholes. It's like some beautiful alien world, it really is quite spectacular. Your guide, who has expert knowledge of these caves, will teach you about all the different types of incredible limestone formations.

Walking along beautiful subterranean streams and swimming across turquoise cenotes, we will reach passageways in the limestone that open into large caves along the AXL system. By the end of your caving experience, you will feel like a real 'goonie' (or explorer)!

After the facts, science, and myths of the cave, we will head back to our starting point. Back on dry land, there will be facilities to dry yourself off.

We will have time to relax, enjoy the fresh jungle air and sunlight, and have a snack. Don't forget to ask your local expert guide for more tips on what else to see, do and eat while you're in town.

Additional information

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Dress standard: Please bring a swimsuit (or wear one under your clothes), extra clothing to change into, and a towel.

Your Trip: For your Urban Adventures tour, you will be placed in a small group of 12 people maximum.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the starting point. Get in touch if you have any concerns or require more information via the email address or phone number (business hours only) on your voucher.

Child Policy: This is a child-friendly tour. Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour for the price indicated above. Children younger than 6 are permitted at no extra cost, but please make sure you inform our guides of this before you take the tour.

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