



Tour Name

Private Merida: Subterranean Snorkel Adventure

Tour City

Merida

Tour Snapshot

Head deep beneath the Earth on your own private cenote adventure that takes you to the Yucatán's mysterious underground world. Escape the heat of the Yucatán Peninsula by swimming and snorkelling in just a few of the 6,000 cenote formations in the region, and learn about the legends that haunt these watering holes. Get a taste for local culture with a visit to a traditional Maya medicinal shop, and explore a village where ancient practices have been passed down over generations.

This tour is priced for a minimum group size of two travellers. A solo traveller may still book this private experience but will be charged the base rate for two travellers.

Highlights

- Visit remote cenotes deep within the jungle and only accessible by motorbike
- Learn about the geology and local legends of the Yucatán's underground caves
- Dive in for a swim or snorkel in subterranean watering holes

- Peek into the modern-day life of a Maya town and visit a traditional “drugstore” that continues to practice ancient medicinal remedies
- Travel like a local on public transportation from downtown Mérida out to a traditional village

Inclusions: Local English-speaking guide, public transportation, snorkel mask, moto taxi ride, and entrance fees to 3 different cenotes

Exclusions: Meals, drinks, items of a personal nature, souvenirs, tips for the guides

Schedule details

- Duration: 7 hours
- Meeting point:
Ki'Xocolatl (Calle 60 x 55, Parque Santa Lucia, Colonia Centro, Mérida Yucatán)
- Find the exact meeting point with what3words: [///sand.musician.unique](https://www.what3words.com/sand.musician.unique)
- Starting time: 8.45 AM
- Ending point:
Ki'Xocolatl

Full Itinerary

Your private Mérida tour takes you out of the city centre (via local public transit) and to a nearby Maya village, where sustainable tourism feeds back into the local economy. You'll meet with locals and see some of the region's most precious natural treasures.

First up, hop on a motorbike and take off into the jungle, toward the first of 3 different cenotes (underground caves) only accessible on two wheels. You'll learn about the geology of these gorgeous subterranean worlds, and hear the stories and mysteries that surround them as you descend narrow staircases and through hollow passageways deep underground. You'll escape the heat and swim and snorkel in the fresh waters of these eerie caverns, where a world of mystery awaits just beneath the surface.

Next, your Mérida tour will lead you through a nearby village to give you a taste of local life — and a few ancient practices. You'll visit a traditional "drugstore," where ancient Maya medicinal remedies are prepared. All of the medicines are derived from natural plants, and prepared with knowledge that has been preserved and passed down by families living in this corner of the Yucatán. You may even hear a short prayer and blessing in the Mayan language, thanking the guardians of this sacred place for allowing us to visit.

From here, you'll begin your journey back to Mérida — but, if you're feeling adventurous, you're free to stay longer on your own to explore more cenotes in the afternoon and make your own way back to Mérida.

(If you'd prefer to travel as part of a regular group experience, please book our [Merida Subterranean Snorkel Adventure group tour](#).)

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Dress standard: Comfortable clothing and walking shoes are recommended. The air conditioning in public transportation can be very cold, so bring a jacket. You'll need a swimsuit and towel for this tour so you can participate in swimming and snorkelling activities in the cenotes. During the rainy season (May to September) we recommend bringing a raincoat or umbrella. Leave your valuables such as passports and credit cards in the hotel and bring a small amount of spending cash for snacks, drinks, and souvenirs. Keep large cameras discreetly stored in a backpack.

Confirmation of booking: If you have your voucher, your booking is confirmed. We'll see you at the start 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.

Additional Information: We provide basic snorkelling equipment (snorkel and mask) for this tour. All of the equipment is sanitized

after every use, however if you prefer to bring your own equipment, please feel free to do so.

Closure of sites: Some of the places visited along the route are local houses and businesses which have irregular opening hours. Our route and stops may vary to accommodate this in efforts to ensure a unique and genuine experience.

Child Policy: Children between the ages of 6 and 11 inclusively are permitted on this tour at the rate listed above. Please select 'child' above when booking. Children below the age of 6 are not permitted on this tour.

Local contact

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