

The Riviera Maya



A spotted ocelot slinks through the jungle, and sunlight warms the ancient ruins at *Tulum* and *Cobá*. It's another day along the Riviera Maya, land of sun gods, trumpet-sized tropical flowers, and temples with steps to the sky.

History and culture are naturally woven into this stretch of Yucatecan Mexico, birthplace of Maya civilization more than 3,000 years ago. And at its heart is 64-room Maroma Resort and Spa, a tucked-away haven carved in a seaside jungle on what *The Travel Channel* has called the "World's Best Beach for Romance."

While Maroma offers such secluded splendor that it feels worlds away, getting here couldn't be easier. Many U.S. cities offer direct flights or one-stop connections. From the Cancun airport, a private shuttle carries guests on a 30-minute trip to the jungle-wrapped shelter and rustic luxury of Maroma, where the legendary tradition of Orient-Express travel is embodied in its warm spirit and surroundings.

Once you've arrived, our gracious *anfitrionas* are pleased to coordinate any activities or day trips you desire. Options include:



Arrival at Chun yaxche

EXPLORING NATURE

- Tour the tropical forests and reef lagoons of *Sian Ka'an* biosphere reserve, an UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Enjoy snorkel or scuba excursions amid the tropical hues of a living coral reef, or swim in nearby subterranean *cenotes* and marvel as sunbeams filter through natural openings in the limestone, spotlighting underwater rock formations



Jade colored parrot

DISCOVERING HISTORY

- Explore *Cobá*, the oldest city in the Yucatan and site of the tallest pyramid of the Mexican Maya world. Other nearby ruins include *Chichén Itzá*, off-the-beaten-path *Chun yaxche*, and *Tulum*, called the "City of Dawn."

ENJOYING LOCAL CULTURE

- Shop the colorful outdoor markets and sample seafood in nearby towns such as the fishing village of *Puerto Morelos* or *Holbox*, where hammock weaving is the cottage industry
- Enjoy dining and dancing in *Playa del Carmen*, a fashionable coastal town with restaurants, boutiques and regional nightlife



A creation from our chef



Ancient Maya Ruins

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IF YOU'D LIKE TO PRACTICE SPEAKING SPANISH DURING YOUR VISIT, ASK ABOUT OUR UNIQUE SPANISH IMMERSION PROGRAM, WHICH LETS OUR STAFF KNOW THAT YOU WISH TO OPERATE IN "SPANISH ONLY" MODE. WE'LL PROVIDE THE TOOLS (SPANISH-ENGLISH DICTIONARY) AND THE ENCOURAGEMENT. FOR MORE INTENSE IMMERSION, WE CAN ARRANGE FOR PRIVATE ON-SITE TUTORS AND SPANISH GUIDED EXCURSIONS.

¡Buena Suerte!