

CULTURE, ART AND GASTRONOMY

Trova in Santa Lucía

The Santa Lucia Park offers the traditional “Serenade”, a place to enjoy romantic music. This, together with some other activities, are performed everyday as part of the cultural week program of the White City.

MUGY

Museo de la Gastronomía Yucateca (Yucatecan Gastronomy Museum) is the ideal place to delight with the traditional Yucatecan cuisine. Located on the city's main square, the restaurant has a gastronomic museum with wide exhibition halls where you can find a brief explanation about seeds in the region, kitchenware, and an outdoors section where an authentic Mayan village is replicated.

Sinfónica de Yucatán

Try the experience of listening to one of the best Symphony Orchestras in Mexico. Yucatán's Symphony Orchestra has had an outstanding presence at *Palacio de Bellas Artes* and *Auditorio Nacional in Mexico City*, *Teatro Juárez in Guanajuato*, *Teatro Bicentenario in León*, and the *Chichén Itzá archeological Site*. Enjoy their performance in a venue with history, personality, beautiful architecture, and a landmark in our state: the historic *Teatro Peón Contreras*.

MUSEUMS

Casa Manzanero

Located in *Paseo 60*, in the heart of the city of Mérida, this place exhibits part of the musical history of one of the most important composers of Mexico and the world, apart of his songs in sheet music, you can also find personal items and the Honorary Grammy for his career, awarded by the Recording Academy in 2014, being the first Mexican composer in receiving that award.

Montejo 495

One of the iconic “*Casas Gemelas*” is now a museum called *Montejo 495 Casa Museo*. It is one of the most emblematic manors in the capital city which has been turned into a museum showing the luxury with which families of the sisal haciendas owners in Yucatán lived, as its decoration and furniture are mostly original from the age, and they resemble the French palaces.

ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE

Dzibilchaltún

“The place where there are writings in stone” is located only 9.5 miles from Mérida. Its 12 *sacbé*s (elevated roads covered in white stucco), start from the center connecting the buildings around. The most famous structure is the *Templo de las Siete Muñecas* (Seven Dolls Temple), where you can appreciate the equinoxes in a spectacular way. Besides, inside you will find a cenote called *Xlakáh*, with crystalline waters covered in water lilies, creating a breathtaking contrast with the sun.

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MÉRIDA, SOUTHERN CULTURAL AND CULINARY CAPITAL CITY



The capital city of Yucatán can be considered as starting point to tour around the state. It was founded in 1542 and built over the ancient Mayan city of *T'hó*. It stands out for its wide variety of cultural and artistic attractions. It has been awarded as “World's Best Small City” and “Best Meetings Destination” by international media specialized in tourism.

You can feel a romantic environment along the streets of Mérida. The colonial architecture of the city has modern details; however, it preserves the colonial touch that speaks of a past full of happenings describing the passage of many emblematic characters that have made of the Yucatecan history, certainly, something to be told.

Mérida has a wide cultural, historic, entertaining, and culinary offer, so, we suggest starting your visit at the historic downtown, where you can appreciate a great variety of colonial buildings, museums, galleries, theatres, outdoors coffee shops, bars, traditional clothing, parks, hotels, and restaurants serving Yucatecan dishes from the region, as well as food from the national and international cuisine.

SAN ILDEFONSO CATHEDRAL

The San Ildefonso Cathedral is the result of the Spanish conquest, as several stones used in the construction were part of sacred Mayan temples. It is the oldest cathedral in the American continent, it was built during the second half of the 16th Century, and its construction took more than 40 years. It stands out for the monumentality of its architectural style and inside you can find the world's biggest indoors *Cristo de la Unidad* (Christ of the Unity).

MONUMENTO A LA PATRIA

Located at *Paseo de Montejo Avenue*, it is the most emblematic roundabout in Mérida, a work of the sculptor Rómulo Roza, who by means of this artwork shows part of Mexico's history, from Tenochtitlán's foundation up to the mid-20th Century. In this monument you can find a lot of details from Yucatán, as the coat of arms of the city of Mérida, the *Chacmol*, the Mayan hut, and two armed and prostrated tiger knights. In the center you can see the Mexican symbol: the eagle devouring a snake.

PASEO DE MONTEJO AVENUE

The so-called *Paseo de Montejo*, named to honor the founder of the city of Mérida, Mr. Francisco de Montejo y León, known as “*El Mozo*”, it was built between 1886 and 1905, and it was inspired on Paris' *Champs Elysées avenue*.

Some of the most famous historic monuments in the city are located in this beautiful avenue, like the buildings known as *Casas Gemelas* (Twin Houses), the impressive *Palacio Cantón*, the *Casa Museo Quinta Montes Molina*, and the renowned *Monumento a la Patria*, among many others.

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ICONOGRAPHY



MÉRIDA

FEDERAL HIGHWAY

STATE FREEWAY

UNPAVED ROAD

- ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE
- HACIENDA
- CENOTE
- OLD NEIGHBORHOODS
- HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

- PARKS
- MONUMENTS AND HISTORIC BUILDINGS
- MEETINGS AND CONVENTIONS
- PARK / NATURAL RESERVE
- ZOO

- GASTRONOMIC DESTINATION
- MUSEUMS AND ART
- THEATRES AND CULTURAL CENTERS
- HANDCRAFT
- BIKES

- ECO TOURISM
- FAUNA WATCHING
- SPORTS COMPLEX
- GOLF COURSE
- GLOOMY TOURISM

- ACCOMMODATION
- RESTAURANTS AND MARKETS
- TRADITIONAL SALOONS
- BARS AND NIGHT LIFE
- MALL

- MEDICAL CARE CENTER
- BUS STATION
- AIRPORT
- ORGANIZED TOURS
- TOURIST SERVICES

YUCATAN

Mérida is the hub of the contemporary Yucatecan cuisine. You have to try it!

Take a tour and visit all traditional saloons.

There is at least one free cultural activity everyday of the week in Mérida.

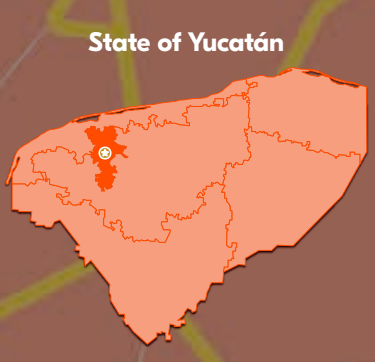
Spring equinox at the archeological site of Dzibilchaltún is a not-to-be-missed show.

Tour along markets and restaurants to taste the traditional Yucatecan cuisine.

Enjoy the charm of the old neighborhoods.

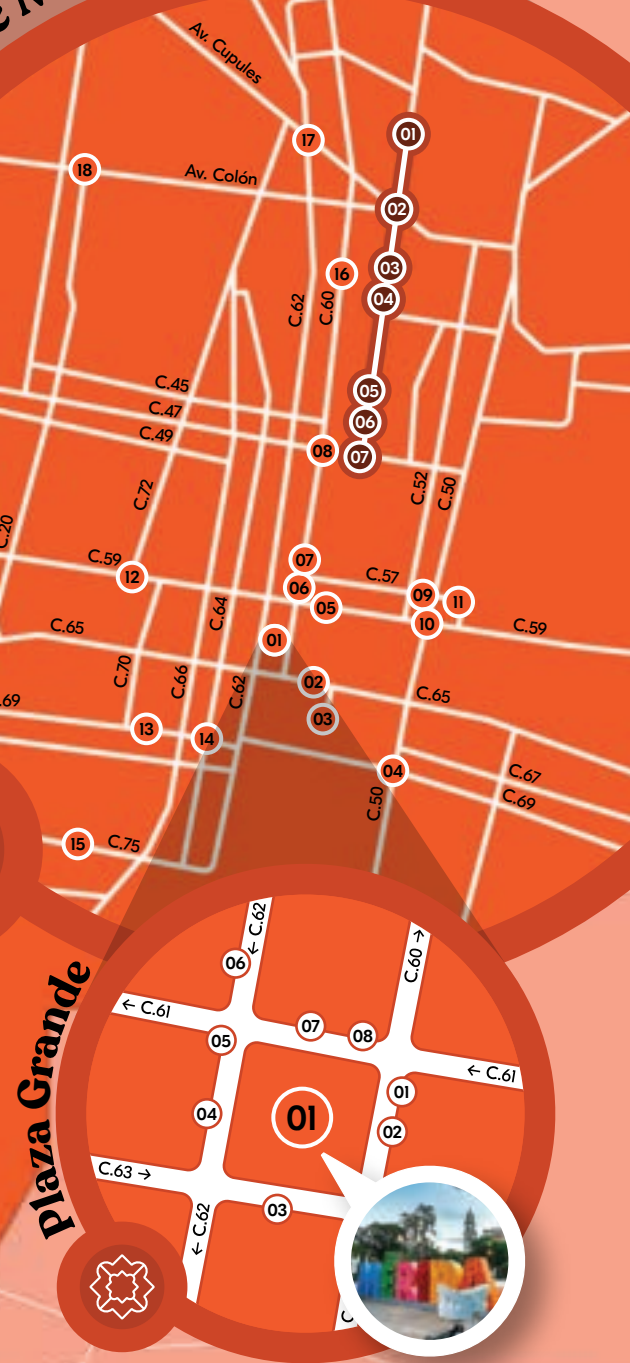
Historic Downtown and Paseo de Montejo

Plaza Grande



Time / Distance FROM HISTORIC DOWNTOWN

Progreso:	40 min / 26.1 miles
Sisal:	1:14 hrs / 46.1 miles
Celestún:	1:24 hrs / 66.8 miles
Izamal:	56 min / 42.4 miles
Motul:	42 min / 27.5 miles
Homún:	57 min / 34.1 miles
Uxmal:	1:00 hr / 52.1 miles
Tekax:	1:35 hrs / 78.1 miles
Maní:	1:10 hrs / 57.2 miles
Chichén Itzá:	1:30 min / 75.1 miles
Ek Balam:	2:00 hrs / 108.1 miles
Valladolid:	1:40 hrs / 98.1 miles
El Cuyo:	3:30 hrs / 162.1 miles
Río Lagartos:	2:35 hrs / 133.1 miles
Las Coloradas:	2:50 hrs / 144.1 miles



- HISTORIC DOWNTOWN**
- 01 Plaza Grande
 - 02 Museo de la Ciudad (City's Museum)
 - 03 Lucas de Gálvez Market
 - 04 San Cristóbal neighborhood
 - 05 Palacio de la Música
 - 06 Peón Contreras Theatre
 - 07 Santa Lucía neighborhood
 - 08 Santa Ana neighborhood
 - 09 Museo de Arte Popular de Yucatán (Yucatec Folk Art Museum)
 - 10 La Mejorada neighborhood
 - 11 Museo de la Canción Yucateca
 - 12 Santiago neighborhood
 - 13 Museo de la Ciudad
 - 14 San Juan neighborhood
 - 15 San Sebastián neighborhood
 - 16 Paseo 60
 - 17 International Congress Center
 - 18 Las Américas Park
 - 19 Museo de Historia Natural (Natural History Museum)

- PLAZA GRANDE**
- 01 San Ildefonso Cathedral
 - 02 Museo de Arte Contemporáneo Ateneo de Yucatán (Yucatec Contemporary Art Museum)
 - 03 Casa Montejo Museum
 - 04 Palacio Municipal (City Hall)
 - 05 Centro Cultural Olimpo (Olimpo Cultural Center)
 - 06 Armando Manzanero Theatre
 - 07 Picheta Passageway
 - 08 Palacio de Gobierno

- PASEO DE MONTEJO**
- 01 Monumento a La Patria
 - 02 Tourist information
 - 03 Quinta Montes Molina
 - 04 El Minarete
 - 05 Palacio Cantón
 - 06 Montejo 495 (Casas Gemelas)
 - 07 Remate Paseo de Montejo

Historic Downtown and Paseo de Montejo

Old neighborhoods