

CENOTES

Yokdzonot: With a width of 131.2 ft and a depth between 114.8 and 147.6 ft, the *Yokdzonot* cenote is a destination that resulted from the organization of villagers to create a small cooperative to attract tourism into the municipality, which, certainly is one of the most beautiful in Yucatán. It is a cenote full of adventure, where you can rent mountain bikes and tour around, including other cenotes located nearby. You can also perform rappel, zip line, and enjoy the delicious Yucatecan food at the restaurant established there.

GROTTOES

Loltún: which in Maya means “Stone flower”, is a grotto system with an approximate length of 4 to 6 miles; however, only 1.4 miles have been explored, and are the ones open to public. Its walls tell stories that allow us to imagine the passage of Mayan people through these caves. Among its incredible natural formations 145 mural paintings and 42 petroglyphs dating from up to the 9000-year b.C. have been discovered. It is located 68.6 miles south of the city of Mérida.

Grutas Chocantes: Located in *Tekax* village, Grutas Chocantes are one of the most attractive grottoes in the region. When descending 164 ft, you get to three main vaults, where you can find calcium carbonate waterfalls, mineral that resemble snow in the walls, huge curtains, peculiar stalactite and stalagmite formations, stalagmites, and columns. There are two kinds of tours, the first one in which you walk around 1,968 ft into the cave, with easy access for the whole family and a time frame of 2 hours. The second tour is a more extreme walk of 4.6 miles (round trip).

ADVENTURE

Mayaland Adventures has an adventure experience called Vintage Car Experiences, in which you can drive one the most emblematic 4x4 vehicles of the 20th Century, travel to another age and enjoy a unique experience, as if when archeologists discovered Yucatán.

An adventure in which you can drive as if you were an ancient hacienda owner, involving all your senses: from touching the purest water of a cenote, to watching incredible landscapes, speaking of Mayan phrases, and tasting and smelling the best fruits and vegetables in Yucatán.

PUEBLOS MÁGICOS

Maní: was recently appointed part of the family of Magic Towns in Yucatán. “The place where everything happened” was founded in 1549; here, you will find one of the largest open chapels in Latin America at the San Miguel Arcángel monastery, a jewel of the sacred art.

Besides, a spectacular cenote, the most perfect textile art, the job of Melipona beekeeping, and an outstanding cuisine make of Maní a must-visit place when coming to Yucatán.

GASTRONOMIC DESTINATIONS

• Maní outstands for its traditional dish “*Poc-chuc*”, a typical dish of the Yucatecan cuisine.

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PUUC ROUTE & MAYAN VILLAGES



Puuc route is a tour that undoubtedly has become one of the preferred journeys of Yucatecan people and tourists visiting the region.

Puuc route tags the trip through a group of archeological and ecological sites, as well as colonial cities where you can see areas completely restored which were discovered many years ago; some of them were half-way to their full glory, and some others were hidden under the nature that surrounds them. This journey includes the archeological sites of *Uxmal*, *Kabah*, *Sayil*, *Xlapak*, *Labná*, *Oxkintok*, *Chacmultún*, *Calcehtok Grotto* and *Loltún Grotto*.

Besides, when crossing this route, you can find out towns full of history, craftsmen, and the best of Yucatecan cuisine.

UXMAL

“The three times built” is without doubt the main settlement of architecture within the *Puuc* Region. Its beauty is characterized for having short horizontal palaces. *The Pirámide del Adivino* (Fortune Teller Pyramid), *the Cuadrángulo de las Monjas* (Nuns’ Quadrangle), the *Palacio del Gobernador* (Governor’s Palace), and the *Casa de las Palomas* (Pigeons’ House) are just some of the most representative buildings in the site. Appointed as Human Heritage by UNESCO, it is located 48.8 miles south of Mérida, at Santa Elena valley. It was the hosting city of the political and economic Mayan power in the peninsula within the *Puuc* region.

TEKAX

Surrounded by hills, the municipality of *Tekax* is part of the *Puuc* route. Known as “the place of the forests”, *Tekax* has an interesting history combination. The “*Grutas Chocantes*” and the “*grutas de cristal*” are its main attractions, as well as the buildings of its ancient colonial towns represented at the “San Juan Bautista” cathedral and the Ermita (chapel) of *San Diego*. *Tekax* also has activities for adventurous visitors like the ATV tours through *Kalmankal* and *Sartenejas*, rappel and zip-line.

YAXUNAH

Yaxunah (First house or green color house) is a small Yucatecan Mayan community surrounded by natural beauty and pre-Hispanic ruins, located near *Chichén Itzá*. Their inhabitants will share with you their culture and traditions, as well as their way of living in contact with nature. They will show you how to prepare *recado rojo* using an ancestral *molcajete*, how to marinate the meat, how to bury the *cochinilla* (pork meat) into the *pib* (earth oven), and you will be able to taste this Yucatecan delicatessen.

SAN MARCELINO

San Marcelino is a Mayan village of 27 inhabitants that speak the Mayan language and who still live under the ancestral practices of the Mayan Culture, with no influence from the modern world. It is a place to interact with community’s inhabitants, who prepare food with traditional techniques, raw materials pulled out from the village, and which allow visitors to experience a usual day.

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MÉRIDA



UNPAVED ROAD

STATE FREEWAY

FEDERAL HIGHWAY



Distances / Time FROM MÉRIDA

Uxmal: 52.1 miles / 1h 8 min.
 Tekax: 78.1 miles / 1h 35 min.
 Maní: 57.2 miles / 1h 10 min.

FROM CANCÚN

Uxmal: 237.6 miles / 4h 33 min.
 Tekax: 198.1 miles / 4h 40 min.
 Maní: 231.2 miles / 4h 25 min.



MAIN DESTINATIONS

Uxmal

Maní

Tekax

San Marcelino

Maxcanú

Ticul

Yaxunah

Peto

San Agustín

