

PUEBLOS MÁGICOS

The **Magic Town of Valladolid** is located just in the middle of the two most important cities of the Yucatán Peninsula: Mérida and Cancún, both located more or less 99.4 miles away.

It is one of the four Yucatecan Magic Towns and is a beautiful destination that preserves the architectural beauty of its colonial buildings, which apart from offering serenity to your vacations, it has a rooted culture, history, legends, handcrafts, and an exquisite cuisine, with the natural complement of its cenotes. Valladolid is a perfect destination to become the starting point to move around because it has all services required to move on the eastern part of the state and stay overnight.

UAYMA

It is a small village located 20 minutes from Valladolid, where you can find a hidden magnificent temple which has dazzled everyone who has visited it. One of a kind, the Temple and former Santo Domingo Convent were built around 1646. This place is a jewel to be admired and the perfect background for pictures.

CENOTES

This Yucatecan region has a cenotes' and natural sanctuaries route where you can enjoy and admire waters of indescribable colors with a natural beauty. You will find all kind of cenotes: open, semi-open and enclosed or cave-like.

To visit them we recommend that your starting point be the city of Valladolid, as it has accommodation options, food service, tour operators, and more services to complement your visit.

Here, you can see a small list of the places you can visit:

- Cenote Maya Park
- Chichikán
- Choj Há
- Chukum (Hacienda)
- Dzitnup
- Hubiku
- Ik kil
- Kaua
- Oxmán
- Palomitas
- Saamal (Hacienda Selva Maya)
- Samulá y X'Kekén
- Tsukán
- Xcanahaltún
- X'canché
- Xcajum
- Xux-Ha
- Zací
- Zazil Tunich

GROTTOES

Balankanché: Located only 3.7 miles from Chichén Itzá and 21.7 miles from Valladolid. Here you can find one of the most important underground routes in the region, which was used as a Mayan ritual center. With a descent of 328 ft from the entrance, the grotto has a course of more than 0.6 miles. You will watch a light and sound show describing its history, visit its museum and do not forget about the botanical garden.

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MAYAN WORLD CAPITAL



This region is one of the most representative areas of the state, because it is here where important historic centers, cultural and archeological sites are located. Modern Mayan people live within the limits of their ancient empire and a great part of the native and historic Mayan tradition has been kept by their people.

The main city is Valladolid, and in its surroundings you can find the most important archeological sites in this region: *Ek Balam* and *Chichén Itzá*, accompanied by communities such as Uayma or Temozón. The natural richness of its *cenotes*, the mysticism in the *Balankanché* grotto and the emblematic gastronomy you can taste in their traditional dishes like "*lomitos de Valladolid*", are just some of the things found in this region.

CHICHÉN ITZÁ

In the heart of the Mayan World, Chichén Itzá is a must-visit when going to Yucatán. It is located in the Mérida-Cancún 180 freeway, one hour and 40 minutes from Mérida and two hours and a half from Cancún, but only 45 minutes from Valladolid. It is one of the 7 New Wonders of the Modern World and was appointed as Human Heritage by UNESCO since 1988. The "well opening of the Itzáe people" – the meaning in Maya – is without doubt a city full of stories which you can visit during the day and at night.

The show "Kukulkán Nights" let you know a little bit of the Mayan people life under the light of the stars and their history is projected on the emblematic Kukulkán Temple. This light and sound show tells de story of gods and humans, rituals, customs, cosmos knowledge and Mayan mathematics. If during the day is impressive, at night it will surprise you.

EK BALAM

Located only 30 minutes away from Valladolid, Ek Balam reign is spectacular. It is an archeological site you can visit without waiting in long lines, you can take gorgeous pictures, walk with calm, and climb on pyramids to contemplate a unique view of the Mayan rainforest.

Ek Balam (Jaguar Star or Black Jaguar), was the Mayan capital with a territory hardly larger than 3.86 sq miles and its center was inhabited by the population's elite. The walled city invites you to admire its monumental place, discover the Acropolis and the ceremonial buildings in the area.

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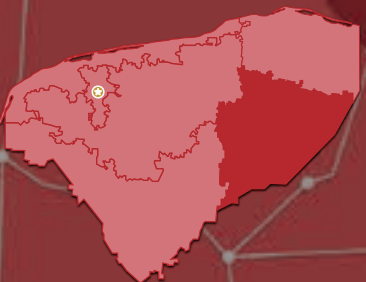
ICONOGRAPHY

-  ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE
-  HACIENDA
-  CENOTE
-  GROTTO OR CAVE
-  COLONIAL SITE
-  HISTORICAL DOWNTOWN
-  GASTRONOMIC DESTINATION
-  MUSEUMS AND ART
-  HANDCRAFTS
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-  MÉRIDA
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-  FEDERAL HIGHWAY



State of Yucatán

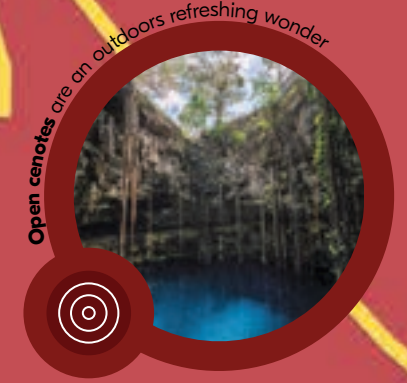


Distances / Time FROM MÉRIDA

Chichén Itzá: 75.1 miles / 1:30 hrs.
 Ek Balam: 108.1 miles / 2:05 hrs.
 Valladolid: 98.1 miles / 1:40 hrs.

FROM CANCÚN

Chichén Itzá: 122.7 miles / 2:30 hrs.
 Ek Balam: 106.1 miles / 2:20 hrs.
 Valladolid: 96.1 miles / 2:00 hrs.



MAIN DESTINATIONS

Valladolid

Chichén Itzá

Ek Balam

Uayma

Temozón