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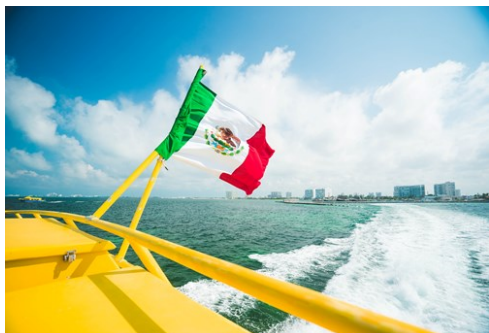


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Cancún's white sandy beaches and warm, crystal waters make it a paradise for all beach and water sports enthusiasts. Add a vibrant nightlife and the closeness to the breathtaking Mayan ruins, and you have Mexico's most popular tourist hotspot. Caring for four million tourists every year, it's hard to understand how this beautiful resort was a sleepy fishing village just a few decades ago. Its colourful buzz and ancient traditions co-existing with ultra-modern developments enchant everyone, from backpackers to luxury travellers.

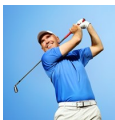


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## THE CITY



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Today, Cancún is known worldwide for its turquoise-blue water beaches, luxurious resorts, and bustling nightlife. But before this Mexican city became a major tourist destination, the region, which was once home to the Mayan civilisation, was mostly wetlands, mangroves, jungles, and untouched beaches.

After it was left abandoned for centuries, the Mexican government finally realised in 1968 its true potential as a holiday hotspot.

Currently, Cancún is divided into two distinctive districts, the famous Hotel Zone (Zona Hotelera), a beachfront strip of hotels, resorts, eateries, shops, bars, and nightclubs, and the actual city of Cancún, known as El Centro.

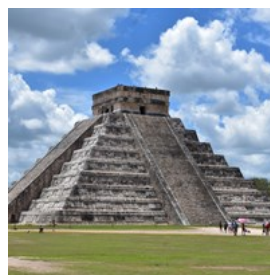
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## TOP 10



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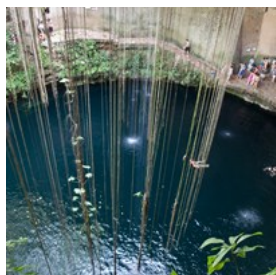
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## Mercado 28



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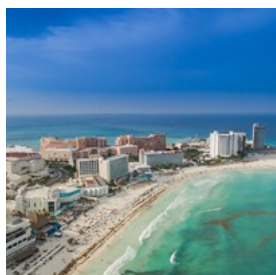
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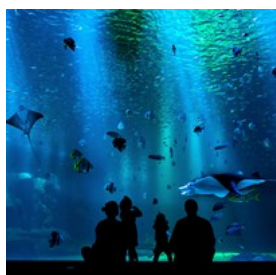
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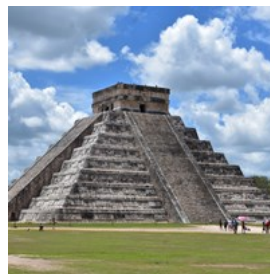
### DO & SEE



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Apart from its dreamy beaches and energetic nightlife, Cancún offers a myriad of activities to fill your day. From historical sites where you can learn more about Mexico's rich history and culture to breathtaking and unique natural spots to thrilling water sports and even the chance to swim with dolphins—or sharks for the courageous ones.

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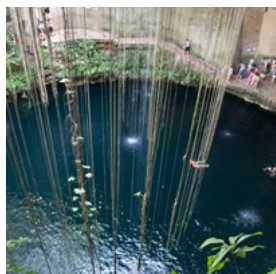
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## Hotel Zone



Most hotels in the Hotel Zone or Zona Hotelera are located directly on Cancún's beautiful beach. The Hotel Zone itself is divided into kilometre-long sections, which make it easy to navigate. The heart of the area is undoubtedly Cancún's famous buzzing party zone (km 8), where the bars and nightclubs draw both young and old crowds until the early morning hours. The party also attracts performing and visiting celebrities so you'll never know who you might be rubbing shoulders with.

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### Eco Parks and Tours



If you are looking for a great family day out, don't forget to visit the eco-parks of Xel Há or Xcaret. With shows and adventures set in stunning lush tropical vegetation with exotic wildlife, these parks offer a truly wonderful entertaining, educational, and fun day out for the young and old alike. For the slightly more energetic and adventurous, try one of the exciting eco-tours which will make you feel like a true explorer.

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### Puerto Cancún



Puerto Cancún is a mixture of residential, commercial, and tourist areas. An 800-acre upscale development next to the ocean featuring a large marina, a golf course, a waterside promenade with a luxurious outdoor shopping complex, eateries and cafes, as well as hotels.

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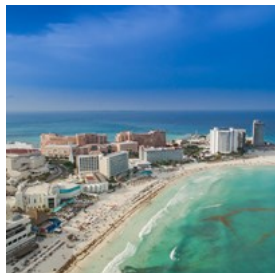


Discover candy-coloured lagoons, high salt hills and capture beautiful photos of the resident flamingos on this fun day trip from Cancun. First, visit Las Coloradas, Yucatan's famous pink-algae salt lakes. Then, ride a boat through the Río Lagartos reserve, looking for local species including flamingos, pelicans, eagles, and crocodiles.

Plus, learn how salt is made, enjoy a Mayan mud bath, and feast on a seafood lunch prepared by local villagers.

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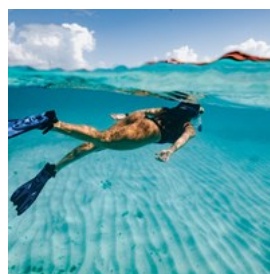


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### Aquaworld



What better way to enjoy water sports than in the warm, crystal clear turquoise waters of Cancún? Whether you choose to go swimming, sailing, kayaking, windsurfing, kite sailing, jet-skiing, parasailing, diving, or snorkelling along the second largest reef in the world, you will not be disappointed. Maybe you prefer to stay on the surface and experience the thrill of deep-sea fishing or just relax on a sunset

cruise--there is literally no water sport imaginable that you won't find here. Aspiring and advanced divers should not miss a dive in the famous diving paradise of Cozumel. Another must is the popular jungle tour through the nature reserve of the Nichupte Lagoon where you can be a captain of your own boat.

For more information on tours and activities, visit the Aquaworld website:

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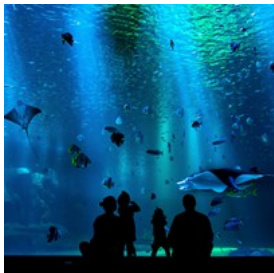
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### Swim with Whale Sharks



Do you dare to swim with these ocean giants? From around May to September, sharks appear close enough to the coast of Cancún, and several tour operators let you observe them and even swim and snorkel with them (all safety precautions, naturally, in place).

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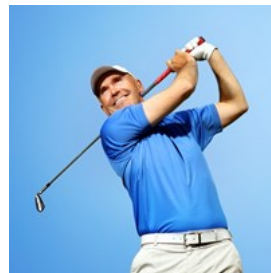
Address: Av. Puerto Juárez Sm. 86, Cancún

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More Info: Inside Restaurant El Puerto.

### Cancun Golf Club at Pok Ta Pok



A paradise for golfing enthusiasts of all abilities, Cancún is a golfing Mecca. The 10 top quality 18 hole golf courses in the area are all created by world-class designers such as Jack Nicklaus, Greg Norman, and P.B. Dye to name a few. Be sure to make your reservation in advance!

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Opening hours: Wed-Mon 6:30am-6pm

Phone: +52 998 883 1230

Internet: [www.cancungolfclub.com](http://www.cancungolfclub.com)

Email: [proshop@cancungolfclub.com](mailto:proshop@cancungolfclub.com)

More Info: Closed on Tuesdays

## DINING



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Mexican cuisine is very versatile and best known for its intense and varied flavours, colourful decoration and variety of spices. Tacos, nachos and guacamole are only a small part of Cancún's culinary repertoire beside the large palette of foreign cuisine. Whether you fancy a quick snack on the trot or a gourmet meal in stylish settings, Cancún has a fantastic selection of restaurants featuring dishes from all over the world.

### La Pizzarra



Come for the view, stay for the food! Right on the bayside at La Isla Cancun Shopping Village, La Pizzarra offers Neapolitan style pizza, wine, and pasta in a beautiful and romantic location that gets even more spectacular around sunset.

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More Info: At La Isla Cancun Shopping Village

### Umami



Located in the Hotel NYX, Umami is a Japanese style restaurant with a hibachi table, where you share seating with other diners while a chef cooks right in front of you. But if you wish to have a more private dining experience, they also have separate dining tables.

The food here is rated among the best in Cancún, and to ensure you will have a memorable night, the chefs at Umami put on a show, perform some tricks, and show off their amazing knife skills. On top of that, you've got a beautiful ocean view and impeccable service. So, be sure to book ahead!

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Phone: +52 998 848 9300  
Internet: [www.nyxhotels.com/restaurante/umami/](http://www.nyxhotels.com/restaurante/umami/)  
More Info: Dress Code: Formal. External customers should book at table through the OpenTable website.

### Casa Tequila



Picturesque bar and restaurant serving authentic Mexican dishes from around the country, especially the Maya area, as well as an expansive assortment of tequilas and Mexican craft beers. Plus, a mariachi band to bring the entire experience together.

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### La Parrilla



Vibrant Mexican restaurant in downtown Cancún serving a large selection of Mexican seafood and meat dishes accompanied by a Mariachi band and skilful waiters--some of them can even carry stacked cocktails on their heads without dropping them.

The portions at La Parrilla are generous, and the food is quite tasty, but this place does tend to get busy and very loud, so if you're in the mood for a quiet evening dinner, consider going somewhere else.

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Address: Avenida Yaxchilán 51, Cancún

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12pm-2am, Sun 12pm-1am

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Internet: [www.laparrilla.com.mx](http://www.laparrilla.com.mx)

Email: [grupos@laparrilla.com.mx](mailto:grupos@laparrilla.com.mx)

### La Palapa Belga



A hidden gem in Cancún's Hotel Zone, La Palapa Belga offers traditional French and Belgian specialities in a gorgeous and romantic location

overlooking the lagoon. Plus, friendly and welcoming staff and reasonable prices. The mussels served in a cooking pot come highly recommended.

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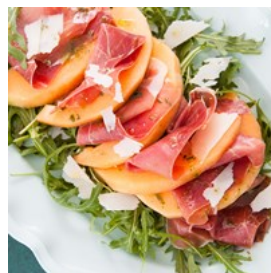
Address: Quetzal 13, Zona Hotelera, Cancún

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 3-10:30pm

Phone: +52 998 883 5454

More Info: In the garden of Hotel Imperial Laguna

### La Troje



Tucked away from the busy streets of Cancún, La Troje is a quaint restaurant with outdoor seating specialising in Italian cuisine. On the menu, homemade pasta, pizzas, and crepes, as well as meat and fish dishes, and an extensive and quite popular salad menu. Plus, substantial dessert offerings with many homemade classics like tiramisu.

Photo: [Barbara Neveu/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: Calle Acanceh MZA 3 LTE 3, SM 15, Benito Juárez, Cancún

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 1:30-11:30pm, Sun-Mon 1:30-9:30pm

Phone: +52 998 887 9556

Email: [aclatroje@gmail.com](mailto:aclatroje@gmail.com)

More Info: Next to Sport City opp. Plaza Las Americas shopping mall

### La Dolce Vita



Consistently rated as one of the top restaurants in Cancún, La Dolce Vita serves fresh seafood, homemade pasta, pizza, and Italian desserts in a warm and welcoming setting with a garden terrace. The food here is outstanding, the wine list exquisite, and the service impeccable.

Photo: [photosmatic/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: Avenida Coba 87, Cancún

Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +52 998 884 3393

Internet: [www.ladolcevita.com](http://www.ladolcevita.com)

Email: [dolcevita@sybcom.com](mailto:dolcevita@sybcom.com)

### Peter's Restaurante



Small and intimate restaurant serving fresh, flavourful, and creative seafood, steaks, and international dishes in a low-lit setting. Do not leave without trying the chef's coffee and their signature key lime pie.

Photo: margo\_black/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida Bonampak Mz 11 Lt 71-72, 3, Cancún

Opening hours: Tue-Sat 6-10pm

Phone: +52 998 251 9310

Email: petersrestaurante@yahoo.com

### Bovino's Churrascaria



Bovino's Churrascaria is a high-end all-you-can-eat Brazilian-inspired steak house serving Brazilian barbeque on skewers that is carved tableside, as well as an extensive buffet of side dishes and salads--a true meat lovers paradise.

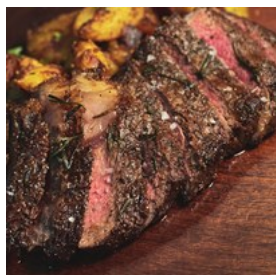
Photo: ngoc tran/Shutterstock.com

Address: Av Yaxchilán Manzana 2-Lote 4, Coral Rivera, 17, Cancún

Opening hours: Daily 12pm-12am

Phone: +52 998 294 0219

### Puerto Madero



Spacious Argentinean restaurant serving Prime quality cuts, seafood dishes, and a great selection of wines in a beautiful setting. At Puerto Madero, the food presentation is wonderful, and so are the service and the lovely waterfront views. Be sure to save some room for their mouth-watering desserts.

Photo: Bao Menglong/Unsplash

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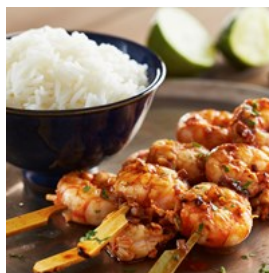
Opening hours: Daily 1-10:30pm

Phone: +52 998 885 2829

Internet: [www.puertomaderorestaurantes.com/#cancun](http://www.puertomaderorestaurantes.com/#cancun)

Email: [contacto@puertomaderorestaurantes.com](mailto:contacto@puertomaderorestaurantes.com)

### Thai



In this traditional Thai style establishment, every table setting consists of an individual stylish palapa with its own unique table and sofa, giving the restaurant a serene and elegant ambience. Enhancing the experience is dolphins swimming gracefully on one side and a fantastic view over the lagoon on the other. Classic Thai specialities and Indian cuisine in an ultra-chic atmosphere.

Photo: martiapunts/Shutterstock.com

Address: La Isla Cancún Shopping Village, Blvd. Kukulcan, Zona Hotelera, Cancún

Opening hours: Daily 5:30-10:45pm

Phone: +52 998 144 0364

Internet: [www.thai.com.mx](http://www.thai.com.mx)

### Señor Frog's



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Photo: Valentina\_G/Shutterstock.com

Address: Blvd. Kukulcan Km. 9.5, Punta Cancun, Zona Hotelera, Cancún

Opening hours: Daily 11am-10pm  
Phone: +52 998 883 1862  
Internet: [www.senorfrogs.com/cancun](http://www.senorfrogs.com/cancun)  
Email: [ventas@andermail.com](mailto:ventas@andermail.com)

### Hard Rock Cafe Cancún



Nestled amongst the shops at Forum By The Sea is Hard Rock Café, a perfect place to stop for lunch, dinner, a cold beer, or listen to live music. There is a bar and tables outside on a patio overlooking the beach and, of course, a chance to buy memorabilia from their collection.

Photo: Brent Hofacker/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Blvd. Kukulcan Km. 14.5, Zona Hotelera, Cancún  
Phone: +52 998 8818 3600  
Internet: [www.hardrockhotels.com/cancun/](http://www.hardrockhotels.com/cancun/)

## CAFES



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Home to some of the best coffee worldwide, Cancún's cafe culture is somewhat different from that in most countries. Most people prefer to take their coffee inside with air conditioning rather than outdoors, and because all bars double as cafes, "European style" street cafes is a relatively new phenomenon but gaining fast in popularity.

### Cafe Antoinette



Cafe Antoinette will charm you with its cosy French atmosphere, freshly baked baguettes, homemade quiches, and its exquisite macarons.

All their products are prepared according to traditional practices and guarantee authentic flavours and a real feel of timeless Paris.

Photo: JpegPhotographer/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Avenida Xpuhil, Cancún  
Opening hours: Daily 7am-11pm  
Phone: +52 998 884 6128  
Internet: [www.cafe-antoinette.com](http://www.cafe-antoinette.com)  
Email: [info@cafe-antoinette.com](mailto:info@cafe-antoinette.com)  
More Info: Next to Pabellon Caribe

### Rooster



Cute little coffee shop in downtown Cancún dishing up morning staples, like waffles, omelette, and avocado toast, as well as paninis,

salads, and bagels at lunchtime. The eggs Benedict with smoked salmon comes highly recommended.

Photo: John Baker/Unsplash  
Address: Av Sunyaxchen 41, Kaan-chac, 24, Cancún  
Opening hours: Daily 7am-11pm  
Phone: +52 998 310 4692  
Internet: [www.roostermexico.mx](http://www.roostermexico.mx)  
More Info: At Plaza Sunyaxchen

### Café Nader



Café Nader feels like the Mexican version of an American diner. So expect hearty meals such as enfrijoladas, tacos de barbacoa, and parrillada.

It is a bit fancier than a regular cafe and therefore a bit more expensive. They serve breakfast, lunch, dinner and is a popular brunch place on Sundays.

Café Nader is famous for its sweet bread, which is baked every 30 minutes in front of the customers, and as soon as they are ready, they will let you know by ringing a bell.

Photo: hsunny/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida Carlos J. Nader 5, Cancún

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7am-11pm, Sun 7am-6pm

Phone: +52 998 887 0863

Internet: [www.cafenader.com](http://www.cafenader.com)

Email: [cblanco@cafenader.com](mailto:cblanco@cafenader.com)

More Info: 2nd location: Av. Nichupté, SM 16, Cancún

### Café con Gracia



Providing a lovely and welcoming outdoor seating area and cosy interiors, Café con Gracia is a perfect gathering point for a coffee, a tea, a frappe, or some homemade baked goods. On the menu: bagels, paninis, waffles, desserts, and cuernitos--the Mexican version of a croissant.

Photo: Maram/Shutterstock.com

Address: Tankah 69 Mza, 1 Lote, 24, Cancún

Opening hours: Daily 8am-9pm

Phone: +52 998 884 9850

Internet: [www.cafecongracia.com](http://www.cafecongracia.com)

Email: [cafecongracia@hotmail.com](mailto:cafecongracia@hotmail.com)

### Ah Cacao Chocolate Café



Located at La Isla Shopping Village, Ah Cacao Chocolate Café is the perfect destination to regain strength after an intensive day of shopping or sightseeing. Indulge in homemade baked goods, such as chocolate brownies and cake accompanied by some refreshing iced coffee, tea, or lemonade.

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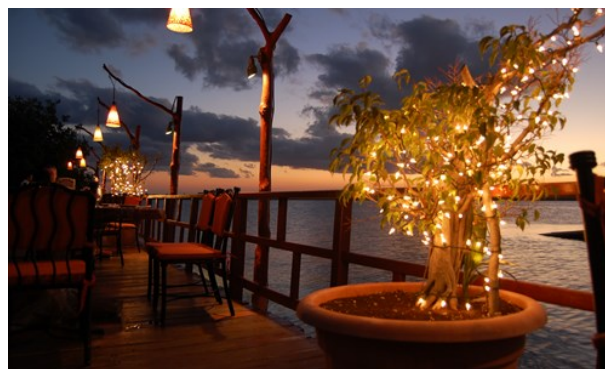
Address: La Isla Shopping Village, H-4, Blvd. Kukulcan Km. 12.5, Zona Hotelera, Cancún

Opening hours: Daily 8am-10pm

Internet: [www.ahcacao.com](http://www.ahcacao.com)

Email: [hola@ahcacao.com](mailto:hola@ahcacao.com)

### BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Whatever you are in the mood for, you will find it in Cancún. Shake your hips to Latin music, break it down to hip hop, pump it up to club music, or enjoy an extraordinary cabaret show - Cancún has developed around tourism and won't fail to fulfil your expectations.

### Cuncrawl



Let some experienced guides take you to the hippest Cancún's bars and nightclubs and enjoy yourself with an open bar tab--you will have the chance to meet new people and discover new places from the viewpoint of a local.

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Address: Blvd. Kukulcan, Zona Hotelera, Cancún  
Phone: +52 984 165 0699  
Internet: [www.cuncrawl.com](http://www.cuncrawl.com)  
Email: [partyinfo@cuncrawl.com](mailto:partyinfo@cuncrawl.com)

### Monkey Business



Bar/restaurant in the middle of the Hotel Zone offering a great selection of drinks, tasty food--burgers, nachos, burritos, quesadillas, tacos, and skewers--as well as live music and karaoke nights. Great spot to drop by before hitting Cancún's nightclubs.

Photo: Visual Stories || Micheile/Unsplash  
Address: Blvd. Kukulcan Km. 9, Punta Cancun, Zona Hotelera, Cancún  
Opening hours: Daily 2-11pm  
Phone: +52 998 392 9343  
Email: [cancun@monkeybusiness.fun](mailto:cancun@monkeybusiness.fun)

### Coco Bongo



Coco Bongo is not your typical nightclub. Instead of a dance floor and DJ acts, the venue, which is "a combination of Cirque du Soleil, a concert, a theater, and a disco", hosts musical performances by local artists impersonating

famous singers and actors. Plus, dancers, trapeze artists, and gymnasts, all work to create an atmosphere of fun and enjoyment that audiences will remember for the rest of their lives.

Photo: Vidar Nordli-Mathisen/Unsplash  
Address: Blvd. Kukulcan Km. 9.5-#30, Zona Hotelera, Cancún  
Opening hours: Daily 8pm-3am  
Phone: +52 998 883 2373  
Internet: [www.cocobongo.com](http://www.cocobongo.com)  
Email: [mkt@cocobongo.com](mailto:mkt@cocobongo.com)  
More Info: At Forum By The Sea

### Señor Frog's



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Opening hours: Daily 11am-10pm  
Phone: +52 998 883 1862  
Internet: [www.senorfrogs.com/cancun](http://www.senorfrogs.com/cancun)  
Email: [ventas@andermail.com](mailto:ventas@andermail.com)

### The City Nightclub Cancun



The City is not only the largest but also one of the best nightclubs in Latin America. Boasting three levels that gather up to 6 thousand people, a 1,000,000-watt sound system, 650 sq. ft. of video

screens, world-class acts, themed nights, foam parties, and a private beach club, The City is a guaranteed unforgettable night.

Photo: Colin Lloyd/Unsplash  
Address: Blvd. Kukulcan Km. 9.5, Zona Hotelera, Cancún  
Opening hours: Fri 10pm-4am  
Phone: +52 998 883 3333  
Internet: [www.mandalatickets.com](http://www.mandalatickets.com)  
Email: [reservations@mandalaticket.com](mailto:reservations@mandalaticket.com)

### Casa Tequila



Picturesque bar and restaurant serving authentic Mexican dishes from around the country, especially the Maya area, as well as an expansive assortment of tequilas and Mexican craft beers. Plus, a mariachi band to bring the entire experience together.

Photo: Francisco Galarza/Unsplash  
Address: Blvd. Kukulcan Km. 8.5-local 2, Punta Cancun, Zona Hotelera, Cancún  
Opening hours: Daily 12-10pm  
Phone: +52 998 883 0837  
Internet: [www.casatequilacancun.com](http://www.casatequilacancun.com)  
Email: [info@casatequilacancun.com](mailto:info@casatequilacancun.com)

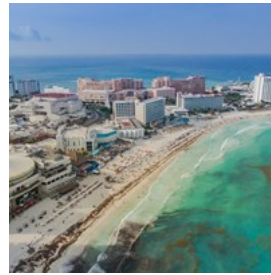
### Mambo Café



Caribbean themed nightclub with live Latin music. Get your dancing shoes ready, the upbeat music and hip vibes of Mambo Cafe create a most-loved destination of Cancún's club scene, where to mingle and have fun.

Photo: ARENA Creative/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Avenida Xcaret Benito Juárez, Cancún  
Opening hours: Wed-Sat 10:30pm-3am  
Phone: +52 998 884 4536

### Forum By The Sea



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Photo: dronepicr/Flickr(image cropped)  
Address: Blvd. Kukulcan, Punta Cancun, Zona Hotelera, Cancún  
Opening hours: 24/7  
Phone: +52 998 883 4425

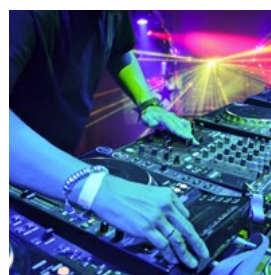
### Dady'O



Dady O's experienced DJs spin a mash-up of 80s, 90s, hip-hop, and dance tunes, paying homage to all styles and tastes. Boasting trendy interiors and showcasing laser effects, the nightclub is a major draw for tourists in Cancún.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com  
Address: Blvd. Kukulcan, Zona Hotelera, Cancún  
Opening hours: Thu-Sat 10:30pm-5am  
Phone: +52 998 883 3333  
Email: [reservations@mandalaticket.com](mailto:reservations@mandalaticket.com)

### Mandala



Upscale spot for nightlife in Cancún, Mandala features great music (mostly electronic), bottle service, and an open-air, vibrant atmosphere,

which is enhanced by a young and cosmopolitan crowd that fills the dance floor till the early hours.

Photo: Maxim Blinkov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Blvd. Kukulcan Km. 9.5, Zona Hotelera, Cancún

Opening hours: Daily 7-11pm

Phone: +52 998 883 3333

Internet: [www.mandalatickets.com/en/cancun/disco/mandala](http://www.mandalatickets.com/en/cancun/disco/mandala)

Email: [reservations@mandalaticket.com](mailto:reservations@mandalaticket.com)

### Congo Bar



Lively and intimate open-air venue playing all sorts of music and offering live DJs, lots of dancing, and drinks at reasonable prices. Join the conga line and get ready to socialize with tourists and locals.

Photo: Colin Lloyd/Unsplash

Address: Boulevard Kukulcan Km. 9.5, Plaza Hooters, Zona Hotelera, Cancún

Opening hours: Daily 8pm-4am

Phone: +52 998 883 2373

Internet: [www.cocobongo.com](http://www.cocobongo.com)

Email: [tickets@cocobongo.com](mailto:tickets@cocobongo.com)

## SHOPPING



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Amidst the beaches, jungle, and culture, Cancún also provides its visitors with every shopping experience imaginable. From traditional market

stalls selling local handicrafts to modern indoor and outdoor shopping malls, Cancún's shops are as versatile and creative as its people, and the privileged tax status of Cancún (10%) makes it a popular destination for buying luxury items--you can still practice your bartering skills at the markets, although most shops have fixed prices.

Mexico is the world's number one exporter of cowboy boots and is also famous for its silverware, tequila, hot chili sauces, and handcrafted pottery. Other popular souvenirs are vanilla essence, Aloe Vera products, blankets, and, of course, the famous Mexican sombreros.

### La Isla Cancun Shopping Village



La Isla Cancun Shopping Village is a lively, open-air shopping complex featuring shady alleys and pretty canals, showcasing a wide array

of shops, restaurants, and attractions, including a Ferris wheel. Take a stroll down the quaint streets, browse at the shops renowned worldwide, or grab a bite to eat--La Isla is a pleasant shopper's paradise.

Photo: Artificial Photography/Unsplash

Address: Blvd. Kukulcan Km. 12.5, Zona Hotelera, Cancún

Opening hours: Daily 7am-10pm

Phone: +52 998 883 5025

Internet: [www.islacancun.mx](http://www.islacancun.mx)

### Kukulcan Plaza



Kukulcan Plaza is renowned for its assortment of luxury shops and international names. Here you will also find some souvenir shops,

local brands, and a few eateries. Kukulcan Plaza

is a beautiful and modern mall right on the main street of the Hotel Zone. It boasts stunning architecture, including an elaborate Mayan stained-glass dome. It's here where the Luxury Avenue Boutique Mall is located, offering the most famous--and expensive--brands.

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Address: Blvd. Kukulcan Km. 13 , Local 410 y 411A, Zona Hotelera, Cancún

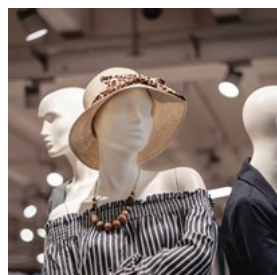
Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm

Phone: +52 998 193 0160

Internet: [www.kukulcanplaza.mx](http://www.kukulcanplaza.mx)

Email: [gerencia@kukulcanplaza.mx](mailto:gerencia@kukulcanplaza.mx)

### Plaza Las Americas



Plaza Las Americas is a huge shopping centre in downtown Cancún, and it has a diverse assortment of shops, eateries, and cafes. Connected to

another big shopping mall, the whole complex features both large international brands as well as small shops owned by locals. Plus, a casino, a pharmacy, a cinema, and a few hotels.

Photo: Sara Kurfelß/Unsplash

Address: Av. Tulum Sur, 7, Cancún

Opening hours: Sun-Fri 10am-10pm, Sat 10am-8pm

### Mercado 28



Mercado 28 is the perfect destination to browse at the colourful stalls and get a glimpse of Mexican souvenirs and handicrafts. Vendors tend

to be pushy, but with good haggling skills, you can find a comprehensive variety of products at reasonable prices, including pottery, clothes, and knickknacks.

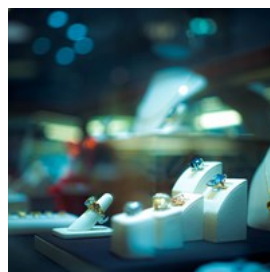
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Address: Xel-ha Mz 13, 28, Cancún

Opening hours: Daily 9am-7pm

Phone: +52 998 892 4303

### Luxury Avenue Boutique Mall



With its touch of luxury shopping, Cancún turns into a most coveted holiday resort. The Luxury Avenue Boutique Mall boasts the most

prestigious brands in beauty, fashion, jewellery, and watches in a luxurious environment and exclusive service.

Photo: Brooks Leibee/Unsplash

Address: Blvd. Kukulcan Km. 13, Zona Hotelera, Cancún

Opening hours: Daily 11am-8pm

Phone: +52 998 848 7300

Internet: [www.luxuryavenue.com](http://www.luxuryavenue.com)

Email: [info@luxuryavenue.com](mailto:info@luxuryavenue.com)

### Las Plazas Outlet



Located 12 km from the Hotel Zone, Las Plazas Outlet is a partly outdoor and indoor shopping mall housing a cinema, lots of eateries, as well as

several shops of internationally famous brands, such as Puma, Nike, Adidas, Lacoste, Hugo Boss, Guess, Calvin Klein, among others.

Photo: svatiska/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida Andres Quintana Roo SM 39M, Cancún

Opening hours: Daily 11am-10pm

Phone: +52 998 872 3735

Internet: [www.lasplazasoutletcancun.mx](http://www.lasplazasoutletcancun.mx)

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Address: Blvd. Kukulcan, Punta Cancun, Zona Hotelera, Cancún

Opening hours: 24/7

Phone: +52 998 883 4425

### TOURIST INFORMATION



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### Best Time To Visit



If you are looking to avoid holiday crowds and high prices, then the best time to visit Cancún is from May to November, particularly in September

and October. However, these two are also the rainiest months. If you prefer escaping the cold

winter to relax in the sun, book your trip in December or January, the high season in Cancún.

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### Tourist Tax



As of April 1 2021, international travellers that are 15 years or older visiting the Mexican state of Quintana Roo, where Cancún, Tulum, Playa del

Carmen, and Cozumel are situated, are required to pay a tourist tax known as Visitax.

This payment can be made before, during, or after your trip, but it must be paid before boarding your departure flight.

At the time of writing, the Visitax costs \$224 Mexican pesos (USD \$11) per visitor. Once the payment is made, you will receive a QR Code that must be shown at the airport before leaving Mexico.

Below is the official government website of Quintan Roo:

Photo: Jambronk/Shutterstock.com

Internet: [www.visitax.gob.mx/sitio/](http://www.visitax.gob.mx/sitio/)

### Passport/Visa



Visa exemption applies to citizens of all EU countries, most countries in the Americas, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, and

more. Both tourists and business visitors from these countries may stay in Mexico for up to 180 days. For Russian, Turkish, and Ukrainian passport holders, electronic authorisation (SAE)

is required, which then grants travellers from these countries the right of a single entry followed by a stay of up to 30 days. Please consult an official source/consulate in your home country for the latest information on visa requirements.

When travelling to Mexico, you will need to fill out a Forma Migratoria Múltiple (FMM), which is essentially a visitor's permit for Mexico. All travellers are encouraged to do so online prior to travel and present the printed out document upon entering the country.

Photo: TukTukDesign/Shutterstock.com

Internet: [www.mexicotouristcard.com](http://www.mexicotouristcard.com)

### Cancún Airport International



Cancún Airport International (CUN) is Latin America's 4th busiest airport. Located outside the city of Cancún at km 22 of the

Cancún-Chetumal highway, the approximate transfer time to Cancún's City or Hotel Zone is 20-30 mins. Buses, shuttles, private transfers, VIP vehicles, and limousines are available for pickup and every terminal has a designated taxi service available. A public modern air-conditioned bus service to Cancún's central bus station is available outside Terminal 2.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Cancún Airport International, Cancún

Internet: [www.cancunairport.com](http://www.cancunairport.com)

### Public Transport



Cancún's central bus station is located at the corner of Avenidas Tulum and Uxmal, offering excellent and regular connections to most

touristic destinations. A regular shuttle transfer to Playa del Carmen leaves every 15-30 minutes. The frequent local bus service between the Hotel Zone and downtown Cancún (R-1 or R-2 buses) is quite efficient and runs 24 hours.

Buses stop on hand signal and will often leave before everyone is seated; bus stops are marked with a blue and black sign with a picture of a bus.

You can buy tickets on board but don't forget to check your change before taking your seat.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

### Taxi



Taxis are a common mode of transport in Cancún and Mexico. Despite warnings to agree on a price before getting in, one should know that all

taxi drivers belong to a syndicate, and there is an official fixed price list split into various zones that all taxi drivers must carry (also available in all hotels). Taxis in the Hotel Zone are more expensive than downtown, and a standing taxi always costs slightly more than one flagged down from the curb. A couple of alternatives are the Cancun Cab taxi service that serves all over Cancún and reserving a ride with Uber, which is back in the city following problems from the local taxi unions.

## Cancun Cab:

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Phone: +52 998 840 0321

Internet: [www.cancun-cab.com](http://www.cancun-cab.com)

## Post



The postal service in Mexico is very slow and often not very reliable. Sending anything of importance or value is usually safer by courier

service.

Cancún's main post office is located in the city centre where stamps or postcards can be found; mailboxes are red and easy to recognize.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Sunyaxchen and Ave. Xel-Ha, Cancún

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-4pm, Sat 9am-12:30pm

Phone: +52 800 701 7000

Internet: [www.portal.correosdemexico.com.mx/portal/](http://www.portal.correosdemexico.com.mx/portal/)

Email: [contacto@correosdemexico.gob.mx](mailto:contacto@correosdemexico.gob.mx)

More Info: On Mercado 28, at the corner of the Avenue

## Pharmacy



There are two types of pharmacies in Mexico, the regular Farmacia and the Farmacia Similares. The former sells well-known brand

medications whilst the latter sells cheaper non-branded medicines. Prescriptions are generally not required for anything, and most medicines are widely available. You can find a Farmacia on almost every corner within Cancún's downtown, with several located in the Hotel Zone. Many Farmacias are open 24 hours and offer a delivery service for a small surcharge.

Photo: Gemma Garner

## Telephone



Country code: +52 Area code for Cancún: 998  
Please note that not all international mobile phones will work in Mexico and it is therefore

best to check with respective providers beforehand to ensure service.

Photo: Jardson Almeida

## Electricity



110 Volt. Hotels usually offer voltage converters for 220 Volt devices.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

## Population

888,797 (2020)

## Currency

Mexican Peso 1 \$ = 100 Centavos

USD are widely accepted in tourist areas.

Prices may be in USD or MX pesos.

## Opening hours

Hours are guidelines:

9am-9pm Downtown

10am-10pm Hotel Zone

Shops & malls are usually open 7 days a week.

Small shops may close for siesta between 2-4pm

## Newspapers

Riviera Maya News

Cancun Herald

## Emergency numbers

911

## Tourist information

Cancún Convention & Visitors Bureau

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