





LUXURY ADVENTURE TOURS While many travelers look to vacation for relaxation and respite, others yearn for a little adrenaline; an escape from the routine of their day-to-day lives. Mexico, with its bevy of bespoke adventure options, offers exactly that, trading board meetings for surfboards and commutes for canyon hikes. What follows is just an example of the many elite adventures available in Mexico, of course, but thanks to an equally diverse array of accommodations—from jungle haciendas to seaside resorts—no matter how far you stray from the beaten path, you will never be far from the lap of luxury.

CUZAMÁ CENOTE / HACIENDAS, BEACHES & WILDLIFE OF THE YUCATAN









Begin on the Yucatan Peninsula, a captivating blend of jungles, beaches, and Mayan ruins, with Jacada Travel's extravagant Haciendas, Beaches & Wildlife of the Yucatan itinerary. This highlight reel of the region known as the Yucatan Peninsula starts in the state of Quintana Roo at the coastal outpost of Tulum for an afternoon of cenote exploration, before raising the stakes with a once-in-a-lifetime swim alongside the planet's largest fish, the whale shark, just off Holbox Island. On solid ground in Yucatan state, privately guided tours of Mayan musts—such as the jungle stronghold of Chichen Itza—are paired with tranquil evenings in restored haciendas like Hacienda San Jose to offset all the activity with top-tier pampering.

A great adventure doesn't require swimming with sharks to be exhilarating, however; sometimes experiencing part of the world others rarely get to see is more than enough. Such is this case with **Journey Mexico**'s **Journey through Mexico Less Visited**, which takes guests on a one-week whirlwind of Mexico's underappreciated and unexplored southwest. Boat trips through Sumidero Canyon, explorations of Mundo Mayan sites, and walking tours of colonial towns like **San Cristobal de las Casas**, all hallmarks of the beautiful state of Chiapas, combine to make this trip one for the scrapbook.







Lying up the Pacific coast from Chiapas, high in the Sierra Madre Occidental, is one of the world's single most stunning geographic formations, Copper Canyon, a spectacle Journey Mexico has introduced to the global elite with their second off-track itinerary, Copper Canyon Hiking Tour. The trip begins luxuriously aboard El Chepe, a first-class passenger train linking Chihuahua with the city of Los Mochis to the south, allowing intrepid travelers ample rest in advance of their nine-day trek through some of Mexico's most stunning—and rugged—terrain. When it's all said and done, book a room at the Hotel Mirador, perched on the lip of the canyon.

Just across the Sea of Cortez from Copper Canyon, Abercrombie & Kent's Extreme Adventures has set its sights on Baja California Sur with a truly unforgettable Kayaking the Baja Coast excursion. Clocking in at a manageable two on Extreme Adventures' four-level difficulty meter, this La Paz-based trip kicks into high gear with a paddle around the rock formations of Los Islotes and a swim with the local sea lion pups. From there, one of Baja's most experienced guides will lead you out to Ballena Island for a hike to pre-Hispanic cave paintings or, for daring free divers, 45 feet down into Coralito Bay where a sunken Chinese ship plays host to a whole new aquatic ecosystem. To top it all off, bookend the trip with two nights at CostaBaja Resort and Spa, a cutting-edge slice of luxury located in the peninsula capital of La Paz.

