

Central America - Chiapas Extension

Trip Code
MXCVCE
Departure



Introduction

Adventure through Mexico's east with this in depth Chimu Adventures extension travelling from Tuxtla in the state of Chiapas to the town of Merida on the Yucatan Peninsula. Along the way you will learn about the culture of the ancient Maya people by meeting their descendants in San Juan Camula and Zinacantan before visiting some of the Mayas most sacred sites at Palenque, Yaxchilan, Uxmal and Kabah. You will also enjoy some of the regions most spectacular natural scenery with a motorboat ride through the Sumidero Canyon and a visit to the waterfalls of Agua Azul.

On this all-encompassing personalised itinerary, Chimu will provide travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per itinerary. Each night you will stay in superior accommodation, handpicked by our experienced team for their creature comforts, convenient locations, and impeccable service.

Please note: This itinerary is designed to fit into the middle of our Signature Mexico package. Instead of flying from Mexico City to Merida on day 5 of this itinerary you would fly to Tuxtla and travel by land to Merida, seeing the best of the Chiapas region. From Merida you would resume the Signature Mexico package from day 6.

Itinerary

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Day 1: Tuxtla to San Cristobal via Sumidero

National Park

6 Days

On arrival at Tuxtla airport you will be

met and welcomed to the area

with a thrilling motorboat ride on the

Grijalva River through the Sumidero

Canyon. Enroute you will visit the colonial

town of Chiapas de Corzo. There you will

discover the temple ruins of the Olmecs, the

oldest known civilisation of Mesoamerica.

The town's main square, complete with a

sacred Pochota tree, and the local markets

are more sights to explore. You will

continue to San Cristobal de las Casas for

two nights. This colonial town has

cobblestone streets and buildings with red

roofs and stucco walls.



DAY 2: San Cristobal City & Tzotzil Indian Village Tour

Today you will explore the town centre of

San Cristobal de las Casas. Highlights

include the main plaza, the Cathedral de

San Cristobal, the Templo de Santo

Domingo Church and the Mercado de

Dulces y Artesanias Ambar. Next you will

head to the Chiapas highlands to visit two

Tzotzil Indian Villages, San Juan Chamula

and Zinacantan. During your visit you will

uncover the unique customs and beliefs of

the people of these villages who are

descendants of the ancient Maya. A visit to

the San Juan Chamula Church, complete

with its striking white façade, chanting

worshippers, candles and incense smoke,

will leave an impression. In Zinacantan

explore the local handicraft market and it's

two churches, the Iglesia de San Lorenzo

and the Iglesia Adventista Del Septimo Dia

De Zinacantan.



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Day 3: San Cristobal - Agua Azul - Palenque

Duration

6 Days San Cristobal de las Casas you will

arrive in Agua Azul, a series of five hundred

blue waterfalls located on the Xanil River.

Surrounded by rainforest, the turquoise waters of Agua Azul cascade into pools where you can take a swim whilst enjoying nature at its finest. Continuing from Agua Azul you will travel to the town of Palenque, the gateway to the Maya temples which share the town's name.



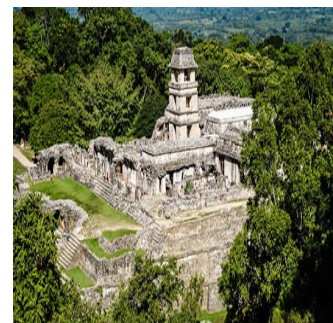
DAY 4: Bonampak & Yaxchilan tour

Today you will visit the archaeological site of Bonampak. Set within the dense jungle, the ruins of this ancient Maya city lay hidden until 1946. Known for its colourful murals depicting Mayan life and mythology, with its frescos completed in 790 AD. From Bonampak you will head to the border town of Frontera Corozal and board a boat to travel along the Usumacinta River which separates Mexico and Guatemala. Arriving in Yaxchilan you will visit the ruins of this significant Maya site. There are three main complexes, the Great Plaza, the Grand Acropolis and the Small Acropolis, with around 120 structures in total to explore.



DAY 5: Campeche via Palenque Ruins

From Yaxchilan we'll head to the UNESCO World Heritage listed ruins of Palenque. The site consists of around five hundred buildings set within the natural surroundings of the Tumbala Mountains and amongst the cedar, mahogany and sapodilla trees of the jungle. This environment also provides a habitat for the local toucans and howler monkeys. Highlights of the ruins include the Temple of Inscriptions, or El Palacio, and the Temple of the Crosses. From Palenque, we'll continue to the walled port city of Campeche for the night.



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Daily: Campeche to Merida via Uxmal &

Duration

6 Days

Locations: Campeche, you will travel to the UNESCO World Heritage site in Uxmal. This

ancient Maya city is considered one of the best preserved ruins with highlights including the Great Pyramid, The Pyramid of the Magician, the Quadrangle of the Birds and the Quadrangle of the Nuns. From Uxmal you will visit Kabah, the second largest ruin in the Puuc region. Here, a guide will take you to Codz-Pop, the most preserved and restored building at this site. In the afternoon you will arrive in Merida, the vibrant capital of the state of Yucatan. Merida is a foodie haven and there are several attractions to visit from its grand museum, main plaza and cathedrals to its nearby underwater cenotes.



Inclusions & Details

Accommodation

Hotel

Inclusions

Private airport transfers

Accommodation with breakfast daily

Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in itinerary

Other meals where stated

Inclusions

Exclusions

International flights

Visa & reciprocity fees

Travel insurance

Beverages

Personal expenses

Gratuities for tour guides & drivers

Any items not mentioned as included

Difficulty Rating

1 (Easy Adventure)

Single Surcharge

A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please [contact us](#) for more information.

Prices are based on per person, twin share.

Notes

Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time.

All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice.

Designed to enhance your Signature Mexico experience.

Price Dependent upon Seasonality and availability at time of booking.

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Daily Sustainability

Duration

6 Days

Locations

Mexico

