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Catherwood's Taste of the Maya World Sampler

Overview

- Ancient ruins
- Natural wonders
- Charming local towns
- Local restaurants and Catherwood's signature picnics
- Five-star accommodations at private Izamal villas, exclusively for Catherwood travelers.

Let Catherwood, the Yucatán's five-star Bespoke Travel Service, show you the beauty of regional life beyond the beaches—at fascinating archaeological sites and in quaint, surprising Izamal. And always with Catherwood's signature style and comfort. It's a must for travelers who go further.

Catherwood's Yucatán Peninsula



DAY 1: MAYA ART, ARCHITECTURE AND SACRED CENOTES

AM: Catherwood's driver picks you up in Cancún to meet your guide for a private tour of intriguing Ek Balam. A lesser-known site, Ek Balam will dazzle you with its imposing architecture and magnificent Maya sculpture featuring amazing details and the region's only winged figures. To take your Ek Balam visit to an even higher level, a Catherwood archaeologist guide is available.

LUNCHTIME: A *fête-champêtre* style picnic beside private Xchen cenote. After dining, explore one of these signature Yucatán geological features, grottoes with fantastic limestone formations, breathtaking plays of light, and the region's very best swimming. Nothing is more refreshing after a day in the Yucatán sun. Exclusively for Catherwood travelers.

NIGHTTIME: You stay at one of Catherwood's three private properties in Izamal, open only to Catherwood adventurers. Centrally located near the town's beautiful cathedral, each house is a one-of-a-kind residence, decorated in high Yucatán style and featuring elegance and quiet around tranquil gardens and pools.



DAY 2: INCREDIBLE IZAMAL

AM: Day 2 is about incredible Izamal, the UNESCO world heritage site—where almost every structure is egg-yolk yellow! But Izamal is no mere tourist trap—it's a living Maya town and art colony. Catherwood's expert guides lead you to all of Izamal's principal sites and explain its intriguing blend of Maya, Spanish and modern cultures.

LUNCHTIME: Lunch is at Kinich, Izamal's internationally famous Yucatecan restaurant.

PM: Catherwood gives you exclusive access to the city's most important artisans—taking you behind the scenes at workshops where you'll see the inspiration and artistry behind their crafts. Wind up the day relaxing at your luxurious private Izamal residence.

Julia Miller and
Alfonso Morales,
Catherwood's
Archaeologists



Catherwood's Taste Of The Maya World Sampler: What you learn

Your adventure doesn't end when you leave the Yucatán...with Catherwood you acquire lifelong knowledge on:

- Ancient Maya art and architecture, with private, hands-on experiences at Ek Balam and Chichén Itzá, in the company of your Catherwood expert guide.
- The best of Yucatán small town life: cuisine, architecture, arts.
- Xchen, the magical cenote open only to Catherwood travelers.

Plus lots of time for pure relaxation!

DAY 3: CHICHÉN ITZÁ (OPTIONAL)

AM: En route to Cancún, you can choose a private tour of Chichén Itzá, the most magnificent of all Maya cities, with your Catherwood guide. No matter how well you think you know Chichén, your Catherwood experience there takes knowledge and understanding to a level no other operator offers. Highlights include the Ball Court, the Sacred Cenote and the Castillo, recently named one of the wonders of the world. To take your Chichén Itzá visit to an even higher level, a Catherwood archaeologist guide is available.

LUNCHTIME: Lunch is in the charming colonial town of Valladolid.



Chichén Itzá



Izamal

Make the most of your hacienda free time! Ask your Catherwood guide about the following options:

- Visit with a traditional Maya medicine man and learn how ancient herbal remedies form part of modern medicine in the Yucatán.
- Meet local artisans in their workshops and learn firsthand about their magnificent artworks and handicrafts.



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