

**5 DAYS** [www.catherwoodtravels.com](http://www.catherwoodtravels.com)

# Catherwood's Wonders of the Maya World Adventure

## Overview

- Magnificent 5-star accommodations at restored haciendas
- Ancient Maya ruins: Huntichmul, Kiuic and Uxmal
- Celestún Bio-Reserve's natural splendors
- Famed local restaurants and Catherwood's signature picnics

Catherwood takes you off the beaten track like no other tour operator, to beautiful Yucatán gems only the luckiest travelers see, with its signature five-star comfort and style. All the while you learn about regional life, history and archaeology from Catherwood's expert guides. And don't worry—there's always plenty of time to relax and do nothing, too!

## Catherwood's Yucatán Peninsula

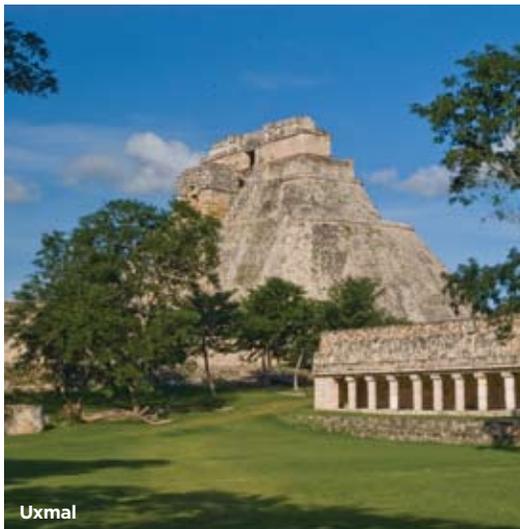


Hacienda Santa Rosa

## DAY 1: THE EASY CHARM OF HACIENDA LIFE

**ALL DAY:** Catherwood drivers bring you to magnificent Hacienda Temozón, an impeccably restored hacienda dating to the seventeenth century, now a five-star hotel.

Explore its tranquil gardens, swim its dramatic pool and breathtaking cenote, relax at the Maya spa. Dine on delicious local recipes in and out of doors, in high back-country style.



Uxmal



Hacienda Temozón

## DAY 2: HACIENDA HERITAGE

**AM:** Catherwood takes you to Sotuta de Peón, one of the Yucatán's last working henequen plantations, where you witness the centuries-old techniques that once brought wealth to the region and now are the base for beautiful artisanal crafts.

**LUNCHTIME:** A delicious Yucatecan lunch awaits at Hacienda Itzincab Cámara or Hacienda Tekik de Regil, two private properties, impeccably restored and reserved exclusively for Catherwood travelers.

**PM:** Return to Hacienda Temozón for poolside relaxation or a splendid dinner.



Hacienda Sotuta de Peón

## DAY 3: MAYA MYSTERIES (Choose One)



### Option 1: Huntichmul and Kiuic

**AM:** Gain exclusive access to lesser known ruins and see them as the first explorers did. Visit Huntichmul, an unexcavated site on horseback, then continue on to Kiuic.

**LUNCHTIME/PM:** A delicious Catherwood picnic is served at Kiuic's archaeology and ecology camp. Tour the dazzling city of Kiuic, with its magnificent pyramid, palaces and remarkable stone houses. Catherwood's archaeologist guides help you understand the possible reasons why Kiuic was abandoned in a moment of economic expansion.

**NIGHTTIME:** You conclude your day's adventure with a night at beautiful, intimate Hacienda Santa Rosa, a compound of restored nineteenth century constructions complemented by gardens and the pool. The botanical garden is regionally prized for its medicinal and comestible produce.



### Option 2: Uxmal and Xocnaceh

**AM:** Catherwood's guide leads you on a private tour of Uxmal, one of the most complex and beautiful sites in the Yucatán, famed for its architecture and sculpture. Catherwood experts bring it all to life as no one else can. To take your Uxmal visit to an even higher level, a Catherwood archaeologist guide is available.

**LUNCHTIME/PM:** A delicious Catherwood picnic is served in the chapel ruins at Xocnaceh, a private hacienda open only to Catherwood travelers. After lunch, there's swimming in the water tank, converted into a pool, exploration of archaeological sites, or just plain relaxation.

**PM/NIGHTTIME:** You conclude your day's adventure with a night at beautiful, intimate Hacienda Santa Rosa, a compound of restored nineteenth century constructions complemented by gardens and the pool. The botanical garden is regionally prized for its medicinal and comestible produce.

**DAY 4: RELAX AMID NATURAL SPLENDORS**

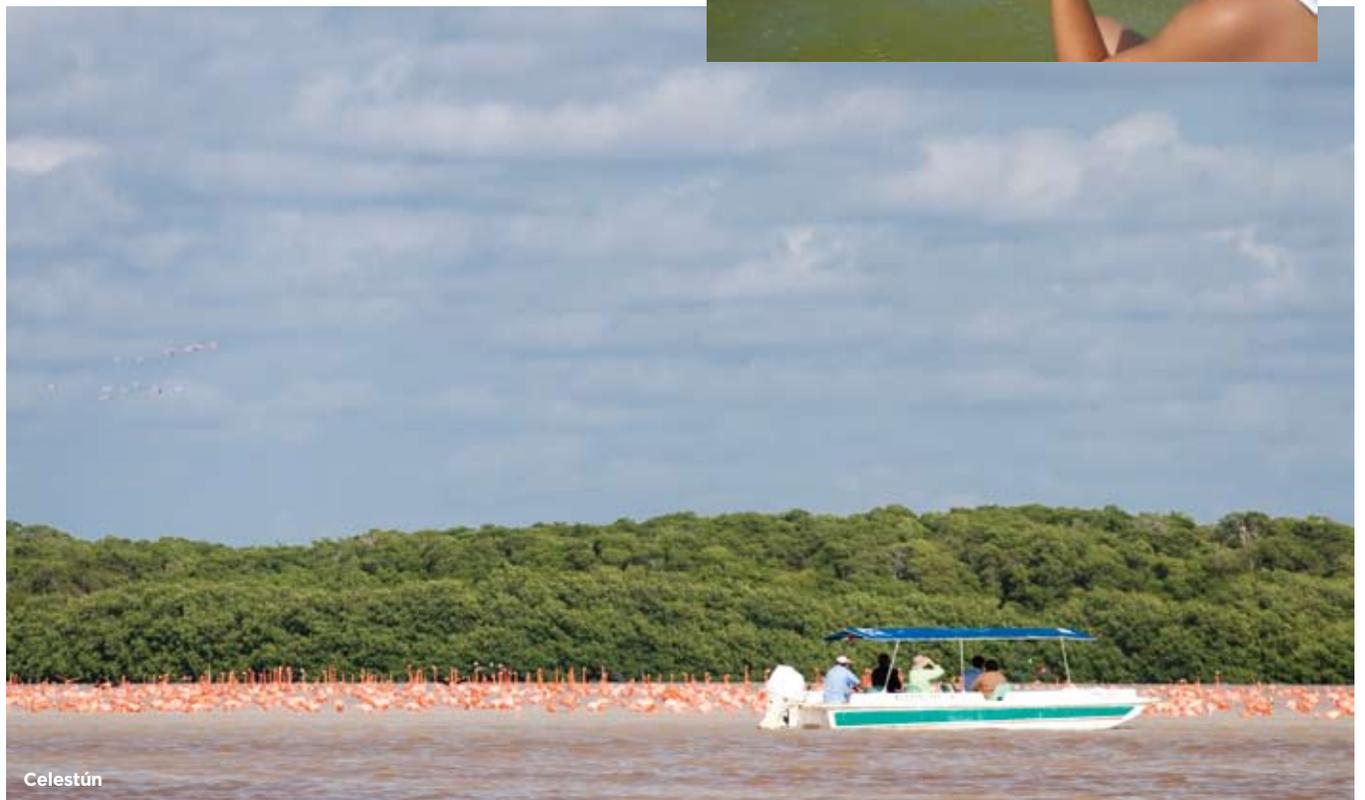
**ALL DAY:** Explore fascinating Celestún, a nature preserve on the Yucatán's gulf coast. A boat excursion takes you to the estuary and the bordering mangrove forests where you'll come face to face with flamingos and dozens of other avian species. There's also swimming in a natural spring and a visit to the town of Celestún, an authentic fishing village, practically frozen in time. Best of all you'll have plenty of time for relaxing on the beach!

**LUNCHTIME:** Enjoy a delicious seafood lunch at a local beachside restaurant.

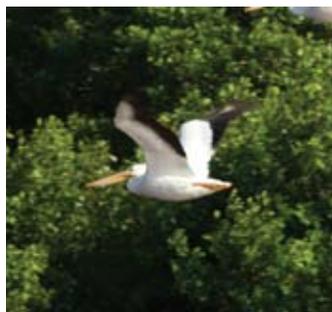
**PM/NIGHTTIME:** Hacienda Santa Rosa.

**DAY 5**

**AM:** Catherwood's driver takes you to the Mérida airport and flights home.



Celestún





Julia Miller and  
Alfonso Morales,  
Catherwood's  
Archaeologists



### Catherwood's Wonders Of The Maya World Adventure: What you learn

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

- Ancient Maya art and architecture, with private, hands-on experiences at Huntichmul and Kiuic, or Uxmal, in the company of your Catherwood expert guide.
- Celestún's flamingos, mangrove forests and other natural splendors.

Plus lots of time for pure relaxation!

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

- Maya-style massage in hotel spas, in your room, by the pool, in the garden, or even next to a cenote!
- Visit with a traditional Maya medicine man and learn how ancient herbal remedies form part of modern medicine in the Yucatán.
- Explore the schools, clinics and libraries of the Fundación Haciendas del Mundo Maya, where your tourist dollar contributes to local wellbeing.
- Meet local artisans in their workshops and learn firsthand about their magnificent artworks and handicrafts.



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