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Cancun - it's the Mexican jewel in the turquoise blue waters of the Caribbean. Explore mysterious ancient ruins preserved for those of us with a sense of adventure. Come to Cancun, where Mayan ruins stand as remnants of another civilization that appreciated the natural beauty of this exotic island resort.

Cancun is one of the most popular vacation destinations on the planet and with good reason. Cancun is a vacation wonderland: sugary beaches, mesmerizing turquoise waters, sunsets, and sunrises that will put you in heaven.

Nearby is the Xel-Ha National Park, which features an aquatic sanctuary fed simultaneously by subterranean freshwater springs mixed with Caribbean Sea water, and is home to countless species of tropical fish. And don't forget to visit Tulum, famous Post-Classic Mayan ruins with over 60 individual restored structures and a fantastic view of the rugged turquoise coastline from its perch atop limestone cliffs.

Only 45 miles south of Cancun is Xcaret, for more than ten centuries one of the most important Mayan ceremonial centers and seaports. Today it is an engineering masterpiece - created by nature and man. Swim through an underground sacred river, learn to scuba or swim with the Xcaret dolphins.

For centuries Cancun has been the meeting place for sunworshippers. With its soothing warm climate and crystal-clear waters, Cancun is ideal for all water sports - from scuba diving to parasailing, snorkeling to deep-sea fishing. Cancun also has a quaintness and charm all to itself. Here you'll find excellent bargains in pottery, basket weaving, silver, and leather. Whatever your interests are, Cancun has it all!



HYATT ZIVA CANCUN

The Hyatt Ziva Cancun is a stunning, beachfront resort on the most beautiful strip in Cancun. Guests will discover a modern resort with a sophisticated Mexican design perfect for adults as well as families. Opened in 2015, the Hyatt Ziva Cancun is fun, flirty and colorful, yet it adheres to Hyatt's high standards. It is the only resort in the region surrounded on three sides by the sparkling Caribbean Sea.



Guests arrive through an airy, elevated lobby

with sitting areas that are beautifully decorated and surrounded by stand-alone art pieces that resemble driftwood. Dining options abound with eight restaurants, including a snack bar and a coffeehouse that caters to Starbucks fans. The main buffet, El Mercado, offers all meals with an alfresco section. The remaining a la carte restaurants offer a wide variety of cuisine and do not require reservations. Moongate features Asian cuisines and a hibachi grill. Bastille is available for adults only and features exquisite French cuisine. A wood-fired pizza oven is the big draw at Italian-themed Lorenzo's. Chevy's is a 1950s-themed diner that boasts a vintage Chevrolet convertible where diners can sit to munch on burgers and fries. Habaneros, by the beach, is open for lunch and dinner and serves a Mexican menu of tacos and ceviche. Numerous bars are scattered throughout the resort. The biggest and most popular is Tres Cerveza's, a microbrewery and sports bar.

The Hyatt Ziva Cancun features a large pool with a swim-up bar and whirlpool tub plus two additional pools. Two beaches offer a wide variety of non-motorized water sports including sailboarding and kayaking. A tennis court is lit for night play, and the fitness center sports views of the ocean and dolphinarium. An outdoor amphitheater hosts live music, shows and other performances. The ocean-view spa emphasizes relaxation with a selection of treatments to soothe the mind, body and soul.

Your oversized guest room is beautifully decorated with contemporary décor, woven tapestries, marble floors and one king or two queen beds. Additional amenities include flat-screen TV, in-room safe, private balcony, coffee maker, 24-hour room service and Wi-Fi. Baths feature dual vanities, great lighting, oversize glassed-in showers with rainfall shower heads, hair dryer and KenetMD products.

This luxurious all-inclusive resort is perfect for those wanting to play in the Caribbean Sea and explore Cancun.

REGISTRATION SITE, TRAVEL FORMS AND AIR ITINERARIES: Please register for the trip at <u>www.miregistration.net/scicancun24</u> no later than November 17, 2023 to confirm your reservation. Upon receipt of your registration, an air itinerary will be sent to you via e-mail for you to review and approve. Once you have approved your airline reservations, any changes made will incur change penalties and may result in additional airfare charges for which you will be billed. If you have any questions, please call your SCI Travel Coordinator (Ted McFeeters) at 1-913-438-2600 x118.

PASSPORTS: Passports are required for all passengers travelling to Cancun. Please carry it on you and not in your checked luggage.

All travelers: Please be advised that the name on your airline ticket must be exactly the same as the name on your passport. If these names do not match, you will likely be denied boarding by the airline.



PERSONAL TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS: If you would like to extend your visit in Cancun, please call your SCI Travel Coordinator at **1-913-438-2600**. Please indicate on the registration form if you are interested in extending at your own expense. The room rate for single occupancy is \$653.00 per room, per night and double occupancy is \$726 per room, per night.

<u>AIRLINE TICKETS</u>: Your airline tickets will be sent to you via 2-day Federal Express approximately one week prior to your departure.

LUGGAGE TAGS: You will receive special luggage tags for each piece of checked luggage with your final trip documents. Be sure to fill out the tags and attach them to your luggage. These will expedite handling of your bags throughout the trip.

LUGGAGE ALLOWANCE: Airline travel regulations vary regarding the number of pieces of luggage you may check and the cost per bag. Please check with your carrier for current luggage policies. All carriers charge for any bag that weighs over 50 pounds (22.7 Kg). In addition, only one carry-on bag is allowed per passenger, plus a personal item such as a purse, camera bag or laptop. Carry-on bags must fit under a seat or in an overhead compartment.



SECURITY AND PACKING GUIDELINES: Airport security measures differ from one airport to another around the world. However, some general guidelines should be followed. Be sure to arrive at the airport at least 2 hours prior to departure, allow ample time to clear security screening at your airport and expect to encounter more than one security checkpoint at all airports. Airlines are requiring that you present yourself at your departure gate 45 minutes prior to departure. In addition, some airlines are refusing to accept checked luggage less than one hour prior to scheduled flight time. Do NOT pack any sharp objects in your carry-on luggage or they will be confiscated by security. Items such as pocketknives, tweezers, disposable razors, metal nail files, etc. must be packed in your checked luggage. All liquids and gels in your carry-on must be less than 3 oz. (100 ml) and fit in one plastic, one-quart, zip-top bag.

LAPTOP COMPUTERS AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT: Laptops,

expensive jewelry and other electronic equipment are attractive to thieves. It is imperative that you carry these items on your person and not in your checked luggage. Regretfully, Seed Consultants and MTI cannot assume responsibility for these items in your luggage. Additionally, most airlines do not replace these items if lost. Simply stated, **do not give these items to bellmen, skycaps, or anyone else.**

CLIMATE AND ATTIRE: Temperatures should range from the low-80s during the day to the high 60s in the evening. The following dress information should be helpful:

- **Casual:** Dress totally for comfort. Shorts and t-shirts are appropriate.
- **Resort Casual:** Sport shirts and dress shorts or pants for men. Skirts, blouses, sundresses, or pants for ladies.



MEALS & BEVERAGES: Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and snacks are included for you daily at the resort. Room service is available 24 hours. Alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks are included for you until 2:00 AM.

INTERNET & CELL PHONES: Complimentary high-speed internet is available throughout the hotel. Cell phone service in Cancun is dependent on your carrier. Please contact your carrier for international service plans.

HOSPITALITY DESK: During your stay at the Hyatt Ziva Cancun, the Seed Consultants Hospitality Desk will be available to help make your stay more enjoyable. Stop by for any assistance you may need during the program.

<u>GRATUITIES</u>: Gratuities for all services and activities as outlined in the itinerary have been included for you by Seed Consultants. Gratuities for services you may receive on your own are at your discretion.

CURRENCY: The currency in Cancun is the Peso, but US dollars are readily accepted. It is not necessary to exchange money. In addition, MasterCard and Visa credit cards are accepted almost anywhere and American Express is accepted on a more limited basis. It is recommended that your card have a security chip for your protection against fraud.



ELECTRIC CURRENT: You do NOT need a converter and adapter plugs to operate your electrical appliances in Cancun due to the 110-volt current. Your room is equipped with a hair dryer.

PERSONAL INCIDENTAL ACCOUNTS: The Hyatt Ziva Cancun will establish an incidental account for you for items of a personal nature such as gift purchases, spa appointments, phone charges, laundry, etc. These items will be at your own expense and may be paid by you at check out by cash or credit card including American Express, Visa, MasterCard, Diner's Club and Discover Card. Do NOT use a debit card.

ITEMS NOT INCLUDED IN YOUR PROGRAM: Items of a strictly personal nature, such as laundry, medication and telephone calls, taxi, bus, optional tours, and entertainment that you may elect to take on your own that are not listed in the itinerary and any expenses associated with deviations from the scheduled program dates are not included.

DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

DAY ONE, SATURDAY, JANUARY 20:

- This morning depart your home city for your international flight to Cancun, Mexico. Upon arrival at the airport, you will be met and transferred to the Hyatt Ziva Cancun.
- Enjoy a refreshing beverage during private check-in. Your afternoon is at leisure to explore this tropical resort. The Hyatt Ziva an all-inclusive resort, so all meals and beverages are included during your stay.
- Join your colleagues this evening for a welcome party. Enjoy a delicious buffet dinner serving regional specialties.

Suggested Attire: Resort Casual

DAY TWO, SUNDAY, JANUARY 21:

- Enjoy breakfast at leisure at the resort this morning.
- This morning, all guests are asked to attend a brief orientation meeting. **Suggested Attire: Resort Casual**
- Lunch is included at the resort.
- Dinner this evening is at leisure at the resort.

DAY THREE, MONDAY, JANUARY 22:

- Start your day with a breakfast buffet at leisure at the resort this morning.
- Your entire day is at leisure. Stop by the SCI Hospitality Desk for assistance in booking tours and excursions.
- Lunch is included for you at the resort.
- Dinner this evening is at leisure at your choice of restaurants on property.

DAY FOUR, TUESDAY, JANUARY 23:

- Start your day with a breakfast buffet at leisure at the resort this morning.
- Your entire day is at leisure. Lunch is included for you at the resort.
- Dinner is at leisure at your choice of restaurants on property.

DAY FIVE, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24:

- Your morning begins with a delicious breakfast buffet at the resort.
- Your entire day is at leisure to soak up some sun and relax. Lunch is included for you at the resort.
- Dinner is at leisure at your choice of restaurants on property.

DAY SIX, THURSDAY, JANUARY 25:

- Enjoy breakfast at leisure this morning at the resort.
- Your entire day is at leisure to relax by the pool, shop for souvenirs, or participate in the many activities offered at the resort.
- Lunch is included for you at the resort.
- Join your colleagues this evening for a farewell party. Enjoy a delicious buffet dinner serving regional specialties and full open bar.

Suggested Attire: Resort Casual

DAY SEVEN, FRIDAY, JANUARY 26:

- Enjoy your final breakfast buffet at the resort this morning.
- Check out of the resort according to the information you received yesterday. Your SCI Travel Staff will assist you. Private transportation will take you to the airport for your return flights back to the United States.