

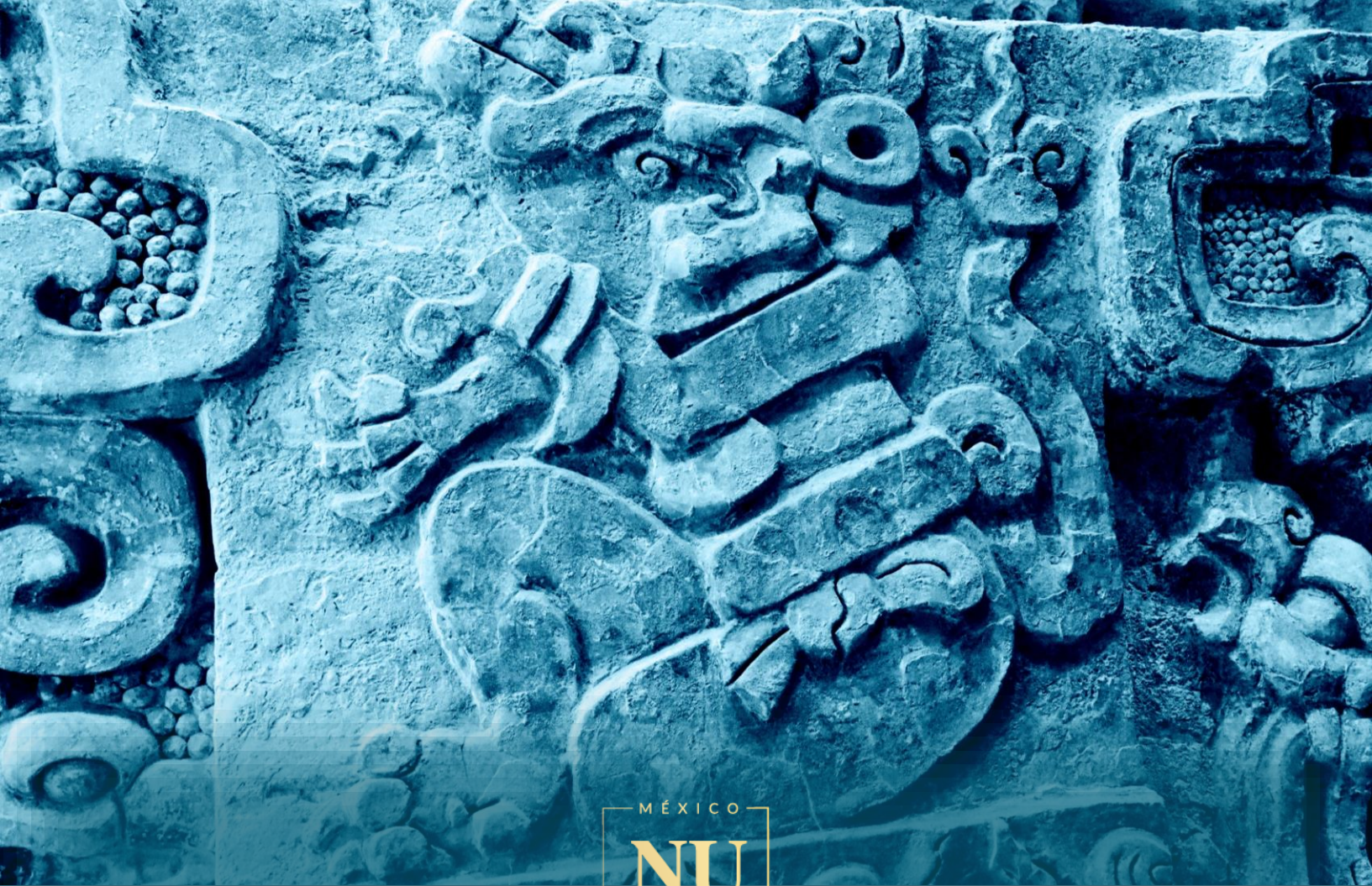
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As if caught between eras and nations, Campeche wakes up with only one thing on its mind. You've reached a place where strength and powerful spirit surround you. They breathe in histories of three groups that first founded and built this magical place—Mayas, Spaniards and pirates. While the first two were busy creating identity, recognition and keeping things up-to-date, corsairs were the reason Campeche remains a walled city to this day, protected by insurmountable ramparts that have borne witness to past and present.





Just like the other two states on the Yucatán Peninsula, Campeche is Maya country where roots have never broken in cities such as Calakmul, Edzná, Jaina, Becán, El Hormiguero, Chicanná and Xpujil. These archaeological sites **in addition to being a reliquary that holds a dazzling past** have become true sanctuaries for contemplation where the entire weight of the region's history resides.

In addition to these glorious urban centers, Campeche evinces another part of its infinite spirit in its scrumptious food. These are treasures for the palate, the delightful tastes, unbelievable aromas when proud local cooks present their cochinita pibil tomato-marinated roast pork, shrimps in garlic sauce, venison in complex salpicón dressings, chaya-leaf tamales, banana-leaf-wrapped boiled eggs, pibipollos for Day of the Dead, shrimp-oyster cocktails, shrimp with coconut sauce or the Yucatán's comforting, citrusy sopa de lima. You might say those dishes are the real hosts and prime reasons to visit this largely undiscovered Maya corner.





Campeche is also about memories, seaside strolls and thick coral walls. It's an international must-see that UNESCO named a World Heritage Site in 1999, that conserves its essence along an exemplary colonial street-grid featuring the best kind of martial architecture and a highly Caribbean vibe, with houses in the in the Andalusian manner as well as assorted glories from Mexico's baroque period. You come to Campeche with a passion for discovery, avid to see yourself in the past as you marvel at the present. The city is hidden fire on Mexico's easygoing Gulf coast.

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## AIRPORTS

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CPE - Campeche International Airport



## DRIVING TIMES

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Campeche – Mérida (2h 30m)

Cd. del Carmen – Campeche (3h)



## CLIMATE

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- Warm, to hot, to very-hot year round
- Frequent rain from August to October



## TIPPING CUSTOMS (MXN)

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High-end dining: 15-20%

Casual dining: 15%

Drivers: \$200-\$300 MXN daily

Guides: \$300-\$500 MXN daily

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## TIME ZONE (GMT)

- GMT6

## BEST TRAVEL MONTHS

- Year round
- And especially recommended from November to April





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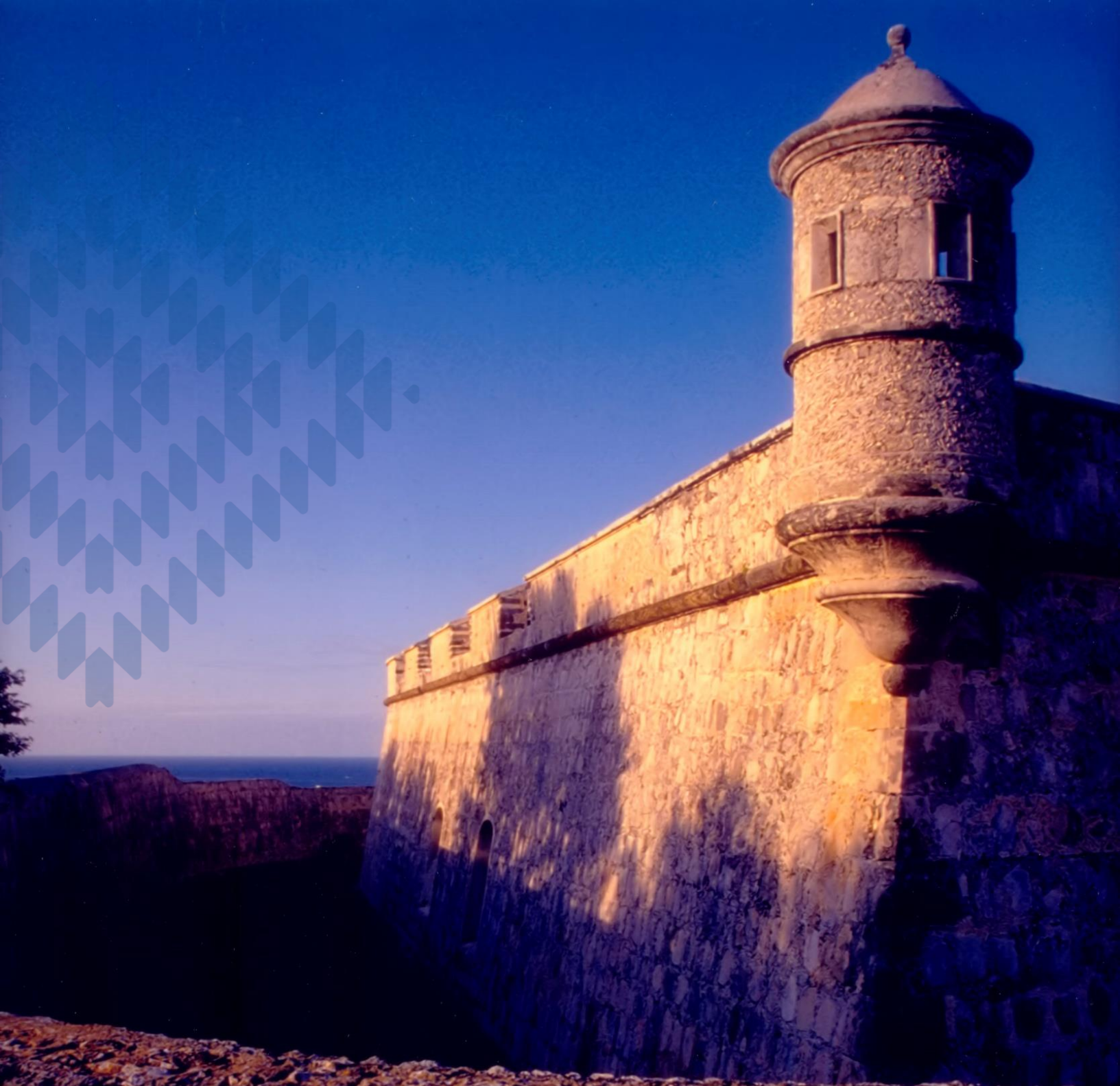
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## I C O N   K E Y



Comfortable shoes



Camera



Hat



Bring cash



Certified guides



Tips expected



Beverages



Food



Mosquito repellent



Sunblock



Tickets needed for admission



Transportation





## CITY WALKING TOUR

Mexico's Ciudad Amurallada ("walled city") takes its nickname from a system of high, thick bastions and medieval-style city gates erected to defend it from pirate attack—when you take in, it's all too real. Passing through the walls is like going into a living fortress packed with secrets that suffuse every corner with history. When you visit, NUBA Incoming makes sure you're a welcome part of a fascinating tour of its wondrous, eternal city fortifications, bulwarks and gates. With every step, you'll be transported back to colonial days, when dozens of pirates such as Cornelius "Peg-Leg" Holz fought to the death when making off with the noble, then viceregal city's treasures. But not everything in Campeche is an ancient legend. The city has become a place for marvelous photo ops, often on Calle 59, the region's most colorful and traditional pedestrian promenade. Here you'll set off for the spectacular Puerta de la Tierra city gate, then make your way amid gorgeous old structures like the Casa del Teniente Rey or San Francisquito parish church, alongside infinite shops, restaurants, hotels and galleries, until you flow through the Puerta del Mar gate and its great Gulf of Mexico views. The tour includes plenty of time to snatch a souvenir or two, like huipil tunics and jipijapa style sombreros. When night falls the barrio known as San Francisco de Campeche seduces you under historic arcades once lining the sixteenth-century "royal road" that connected Campeche with Mérida. In the Third Millennium, the arches are awash in seafood restaurants serving delicious pan de cazón—stacks of fried corn tortillas filled with shark-meat and topped with habanero hot sauce; or indeed, local delicacies like puchero stew, shrimps in coconut, etc., etc., etc.



## CITY BIKE EXCURSION

On your unforgettably too-cute, two-wheel ride you'll take in numerous architectural landmarks, like the Church of Cristo Negro Señor de San Román, gaily painted mansions and different historic styles that allude to Moorish and Spanish modes from the seventeenth to the nineteenth centuries. The excursion also leads to enjoyment at the places where Campeche grew up by surviving conquistadors, pirates and previous centuries' civil unrest. Last but not least you feel the sea's caress as you ride Campeche's spectacular landmark malecón seawall. You'll never want it to end.

**Notes:** We recommend taking the tour in the early morning or late afternoons; noontime temperatures soar in Campeche.

**Duration:** 4 hours

**Recommended clothing:**



**Includes:**



**Does not include:**







## HACIENDA DE UAYAMÓN

The recondite witness to Campeche's birth, growth and future, Hacienda de Uayamón is at once a vivid reflection of the state's importance in Mexican history. At the hacienda they've fought buccaneer attacks like famed pirate Lorencillo's 1685 siege, that destroyed the entire compound; it's a realm with lots of stories to tell about how Campeche became such a magical place. Uayamón went from being a cattle ranch and farm, then took on its palatial character in still preserved, fascinating installations and pretty residential outbuildings. Be sure not to miss the magnificent ceiba tree that divides the property into pleasant areas and lends an air of mystery and endurance to the entire estate. Uayamón is a beautiful trip through time where past and present conjure a special harmony among gardens, heritage and fascinating legends.

### Notes:

**Duration:** 2 hours

**Recommended clothing:**



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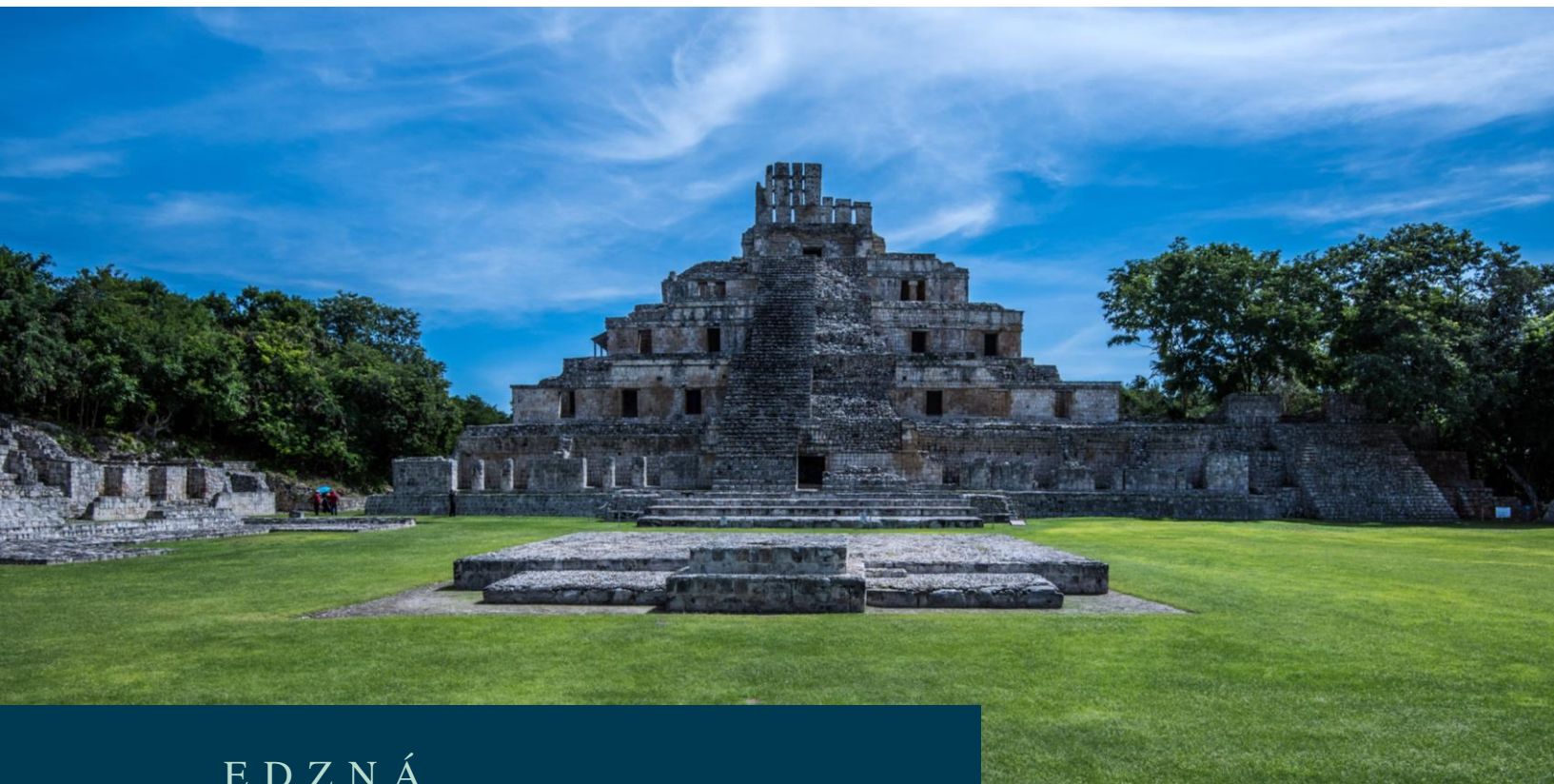




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## EDZNÁ

Come to Edzná with your eyes wide open. You'll see an authentic city where Maya heritage survives as a product of admirable faith and determination. Just an hour from the state capital, its attractions are legion, including a wide array of complex structures, notably advanced for their time. You'll marvel at everything from an astounding waterworks to canals that transported goods and passengers and served to defend the city against invasion. In short, Edzná is a world of secrets and treasures. Don't miss some 25 additional hectares of pre-Hispanic religious, government and habitation sites nestled into a lush, mystic landscape.

### Notes:

**Duration:** 4 hours

**Recommended clothing:**

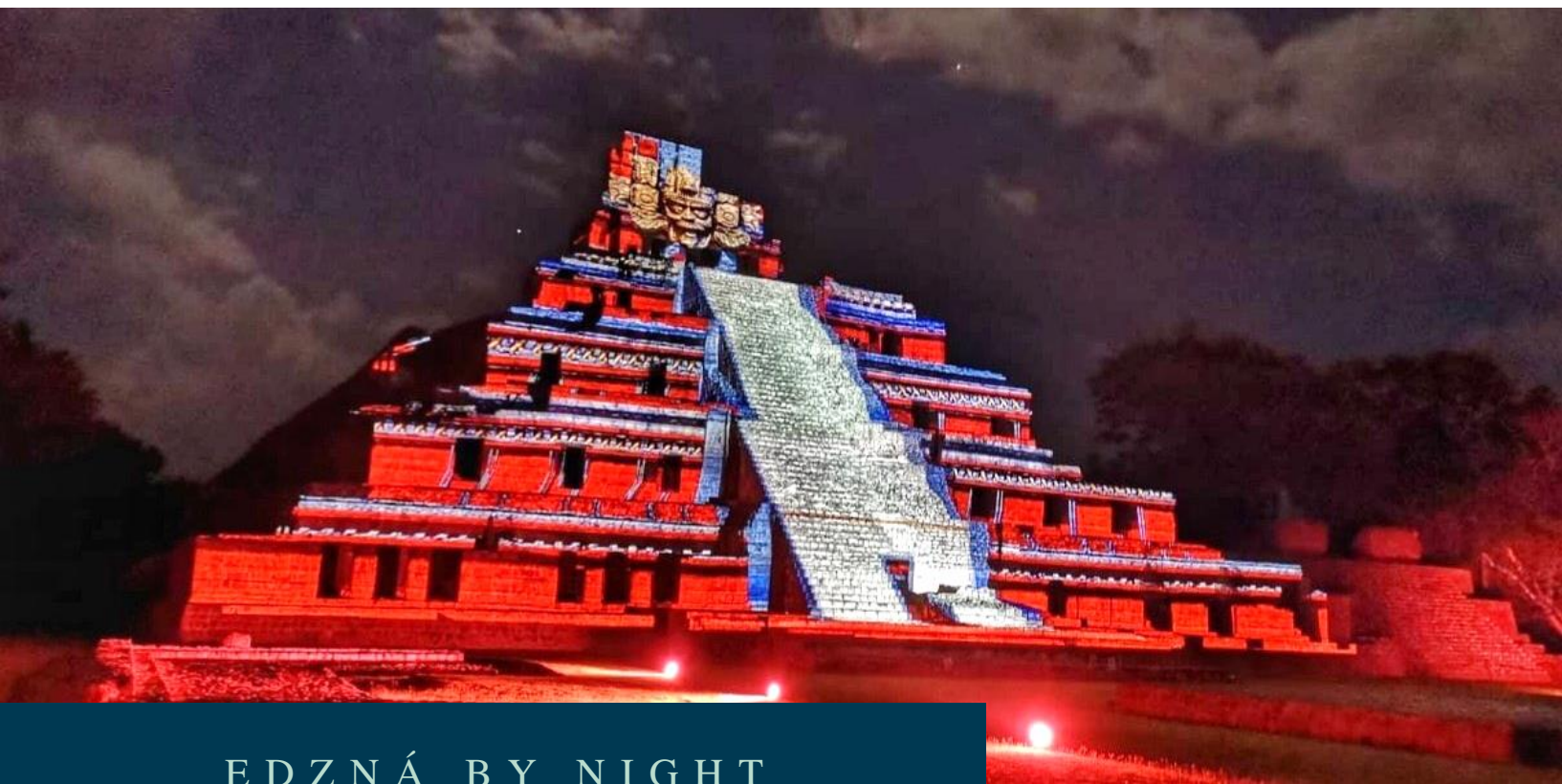


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## EDZNÁ BY NIGHT

At NUBA Incoming, we think this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for those lucky enough to travel here, a presentation in spectacular light and sound that is rich in legend and plumbs the archaeological site's heart. Relive Edzná's grand history as the Maya culture's most advanced urban center.

**Notes:** 30-minute video mapping

**Duration:** 3 hours total excursion

**Recommended clothing:**



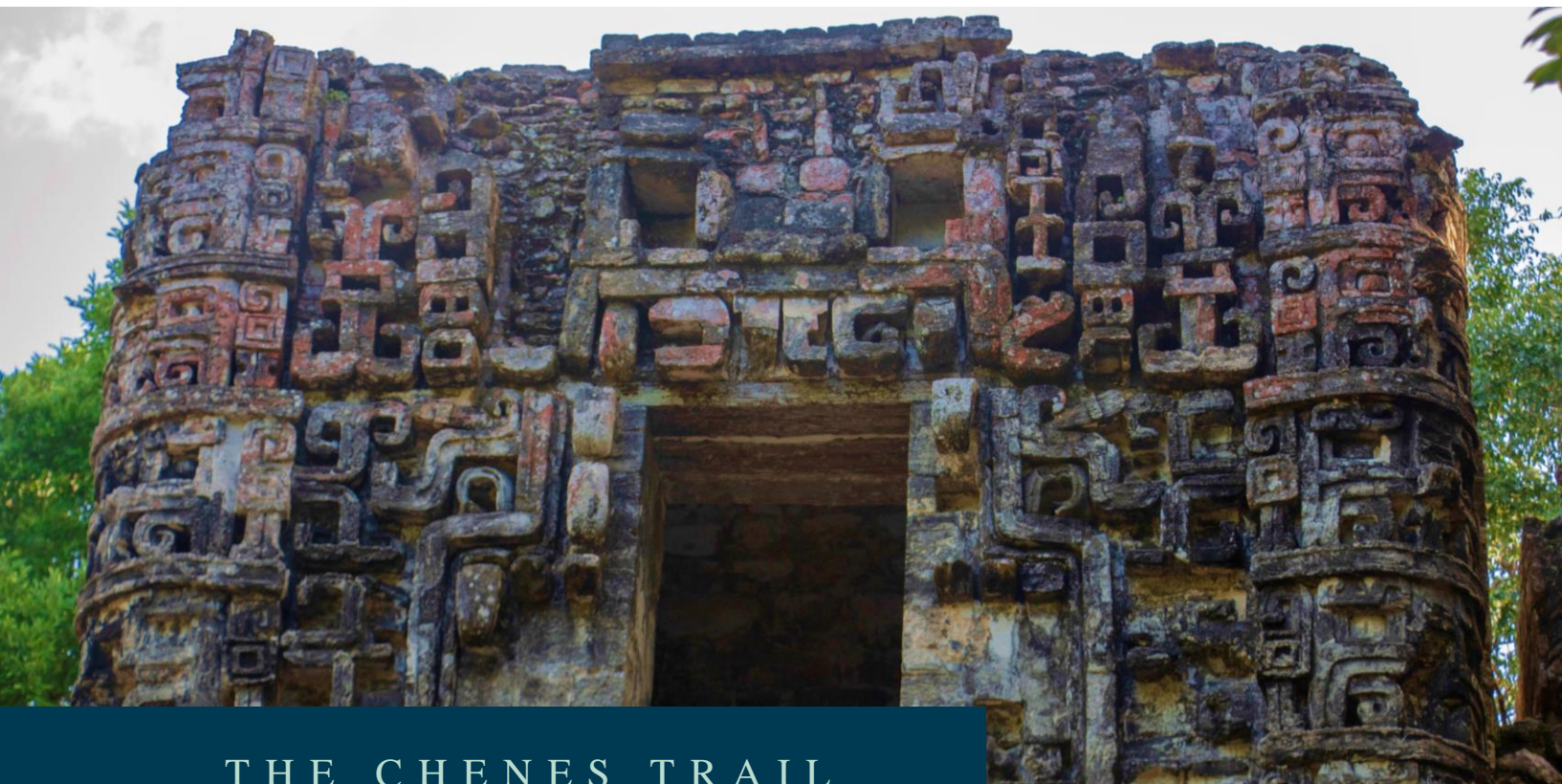
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## THE CHENES TRAIL

Departing Edzná **the Mayas' most technologically advanced city** and in the company of great NUBA Incoming guides you'll discover the so-called Chenes Trail that leads to a region of unforgettable impressions and sumptuous Campeche riches. Along the way, you'll walk the Pozos (i.e., natural pools) region, where an assembly of pre-Hispanic architectural styles will leave you breathless. Then we move on to gorgeous Chenes, where adventurous types as well as the knowledgeable feel right at home thanks to appealing, thought-provoking Maya ruins. Admire the grandeur this indigenous nation gave rise to as you gain knowledge of Campeche's centuries of history and culture.

**Notes:** Visit Edzná, Hochob, Tabasqueño, Tahcok and Dzibilnocac archaeological sites.

**Duration:** 8 hours

**Recommended clothing:**



**Includes:**



**Does not include:**







## CALAKMUL ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITE AND BIOSPHERE RESERVE

From the Yucatán north to the Guatemalan Petén, Calakmul (whose name means “place of the adjacent mounds”) dominated southern Mexico during some 1500 years, a place where both deities and mortals harmoniously cohabited beneath the jungle canopy’s generous protection. Centuries later, in our era, Calakmul continues its reign over a site that extends more than a million hectares, also making it Mexico’s most expansive tropical forest. Its paradise-like areas have you fascinated before a wealth of plant- and animal-life, including pumas, tigrillos, ocelots, jaguars and host of other magnificent beasts including howler monkeys, spider monkeys, tapirs, peccaries, anteaters, armadillos and deer. Add to that 200 bird species, 50 reptile types and more than 400 kinds of butterflies. It’s a dazzling mosaic of biodiversity and culture that figures grandly among the rare places UNESCO has named World Heritage Sites.

### Notes:

**Duration:** 15 hours

**Recommended clothing:**



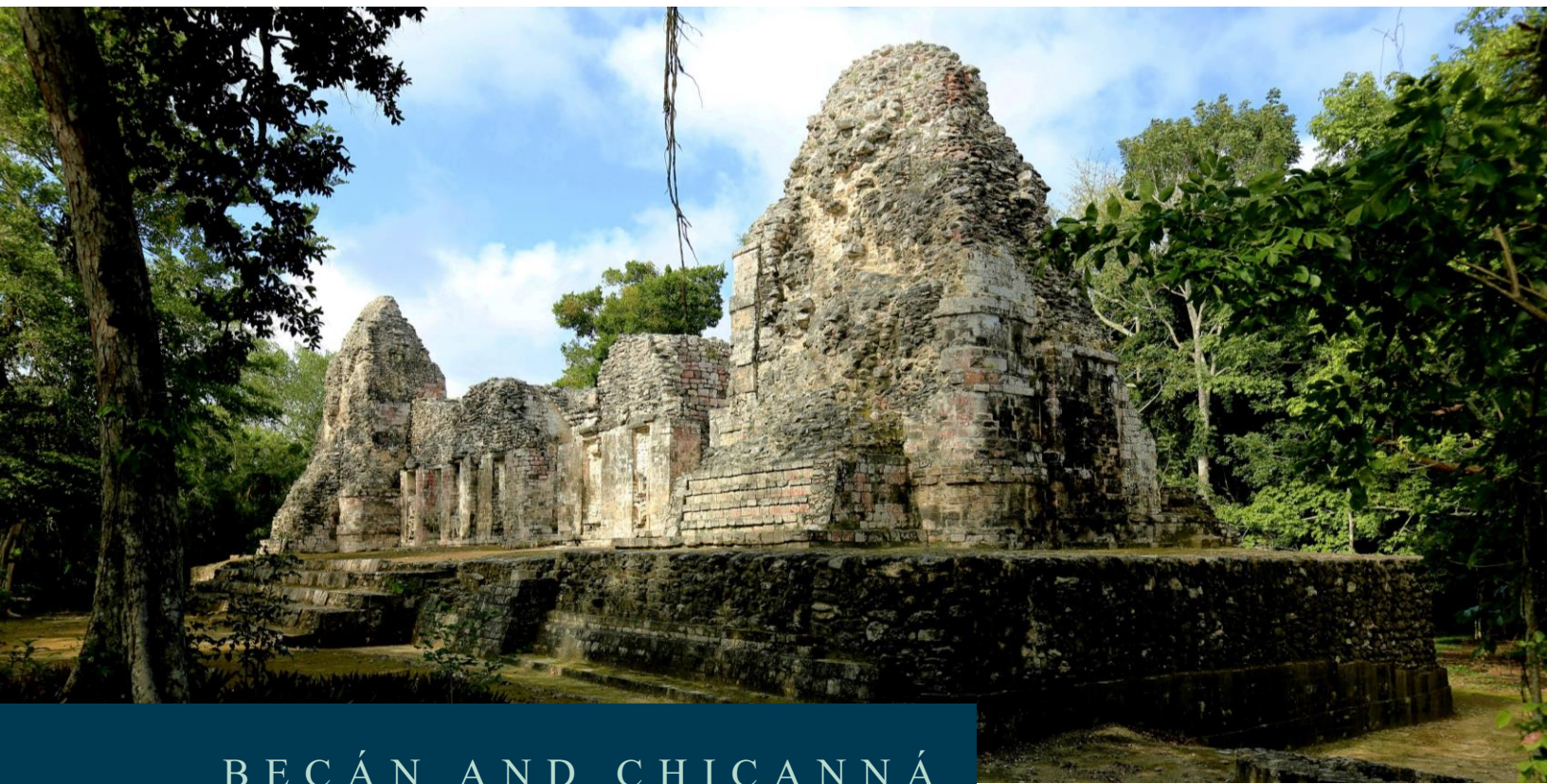
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## BECÁN AND CHICANNÁ

Kings of local mysticisms, Becán and Chicanná are sites where the Maya zone's most beautiful secrets hide. The first **even down to its name, meaning “ravine surrounded by water”** is known for its bona fide fortress perched behind a dry moat; according to a variety of studies, it was erected to defend the city from enemy sieges and for that reason there are a mere seven entrances to the city. The second population center, Chicanná (“the house of the serpent’s mouth”) among other treasures safeguards a colossal mask-carving on Structure II’s main façade. The building **in addition to giving rise to the town’s name** is the entry gate to the old road that went from the Gulf coast to Mexico’s southern Pacific shores.

### Notes:

Duration: 14 hours

Recommended clothing:



### Includes:



### Does not include:



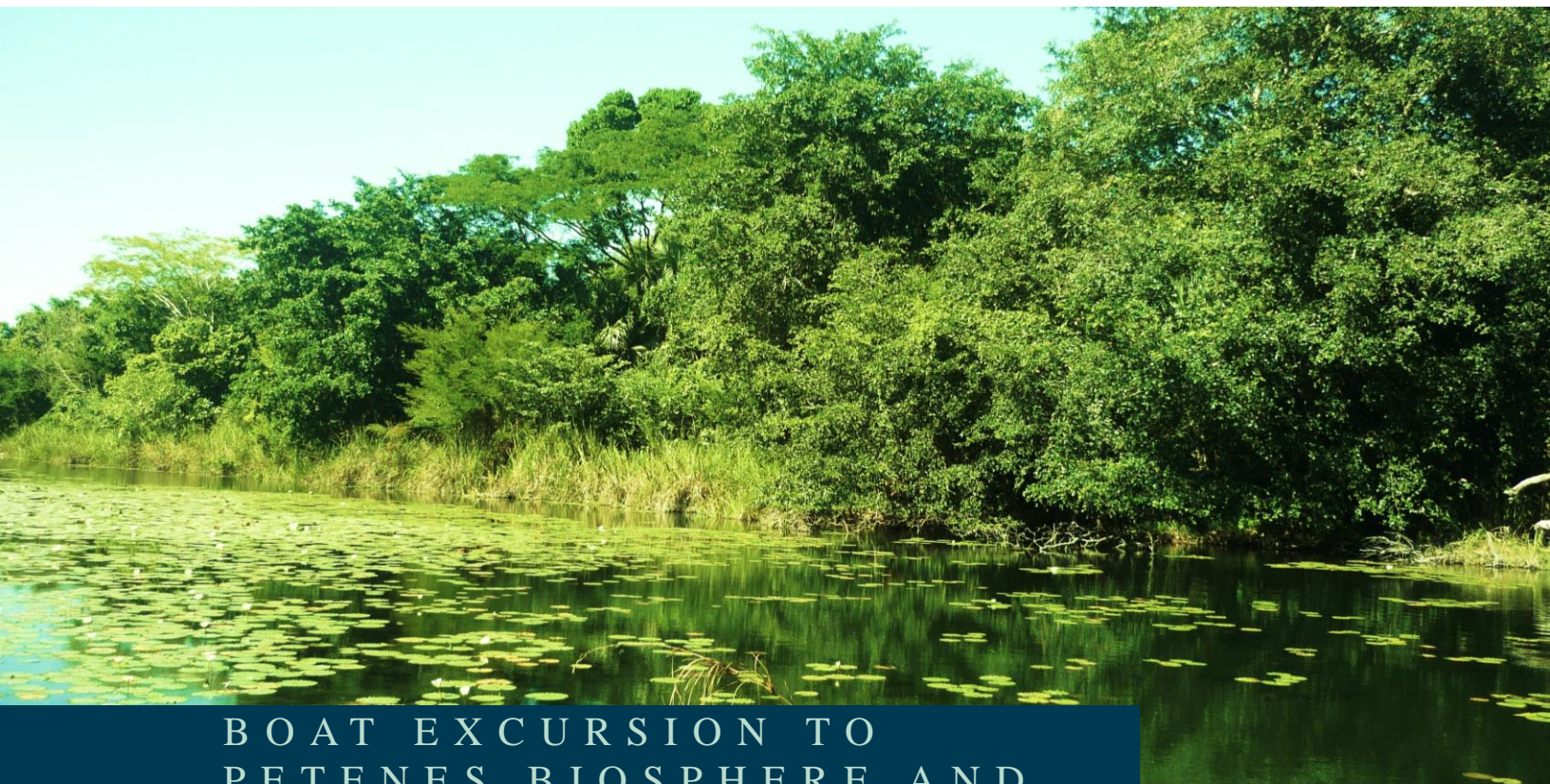




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## BOAT EXCURSION TO PETENES BIOSPHERE AND OJO DE AGUA POOL

Canvassing labyrinthine canals and other water paths awash in tropical greenery, the enormous Petenes Biosphere welcomes you to its far-flung territory. Aboard a launch, you see all the region's greatest treasures, like its mangroves, its verdant passageways and freshwater creeks. With NUBA Incoming you bear witness to the ecosystem's pristine condition as well as its surprising fauna and flora. To wrap the voyage you dip into a refreshing, beautiful natural pool where you cop to time that advances at its own pace.

**Notes:** The excursion may be cancelled in case of inclement weather.

**Duration:** 4 hours

**Recommended clothing:**



**Includes:**



**Does not include:**







## PETENES BIOSPHERE IN KAYAK

The landscape's immutable peace is the big draw of the kayak paddle deep into Campeche's heart at Los Petenes. At a slower, more contemplative pace, you'll dig the ecological paradise's everyday rhythms, the bird refuge and natural hatcheries home to all manner of fishes. Once you're there NUBA Incoming takes you down ancient paths the Mayas traced and from which you contemplate their fishermen's descendants netting the day's catch.

**Notes:** No visitors under twelve years of age.  
The excursion may be cancelled in case of inclement weather.

**Duration:** 4 hours

**Recommended clothing:**



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## THE ARTISAN TRAIL

Campeche is also a realm of stylish as well as traditional souvenirs arrayed along the old Camino Real, now known as the artisan trail. Here you enjoy an exclusive, up-close and personalized look at major Campeche handicrafts' assembly, including iconic Béc al hats. They're made in caves from a natural fiber known as jipi, the reason behind the chapeau's jipijapa nickname. The excursion includes sampling delicious regional food like cochinita pibil, stone-baked breads at Pomuch and Tinún's Campeche-style corn snacks. You'll also make a stop in Hecelchakán to taste delicacies that are a true delight.

**Notes:** Visits go to Hecelchakán, Calkiní, Pomuch, Béc al and Tinún.

**Duration:** 8 hours

**Recommended clothing:**



**Includes:**



**Does not include:**







## BÉCAL AND CALKINÍ

Recognized as the cradle of the famed jipijapa hat, the town of Bécal bids you enter Campeche's warmest and deepest scenes. You'll discover artisanal workshops that showcase the production processes behind the palm-fashioned headwear in their signature caves. In addition to Bécal, this NUBA Incoming excursion takes you to Calkiní, a perfect place to lay hands on irresistible handicrafts, everything from jipis to hammocks, rockers and other style chairs and a plethora more. Not least of all, you can take in sundry local celebrations in honor of St. Isidro Labrador, the Christ of Compassion, the Virgin of the Conception and carnivals throughout Campeche where some communities don stag-skin disguises.

### Notes:

**Duration:** 4 hours

**Recommended clothing:**



### Includes:



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## DOWNTOWN CAMPECHE PHOTO SAFARI

Campeche is one city seen through your eyes—and quite another when you frame it through a camera lens. To make the most of your visit and carry home a clutch of marvelous photos, the excursion helps you keep Campeche in the bag for a lifetime. With guidance from professional photographers, you'll portray dozens of colorful urban lanes, alongside churches, the city walls and other unforgettable city landmarks. When we say you won't miss a single photo-op on this trip, we mean it.

### Notes:

**Duration:** 3 hours

**Recommended clothing:**



### Includes:



### Does not include:







## OLD - FASHIONED FISHING , CAMPECHE - STYLE

Don't worry if you've never done anything like this before **or feel like you have to be an angling expert or even just aficionado** this journey will make you feel like a campechano who braves the seas every day. Local fishermen teach you all the tricks and techniques you need to snag primo underwater prey. Set sail aboard small river craft with crews numbering fewer than five; at the end of the day, you'll be an expert in casting lines, hooks and skewering bait, complete with a fine catch of snapper, yellowtail snapper, white-grunt chachi, corvinas and other tropical swimmers.

**Notes:** Minimum age 12 or older; tours cancelled in case of rain. **Includes:**  
Does not include fishing license to be paid before starting out.

**Duration:**

**Recommended clothing:**



**Does not include:**







## TASTING TOUR

Campeche gets bit and savored on this culinary expedition NUBA Incoming creates just for you and that features the best recipes from all over the state. You go everywhere from tiny, old-school fishmongers to neighborhood restaurants and every stop will bring out the gastro-fan we all have inside. It's a journey to flavors, textures and aromas that will leave you enchanted by local food, in addition to making you a Campeche-cuisine expert for life.

### Notes:

Duration: 4 hours

Recommended clothing:



### Includes:



### Does not include:







## BIRD WATCHING

Anhinga birds, ringed kingfishers, spoonbills, Mexican tiger-herons, white ibises, northern jacanas and snail kites...maybe the names seem strange or even endearing, but after this excursion we're certain your Campeche swamp wanderings will be part of the stories you tell back home. This trip into the Petenes is a stupendous way to learn more about millions of Mexican birds' lives as you move through jungles, wetlands, petén waterscapes and mangroves to spy the species' hiding places. You'll also ruffle feathers with other birds like Yucatán brown jays, Yucatán woodpeckers, Yucatán quails, Yucatán fly-catchers and one of the region's representative simians, the black howler monkey.

**Notes:** All participants must bring their own binoculars

**Duration:**

**Recommended clothing:**



**Includes:**



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