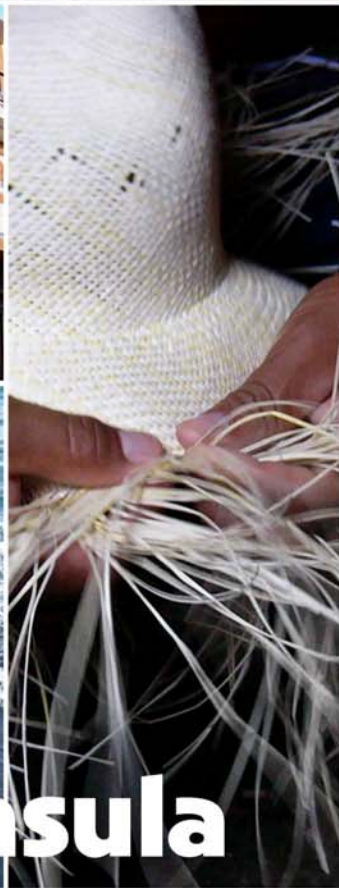
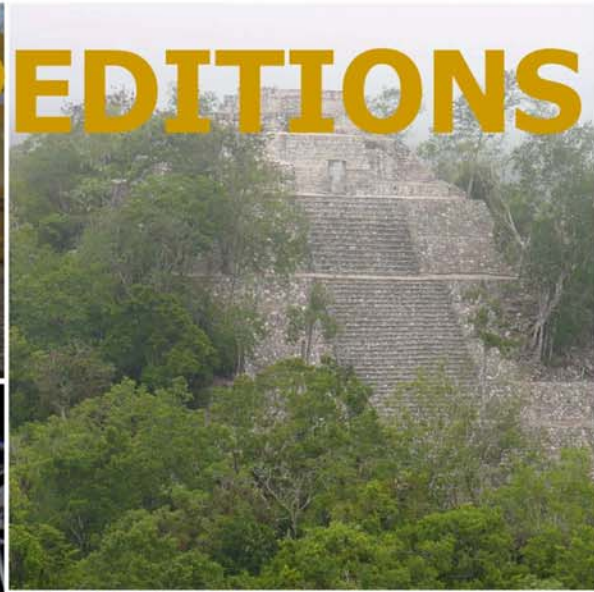


MAKAI OHANA EXPEDITIONS



Yucatan Peninsula

Ruta Maya

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Expedition Highlights

- Explore the less visited Mayan sites of Becan, Chicanna and Calakmul still buried in the jungle.
- Dive into the eerie underworld of a Cenote. The Peninsulas Rivers are all underground providing a very cave like snorkel experience.
- Go in search of Pink Flamingos in the wild.
- Relax on white sand beaches and swim in turquoise blue waters.
- Get deep into the culture in markets and small towns across the three States of Quintana Roo, Campeche and Yucatan.
- Explore the Unesco listed walled city of Campeche with pastel buildings, cobblestone streets and colonial buildings.
- Find an underground hat making factory in Becal
- Wander the sandy streets of Isle Holbox and swim with whale sharks.

11 Days – 2008 July 8-18

Itinerary

Day 1 Cancun

Arrive in Cancun, transfer to hotel in Ciudad Cancun. Hotel El Rey del caribe . (D)

Day 2 Tulum beaches and Cenote

Reception Breakfast at the hotel. Travel down the Riviera Maya to the white sand beaches of Tulum, stay in your own private cabana on the beach. After lunch discover the eerie underworld of a Cenote and snorkel through underwater caves. Return to Cabanas for afternoon of swimming and lounging. Enjoy a banquet dinner on the beach. (B, L, D)

Day 3 Tulum Ruins and Laguna Bacalar

Tour the Tulum ruins, a Mayan city perched high on a cliff over turquoise waters. Continue south down the Yucatan peninsula and stop for lunch in Felipe Carrillo Puerto. Before arriving at Laguna Bacalar, a freshwater Lake with a white sandy bottom and bath water like temperature. Spend the afternoon swimming and lounging. Tonights accommodation is lakeside. Evening meal is in town. (B,L,D)



Day 4 Mayan Ruins of Chicanna and Becan

Breakfast is Yucatecan food at a local market in Bacalar. Then leave the State of Quintana Roo and enter into Campeche, the least visited of the Yucatan states. Have lunch in Xupil and Explore the Ruins of Chicanna and Becan, massive ruins, towering pyramids and Chenes style monster mouth doorways. Journey deep into the Reserva de la Biosfera Calakmul, Mexico's largest biosphere reserve. and arrive at a jungle lodge. Spend the night listening to the sounds of a rain forest. (B,L,D)

Photos: above left – Standing atop the ruins of Becan. Above inset – the beach of Tulum – the Tulum Ruins over the Caribbean – beach beds under a palapa.



Day 5 Calakmul / Campeche

Explore the ruins of Calakmul. Still buried in the jungle one may see wild ocellated turkeys, toucans and parrots or come across peccaries and howler monkeys. Climb the enormous 50m tall Estructura II pyramid for a view over the rainforest that looks into neighboring Guatemala and keep a lookout for the sacred Jaguar. After the exploration we transport to the walled city of Campeche. (B,L,D)

Day 6 Campeche

Tour the walled city of Campeche. With over 2,000 restored buildings painted in pastel colors with cobblestone streets this Unesco world heritage site is like a living museum. Tour the Mercado and take a sunset stroll along the Bulartes and discover Campeches Pirate history. (B,L,D)

Day 7 Local culture / Jipijapa hats / Izamal

Wake early and travel north to Hecelchacan, a small mayan town known for its traditional snacks. Outside the church on the plaza enjoy breakfast of cochinita pibil (roast suckling pig) or relleno negro (turkey stuffed with pork in a dark chilli sauce) served on a roll. Hop a bicycle taxi in Becal and find an underground limestone cave in a locals backyard where Jipijapa hats are made. Continue to Izamal, the yellow city and explore the towns painted buildings, its markets and a 16th century convent. (B,L,D)

Day 8 Chichen Itza / Isle Holbox

Chichen Itza. Recently named one of the 8 wonders of the world, this Mayan site is more excavated than the other cities on our tour but is still impressive and worth a visit. We will arrive early and tour the site for 2 hours before hopping a ferry and arriving on Isle Holbox. (B,L,D)

Day 9 Isle Holbox / Pink Flamingos

Isle Holbox. A small island off the Yucatan peninsula. This will be our base for the next two days. Sandy streets, golf carts for vehicles, Italian food and sandy beaches as far as you can see. Tour the mangroves in search of Pink Flamingos, roseate spoonbills and other bird life. (B,L,D)

Day 10 Isle Holbox / Whale Sharks

Isle Holbox is one of the few places on earth where you can swim with whale sharks. We will take a private charter 2 hours into the open ocean looking for the largest fish on the planet, get into the water with these gentle creatures and swim along side them. Spend the rest of the day on the beach and enjoy a farewell dinner that night. (B,L,D)

Day 11 Cancun / fly home

We leave the island and travel back to Cancun, transfer to airport to fly home. (B)

Special addition: We are currently working to secure an excursion to Rio Lagartos to view Sea turtles nesting on the beach at night. If this becomes available we will spend one less night on Isle Holbox. Day 8 will take us from Chichen Itza to Rio Lagartos where we will spend the evening there and view Pink Flamingos and Sea Turtles.



Top left: a decorated church. Above: the cities of Campeche and Izamal
Below: A whale shark investigates the boat and welcomes you into the water



Information:

Expedition cost: \$2650.00 USD

Price is per person, double occupancy. Single room add \$400. Price includes all ground transport, accommodation and meals. Also included are entrance fees to all activities and archaeological sites, pink flamingo tour and whale shark charter.

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What to Expect

Due to its isolation the Yucatan Peninsula has managed to retain its own sense of identity found within its modern day Mayan culture and its cuisine. Food choices are not as spicy as the rest of Mexico, seafood is abundant and wild turkey is the staple of most meat dishes.

In July the Yucatan is hot. This is an active tour and participants will be given the opportunity to swim in the Caribbean Ocean, fresh water Cenotes, fresh water lakes, the Gulf of Mexico and open water. Travelers are encouraged to bring their own snorkel gear, gear will be provided with advanced notice. Exploration of the Mayan Archaeological sites will involve walking and the opportunity to climb tall pyramids...some 50 meters high. This is an active expedition and travelers must be in good physical health and have no limitations on physical ability.

Accommodations are usually private bungalows with private bath and shower in each room. Some with air conditioning and most have mosquito nets.

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Basis of Rates: All prices are based on two persons sharing a room. Prices are quoted in U.S. Dollars. A parent or guardian for the entire journey must accompany anyone under the age of 18. For family groups some cabanas may accommodate up to 4 people and arrangements can be made at the time of booking. A limited number of single rooms are available. We will assist persons requesting a roommate. Participants will be notified if a suitable roommate is not available, in which case the single rate will be charged.

Included in Expedition cost: All ground transport, accommodations and meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=breakfast, L=lunch, D=dinner). Pre-departure information, entrance fees, excursions and sightseeing as noted in the itinerary.

Not included: International airfare, passport and visa expense, baggage/accident/cancellation insurance; personal expenses, such as laundry, telephone calls, alcoholic beverages and any other items not specifically noted as included.

Payments, Cancellations and Refunds: To reserve space on a Makai Ohana Expedition a \$1,000 deposit per person is required at the time of booking. Final payment is due no later than 60 days prior to departure. Makai Ohana reserves the right to cancel a reservation if full payment has not been received by 60 days prior to departure. For reservations made within 60 days of the departure date, full payment is required when the reservation is accepted. All cancellation notices must be received in writing and will become effective as of the date of the postmark. If you cancel 120 days or more prior to departure, a refund less an administrative fee of 25% of your deposit will be made. Per person charges for cancellations that occur less than 120 days prior to departure are as follows: 61-119 days prior to departure: 100% of your deposit amount; 45-60 days prior to departure: 50% of the expedition cost; 44 or fewer days prior to departure: 100% of the expedition cost. Any airline tickets issued are subject to the carriers refund policy. Leaving an expedition in progress, for any reason whatsoever, will not result in a refund, and no refunds will be made for any unused portions of an expedition. Makai Ohana reserves the right to cancel any trip because of inadequate enrollment that makes the trip economically unfeasible to operate or because of good faith concerns with respect to the safety, health or welfare of the participants. If Makai Ohana or its designated tour operator cancels an expedition prior to departure, you will receive a full refund of monies paid to Makai Ohana or its designated tour operator, except in the event the cancellation is due to a major global event, in which case you will receive a refund and/or credit equivalent to monies paid to Makai Ohana or its designated tour operator. If we cancel the trip in progress, you will receive a prorated refund based on the number of days not completed on the expedition.

We will not be responsible for any refund for nonrefundable airline tickets or for any airline tickets purchased by the passenger directly from an airline or travel agent. Trip cancellation insurance is strongly recommended.

Itinerary Changes: The itineraries presented are subject to modification and change by Makai Ohana Expeditions or its designated tour operator. Every reasonable effort will be made to operate programs as planned, but alterations may occur after final itineraries are sent.

Health Requirements: You must be in good physical and mental health. Any physical condition, diet, or treatment requiring special attention must be reported in writing when the reservation is made.

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