

Tour Descriptions

PROGRESO, MEXICO

* CHICHÉN ITZA – PGO 408

Approximate Duration: 7 ¼ hours

Level 1/Meal

In the middle of the northern Yucatan lowlands lies the spectacular ancient Mayan city of Chichen Itza. In its time of grandeur (between 700 and 900 A.D.), it was the center of political, religious and military power. In the 10th century, many believe it was ceased by the Toltecs. Several impressive structures are here: the Temple of the Jaguars, the Ball Court, and the remarkable Caracol. The Pyramid of Kukulcan intrigues many as it produces a unique spectacle twice a year during the Spring Equinox and the Autumn Solstice -- shadows project the image of a serpent descending the stairs. **Note: In order to properly explore the ruins, 1/4 to 3/4 miles of walking is required. You will have a full two hours to explore. A boxed lunch will be provided. Guide books are available for purchase at the Shore Excursions Desk.**

HISTORICAL HACIENDA TOUR – PGO413

Approximate Duration: 5 hours

Level 1

Experience first hand the reality of a living Hacienda in the state of Yucatan, Mexico. Travel through small towns and leave the big city behind as you get to this magnificent Hacienda. On the guided walking tour and horse drawn cart ride you will learn how the Henequen well known as "Green Gold" was manipulated and processed by the hands of the Mayan workers. Enjoy Nature's beauties among henequen plantations and witness how Mayas lived. You will have a chance to refresh yourself in the always cool spring water of an exuberant cenote in the interior of a cave.

Bring your bathing suit and a towel. This tour is not recommended for pregnant women or people with back injuries. A snack is included.

MÉRIDA CITY TOUR & SHOPPING – PGO401

Approximate Duration: 5 ¼ hour

Level 2

Known as the "White City" for its cleanliness and use of limestone, Merida is a colonial city full of grace and antiquity. A unique culture has evolved from its Mayan roots and Spanish colonialism and it is reflected everywhere – from its the magnificent architecture to its delicious cuisine. Clustered about the city's Main Plaza (an attraction in itself), is the oldest cathedral on the American continent, the town hall, museums and parks, all within easy strolling distance.

MAYAN REALITY TOUR – PGO411

Approximate Duration: 3 ½ hours

Level 1

Many think of the Mayans as an ancient civilization that disappeared long ago, but in fact the Mayan people, customs, language and beliefs remain strong in the Yucatan Peninsula. Stop at two beautiful lagoons on the way to explore the ruins of X'cambo. Built over 2,000 years ago X'cambo is a fascinating example of archaeology containing untouched sites, fully restored pyramids and buildings still under reconstruction. Visit the town of Dzemu, a modern day Mayan village and follow your guide through town to see traditional Mayan palapas and hear fascinating histories and experience for yourself the unique reality of the local people. **Note: At the end of the tour you will have the opportunity to be dropped off in downtown Progreso or return directly to your ship. Downtown Progreso is just a 5-minute taxi ride to the pier (taxi fare is not included).**

PROGRESO RESORT BEACH PARTY- PGO421

Approximate Duration: 4 hour

Level 1/Age Restriction

Make the most of your vacation on this tour which includes a resort beach break with open bar. Your guide will greet you at the pier for a short bus ride to Reef Club Beach Resort. Experience beach-front luxury as you lounge by the pool, walk along the ocean or sip a margarita in a hammock. You'll find a pool side bar, a long warm stretch of beach, lounge chairs, umbrellas, showers, volleyball and even a spectacular beach club for kids with a wading pool, playground and games. When beach-time is up, head into downtown Progreso for an optional drop-off at the local marketplace. Experience the sights and sounds as you explore on your own the colorful stores of local artisans and shop for traditional Mexican handicrafts. **Note: Participants must be at least 18 years of age and present a valid ID to consume alcohol. At the end of the tour you will have the opportunity to be dropped off in downtown Progreso or return directly to your ship. Downtown Progreso is just a 5-minute taxi ride to the pier (taxi fare is not included).**

4X4 MAYAN EXPLORATION & BEACH - PGO412

Approximate Duration: 3 ½hours

Level 1/Age Restriction

Drive your 4 x 4 Jeep® Wrangler (4 per car) to two natural lagoons for stunning views of pink flamingos and to the town of Dzemu where a Mayan community continues its ancient way of life. Many think of the Mayans as an extinct civilization, but in fact their customs, language and beliefs remain strong in the Yucatan Peninsula. Explore Dzemu and experience the modern day reality of these remarkable people. Jump back in your Jeep® and head off through the savannah to the warm sands and spectacular beach-side facilities of the Reef Club Resort. Take time to relax by the pool, swim and enjoy your time here. **Note: Participants must be at least 21 years of age and present a valid license in order to drive. Vehicles are stick shift (manual). If you are pregnant or have heart or respiratory conditions or back/neck injuries, this tour is not for you. At the end of the tour you will have the opportunity to be dropped off in downtown Progreso or return directly to your ship. Downtown Progreso is just a 5-minute taxi ride to the pier (taxi fare is not included).**

FLAMINGO & MAYAN RUINS ECO-ADVENTURE-PGO405

Approximate Duration: 3 ½ hours

Level 2/Age

Your guide will escort you to your vehicle (4 per car) for a safety briefing and instructions on the rules of the road. At the sanctuary you will see a variety of birds and waves of pink flamingoes. Once back behind the wheel continue to an ancient Mayan city settled among the mangroves. The next stop is X'cambo, an old Mayan city. Here you may walk through old monuments, altars and temples once used for rituals for rain and a good harvest and today remain as a witness of splendor of glory and greatness. **Note: Participants must be at least 18 years of age and present a valid driver's license in order to drive. Wildlife is subject to season, weather and time of visit. Watching distance varies and use of binoculars is recommended.**

KODIAK BEACH EXPLORATION – PGO414

Approximate Duration: 4 ¼ hours

Level 1

Your guide narrates the history of Progreso as you cruise down El Malecon. Leaving Progreso behind, see the summer homes of Merida's rich before arriving at the Mirador. Your guide will educate you on the local ecosystem and the variety of bird species. Observe these beautiful birds in their natural habitat, in one of their last natural breeding grounds in the Americas. Binoculars are made available for use from the different heights of the observation deck tower. After your experience at the preserve, you will be able to spend time at the El Malecon at a restaurant known as "Flamingos" for a complimentary drink, or if you desire you can jump in the ocean and enjoy the beautiful beach area. **Note: Wildlife is subject to season, weather and time of visit. Watching distance varies and use of binoculars is recommended.**



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