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Enjoy a different adventure

Mayan Ecotours presents this innovative class of scientific tours focused on the admiration and preservation of nature where we perform activities that help us understand, even more, about our ecosystems.

Discover Yucatan through our guided tours to cenotes, beaches, Mayan communities, caverns and mangroves where we will observe flora and fauna, ecosystems, birds, search and learn about the fossilized forms of life in their natural environments. These activities will enable their scientific and cultural interpretation to add value to the experience; among others.

Included:

✓ Transportation
✓ Specialized guides in different activities
✓ Biologist
✓ Paramedic
✓ Food
✓ Entrance fee
✓ Bike, motorcycle taxi, snorkel equipment, boat and yoga class according to the activity.

Note:

This tour operates with minimum 8 people. Please contact us for availability.
The beautiful port of Telchac boast of warm people and tranquility, its name is originally from the Mayan language meaning “Water or needful rain. It’s a wonderful place, with great natural and seaside beauty, surrounded by water. This is a seaside community where friendly fishermen want to share its cultural richness and gastronomy. Come and see the paradise-like beaches where you will enjoy unforgettable landscapes. You will also visit a Cenote (water hole) of pure and crystalline waters to take a refreshing Mayan bath in contact with nature.

Afterwards we head to the fishermen’s village of San Crisanto, home of coconut and handcrafts producers; there you will relax in the beautiful cabins “Sac Nicte”, located in front of the sea and enjoy a refreshing swim in its crystalline waters.

Ecotourists attractions: cenote, beaches, village.

Activities: nature observation, ecosystems, flora, fauna and fossils, also interpretative trekking, flora and fauna rescue, photographic safari, snorkel and historical tour.
It was named Rio Lagartos after the Spanish conquerors warned of the presence of big reptiles with huge jaws and long tails which were identified later as alligators and crocodiles. It is a magical port of fishermen on the northern end of the Yucatan peninsula. It became popular since it was designated a Unesco world heritage site for the protection of porpoise, local birds such as the pink flamingo and all its biodiversity.

The quiet and friendly community of Rio Lagartos wants to teach us of its great biological and cultural richness. Come and see its ecotourist attractions such as the ria, Las Coloradas and the virgin beach Cancuncito, where you will go through incredible landscapes and unforgettable adventures in contact with nature, watching crocodiles, fishing eagles, flamingos and the horseshoe crab, a living fossil.

Ecotourists attractions: cenote, beaches, ria, and las coloradas.

Activities: nature observation, ecosystems, flora, fauna and fossils, also interpretative trekking, flora and fauna rescue, photographical safari, snorkel and historical tour.
Sisal is the oldest port and most paradisiac on the Yucatan shore, located in the state reserve “El Palmar”, it is a place with great biological richness. Its name originates from the Mayan world Ziz-ha” meaning Cold water. This port has a lot of history, since the Mayans and through the times of the conquest. With places such as an old maritime customs agency, a place that served as a shipping point for the henequen fiber, the Santiago fort employed as defense against the pirates and the Monifato displaying the town’s discomfort with the king Fernando VII.

Come and see this beautiful port with great history, gastronomy and culture that remains relatively unknow despite its impressive natural setting. In this place you will enjoy an unforgettable adventure riding a kayak through the mangroves where you will find the home of the pink flamingo and many other birds, in the end we will get to appreciate the incredible sunset.

**Ecotourists attractions**: mangroves, beaches and an old port.

**Activities**: nature observation, ecosystems, flora, fauna, interpretative trekking, Kayak ride, photographic safari and historical tour.
On this tour, we will take you from Merida to the beautiful Port of Sisal. Upon arrival you will be taken on a historic walking tour along its pier where you will embark on an unforgettable adventure along the coastline of the peninsula of Yucatan to the Bocana (estuary), where you will be able to observe a great variety and number of marine birds. We will travel on barges into the Ciénega, habitat of the American Flamingo (Phoenicopterus ruber), Frigatebird (Fragata magnificens), White Heron (Ardea alba), Snowy Egret (Egretta thula), Roseate Spoonbill (Platalea ajaja), Osprey (Pandion haliaetus) and a great number of migratory birds like the Redhead duck (Aythya americana).

You will tour the Ciénega to reach the Peten (small island with lush vegetation) and aboard chalanas you will make your way into higher jungle perennifolia and mangrove, habitat of the anteater, deer, wild boar, howler monkey, crocodile, ocelot and jaguar, among many others. Also found there are a great number of small and colorful birds like the green kingfisher (choroceryle americana), Yucatecan woodpecker (melanerpes pygmaeus) and parrot (aratinga nana). Towards the end of the tour we will arrive to Peten water hole, a natural pool of crystal clear water in the middle of the jungle, for a refreshing swim and to practice waterline. For lunch, you will have delicious fresh ceviche, accompanied by desert. Afterwards, you will be able to ride the natural wild toboggan, where you will be able to see fish such as bream and flag fish as we make our way to the boat to return to Sisal Port and later to Merida.

Ecotourists attractions: mangroves, beaches and petenes.

Activities: nature observation, interpretative trekking, photographic safari, snorkel, boat ride by the sea, tour by the bocana (ciénega).
Expedition “El Palmar”

On this trip we will discover the wonderful pirate port of Sisal, which adjoins with the State reserve “El Palmar” which is an area dedicated to the ecological preservation being the most important one at world level due to the different marine ecosystems, shoal dunes, bushes, mangroves and jungles.

This biking adventure, begins in the Sisal community where we will visit its historical sites and discover the different ecosystems that prevail on this reserve, eventually we will arrive to the paradisiac beach of “Punta Piedra” (stone point).

Ecotourists attractions: mangroves, shoal dunes y beaches.

Activities: nature observation, ecosystems, flora, fauna, bike riding, interpretative trekking, photographic safari and time to swim in the sea.
This tour consists of a trip from Merida to the quaint Port of Sisal, where we will embark from the pier to El Palmar lighthouse, the largest lighthouse in the Yucatecan peninsula, located in the natural and protected reserve of El Palmar. During this tour, we will arrive to a waterhole to do some fishing and swimming before heading out towards the lighthouse.

Upon arrival, we will tour the beach and its surroundings and enjoy swimming in the refreshing turquoise waters. Lunch will consist of delicious fresh ceviche and coconut milk, to later set up camp on the beach front. In this tour, we intend to go on a night tour in search of bioluminescence and the contemplation of the universe. We will end the night with some delicious fish quesadillas around a bonfire.

On the following day starting at 8:00 am, we will explore the virgin beaches to observe marine birds and collect sea shells. When we return to camp, we will go up the lighthouse to enjoy the incredible view of El Palmar cienega on one side and the Gulf of Mexico on the other side.

We will end our time there, with a swim in the beautiful virgin beach, before takin the boat back to Sisal Port, where you will be given free time to explore the beautiful pirate port and enjoy its rich local cuisine.

Ecotourists attractions: mangroves, coastal dune, lighthouse and beaches.

Activities: nature observation, ecosystems, flora, fauna, bike riding, interpretative trekking, photographic safari and time to swim in the sea.
This adventure begins from downtown Merida and goes to the village of Sabache, where we will arrive to an incredible cenote with turquoise water, “Calcuch”, home of the motmot or Tooj (momotus momota), to enjoy a refreshing swim surrounded by breathtaking beauty. Afterwards, we will set up camp and we will enjoy a Yucatecan lunch (salbutes, panuchos, polcanes). After lunch, we will practice snorkeling which consists of exploration of the cenote walls, looking for fossils of a reef consisting of coral, biscuit sea stars, urchins, among other fossils.

Slackline lessons will be given at the entrance in the afternoon. After this, we will penetrate into the Mayab jungle for animal watching and vegetation identification. Come nightfall, we will have an Eco friendly bonfire and dinner.

The following morning, we will tour the paths for the observation and identification of local birds, then return to the cenote for a spirit cleansing Yoga class to relax our muscles, followed by a rejuvenating dip in the purifying Waters of this magical cenote. Lastly, we will return to Merida after our relaxing experience.

Ecotourists attractions: Cenote Calcuch.

Activities: nature observation and fossils, photographic safari, snorkel and slackline.