



mahekal  
beach resort

## EXECUTIVE CHEF CRESCENCIANO NEREY

As Executive Chef, Crescenciano Nerey oversees all food and beverage operations at Mahekal Beach Resort's four diverse and seasonally inspired restaurants and bars - including the new oceanfront, "Tulum-style" restaurant and bar, Fuego Restaurante y Cantina. While utilizing his depth of knowledge, creativity and a hands-on cooking method, Nerey has developed a farm-to-table menu, offering dishes of local meats, fresh seafood and produce.

Nerey is a progressive culinary professional that brings more than 28 years of extensive experience in the culinary field and hospitality industry. He joins Mahekal Beach Resort most recently from Grand Velas Group where he worked at several luxury, all-inclusive resorts as Executive Sous Chef and Banquet Chef, overseeing all operations and administration of the kitchen. Previously, Nerey served in roles ranging from Kitchen Supervisor to Executive Chef at a number of notable establishments throughout Mexico, including Hotel Las Palomas Beach & Golf Resort, Condominiums Las Camelias in Nuevo Vallarta, Hotel Marival, as well as the Four Seasons Hotel Resort. Nerey began his culinary career at the four-star Hotel Holiday Inn in Puerto Vallarta, first as the Specialties Manager and then as Executive Sous Chef, where he was responsible for the operation of the kitchen.

With a passion for dazzling flavors and natural ingredients, as well as drawing inspiration from the Mayan philosophy on farming, Nerey uses only local fare from the fisherman and farmers in the area to create flavorful unique dishes that utilize traditional herbs. Featuring a new menu every day based on what can be harvested in the area, all dishes are cooked in a wood-fired oven and open grill, and served in a relaxed atmosphere surrounded by candlelight and lush jungle. While paying homage to the local food ways, imaginative offerings devote itself to the fine combination of fresh, local flavors, traditional cooking methods, thoughtfully selected wine list and superior cuisine.

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### ABOUT MAHEKAL BEACH RESORT

Nestled between the dense Riviera Maya jungle and Playa del Carmen's longest stretch of beach, spanning 920 pristine feet, lies Mexico's newest resort, Mahekal Beach Resort. The newly re-designed beachfront retreat introduces an entirely new experience with the same authentic concept, and now features 196 individual palapa-style bungalows, all less than a two-minute walk from the turquoise waters of the Caribbean Sea. Additional new amenities include three swimming pools, a pristine infinity pool, seaside hot tub, a new Mayan-inspired Revive Spa, state-of-the-art fitness center, three completely renovated restaurants (Las Olas, Cocina and Fuego Restaurante y Cantina) and four bars (Boli's, Itzi, Las Olas and Fuego Restaurante y Cantina). From the famed 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue with boutique shopping, chic cafes and flavorful fare, to ancient Mayan ruins in Tulum and dazzling

underwater caves at Xcaret!, Playa del Carmen provides exhilarating nightlife and local culture, just steps outside Mahekal Beach Resort. For more information on Mahekal Beach Resort, visit [www.mahekalbeachresort.com](http://www.mahekalbeachresort.com) or call toll-free 1(877) 235 4452. To engage with the resort socially, visit [Facebook.com/mahekalbeachresort](https://www.facebook.com/mahekalbeachresort) or find us on Twitter at @MahekalPlaya or on Instagram at @mahekal\_beach\_resort.