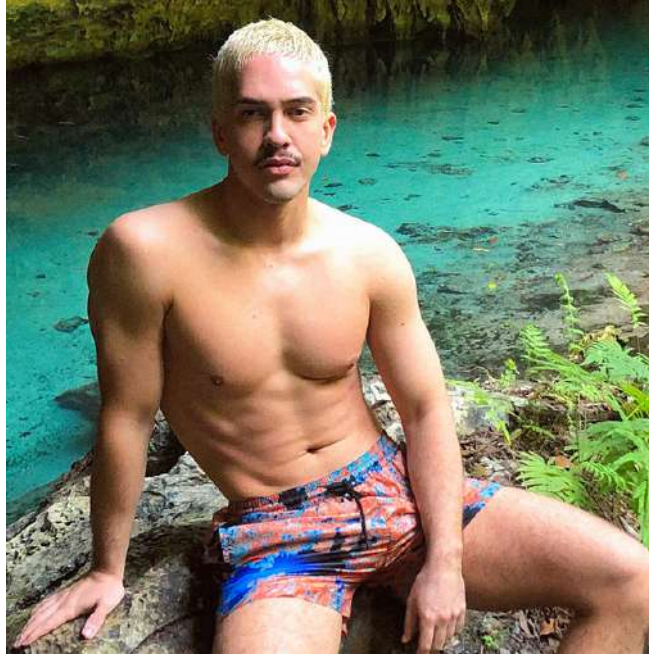


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## You'll Wanna Move to Playa del Carmen After Seeing This Gorgeous Resort

Your followers won't be ready for this Mexi-CONTENT.



**A**fter staying in Playa del Carmen, Mexico, for four days, I secretly wished my flight to New York City would be canceled so my beachy Instagram content and I could live happily ever after. Sadly, that didn't happen, but a guy can dream.

I stayed at Mahekal Beach Resort, and not only was the location incredible, but everything else—from the hospitality to the bungalow-style accommodations—helped me relax immediately. As soon as I stepped foot in the lobby, I heard birds chirping, the waves crashing, and trees rustling. It felt truly magical, which in Mayan happens to mean "mahekal."

You might want to pack more than one outfit a day because there are just too many photo ops: I'm talking four sparkling swimming pools, a seaside hot tub, a spa and fitness center, five restaurants and bars...and even when you're standing somewhere random, it still makes for a gorgeous Insta moment.

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## *1. FIRST UP, GRAB A DRINK (AND SOME FOOD).*

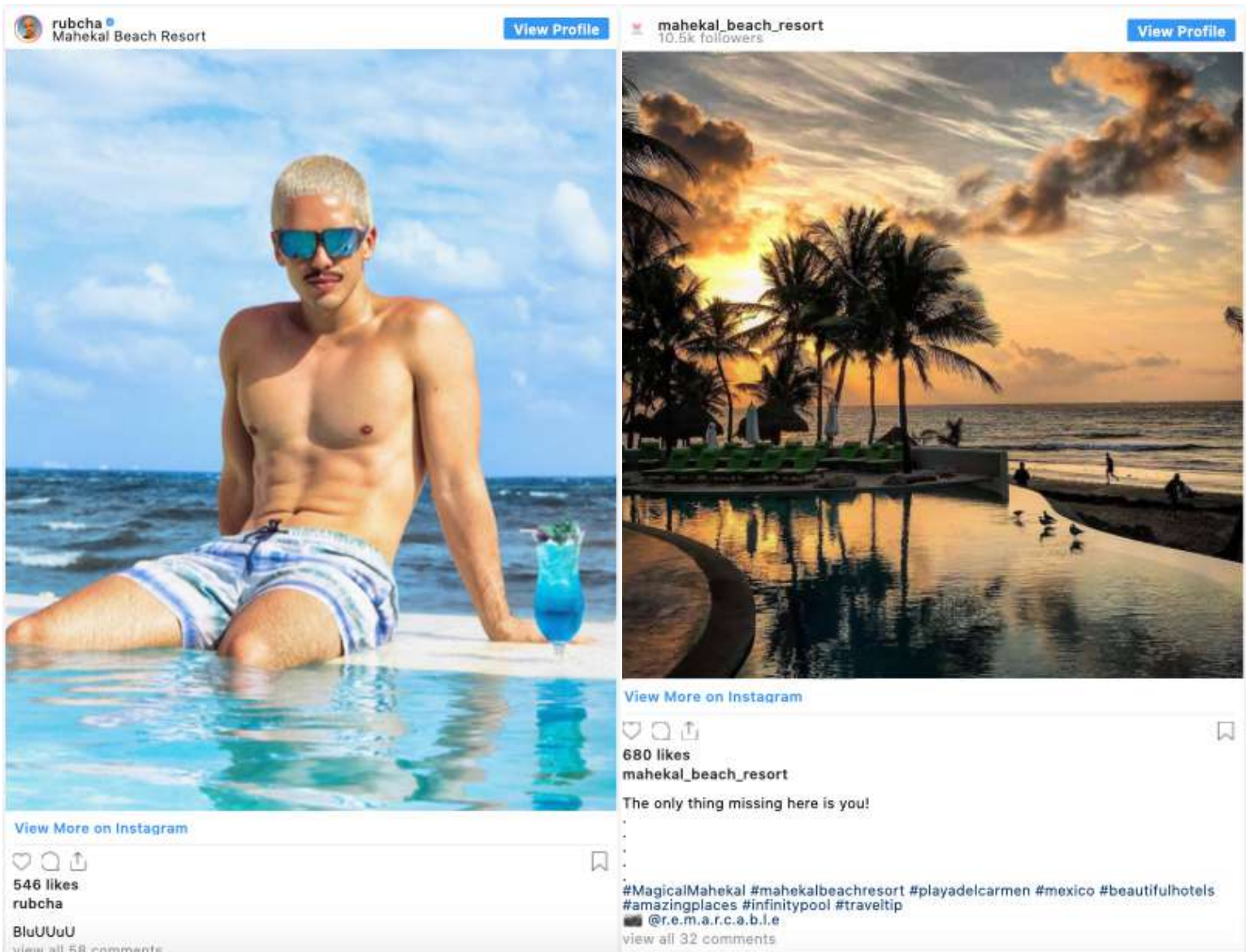
Not once was I empty-handed by the pool, always sipping on delicious cocktails, like sweet tamarind-infused margaritas. The five restaurants across the hotel, which serve traditional Mexican and Latin American cuisine, each have different vibes so you and your palette will never be bored. (But \*def\* try the Chilean sea bass and duck risotto with truffle oil.)





## 2. GO POOL-HOPPING.

I obviously started at the oceanfront infinity pool that looks like it blends into the Caribbean Ocean, but you should also hit the swim-up bar pool (it's perfect for lazy people like me). For a more relaxing, intimate moment, take a dip in the jungle pool. It's a secluded area surrounded by trees and bushes, and if you look up you'll see hundreds of birds, like blue-crowned motmots and green jays. You might even catch an iguana or two chilling by the pool.





### ***3. EAT ALL THE FRESH FISH YOUR HEART DESIRES.***

No, I didn't catch this myself—it was actually so heavy my arm was shaking. During this very special lunch a Mayan chef walked us through the process of prepping and cooking fish—in this case, bass with traditional Yucatan spices and techniques.





## *4. JUST TAKE IN ALL THE STUNNING SIGHTS.*

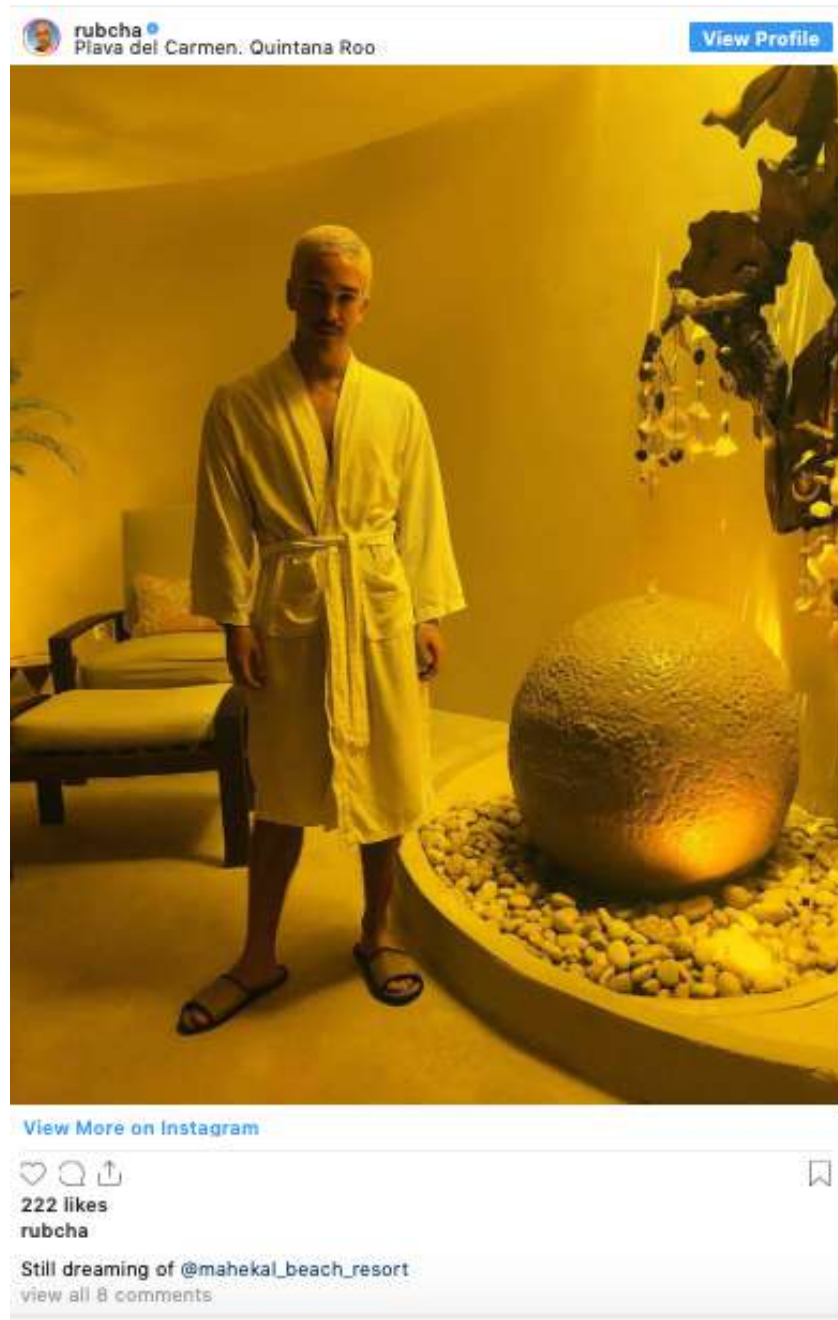
The hotel has a bohemian vibe mixed with colorful accents and handcrafted touches: Think woven outdoor furniture, natural palapa ceilings, and hammocks everywhere you turn. It all feels luxurious yet authentic—10/10 recommend not looking at your phone while walking around, because gems are everywhere.





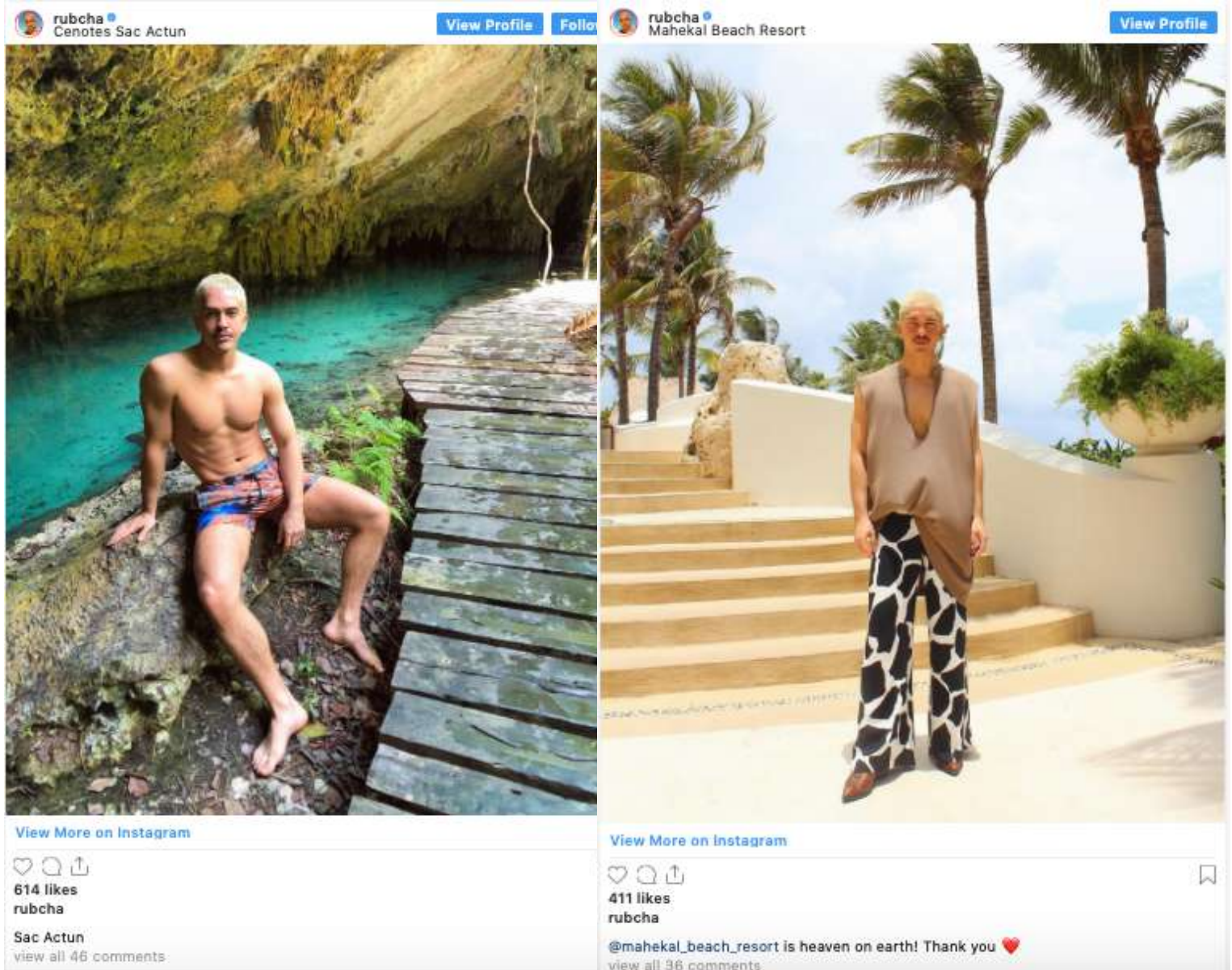
## 5. TAKE A TRIP TO THE SPA—YOU DESERVE IT.

Just when I thought I fully understood how Zen this place could be, I treated myself at the revival spa with a massage therapy session, and I haven't been the same since. The resort offers a large selection of treatments, but I went with the aromatherapy massage, which was super rejuvenating. I walked out feeling as light as a feather.



## 6. DIVE INTO THESE COOL CENOTES.

*Psst*—wanna fulfill your little mermaid dream? This is it. A cenote is a deep, water-filled pit created when the roof of an underground cavern collapses. All I know is that it's the most beautiful pit I've ever seen, and this is something you **MUST** do. Don't sit out just because the water's cold—you'll warm up as you swim. And yes, you'll see hundreds of bats inside the cave, but they're chill.



## 7. DON'T BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR PICS!!!

Capture as much content as you can, and don't let traveling alone stop you—the staff will help you ~find your light~. If you're on the extra side (hello, it me), you can also plan your outfits—like my lime-green pool moment—to match the hotel. You're welcome.