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Magical Mahekal in Colorful Mexico

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Mariachi music, vivid colors, beachside palapas, vibrant bougainvillea and tequila all come to mind when you think of Mexico. It is a place where you can immerse yourself in culture as you savor the rich flavors of Maya cuisine and feel the beat of Latin music.

Playa del Carmen is often associated with expansive high-rise resorts, but Mahekal Beach Resort stands alone in that you will never need an elevator. The palm trees are the tallest things on property and the feeling is one of a jungle escape. So, pack your flip-flops and beach gear and join me at this amazing Mexican resort.

Mahekal's history dates back 50 years and started with a few thatched-roof palapas. Now, it is a Mexican retreat that does not skimp on the luxury amenities, ranging from the four crystal-clear pools to the details found in the accommodations including some with private plunge

pools and outdoor showers. To ensure you get unplugged, you won't find TVs in the guest rooms, but there is plenty to do with local shops, bars and restaurants along nearby Quinta Avenida (5th Avenue) and the on-site Revive Spa, where you can indulge in a culturally inspired treatment to balance your mind, body and spirit.

Finding and featuring the unique is something we love to do and Mahekal Beach Resort offered us two experiences you can't miss. First, is the Maya Culinary Casita where an intimate jungle garden sets the stage for an epicurean journey. Mahekal's culinary team prepare an authentic Maya lunch in a thatched-roof hut with an earthen fire pit. Sipping xtabentún, an authentic Mexican liqueur, and savoring the flavors of Fish Tikin Xik and traditional lime and chicken soup were memorable to say the least.

Mahekal also takes "fish to fork" to a new level. Twice each week, local fishermen pull their boats right on to Fuego Beach

where Chef Nerey chooses his menu items moments after being plucked from the sea. It doesn't get any fresher!

Whether for a romantic getaway, honeymoon or beachside destination wedding, Mahekal Beach Resort provides a perfect blend of relaxation and play, nature and culture in a setting of romance and luxury.

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