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## MAHEKAL BEACH RESORT PLAYA DEL CARMEN, MEXICO

One of Mexico's finest tropical escapes awaits at Mahekal Beach Resort, perfectly positioned along the sunny Playa Del Carmen coast. Renowned for its rich history, friendly staff, and "magical" allure, Mahekal is the perfect solution for affluent travelers who want more from their time south of the border than one might find at the typical "all inclusive" resort. The lush landscape, white sandy beaches, and views of the neighboring island of Cozumel provide the perfect backdrop for this stunning oceanside retreat. Located just steps from Playa's popular Quinta Avenida (5th Avenue), Mahekal's pristine resort property includes an array of luxury amenities and services that guarantee memories to last a lifetime.

Upon arrival at Cancún International Airport, guests are greeted with a warm smile and a refreshingly cold margarita (an amenity you will almost certainly appreciate, given the warm air and humidity). The greeting is led by the property's resort concierge, Boli, and a genuinely friendly staff that seem fully committed to ensuring your experience is never to be forgotten. A short ride through Quintana Roo brings you to Playa del Carmen and this remarkable one-of-a-kind resort.

With its deep roots in local culture and tradition, Mahekal's history dates back over 50 years when a local family decided to build six thatched-roof *palapas* (huts) on the beach for travelers to rent. Every *peso* of profit was reinvested in new bungalows, and today the resort features more than 100 individual palapas and includes recent enhancements completed via a three-year, \$16 million reimagining.

Rooms at this exquisite resort come in an assortment of floor plans ranging from oceanfront casitas to jungle bungalows. You'll find seaside beach houses with private plunge pools and outdoor moon showers, as well as Treehouse Rooms that afford the opportunity to fully enjoy the resort's lush gardens and fauna. One amenity you won't find, however, is a TV in the guest accommodations. It's Mahekal's way of encouraging travelers to engage with the resort's natural environment and escape from the cares of city life. Two-bedroom suites, luxury penthouse units, and longer term stays via *La Residencia* make Mahekal Beach Resort the perfect choice during your visit to Playa del Carmen.

Light fare and gourmet cuisine are available at on-site restaurants *Cocina*, *Fuego Restaurante y Cantina*, *Itzi* (named after a Mayan princess), *Boli's Bar*, and the property's flagship *Las Olas Restaurant and Bar*. Other notable dining options include the "Catch of the Day" program, boasting fresh oceanic selections delivered directly off the boat, and the *Mayan Culinary Casita*, an epicurean adventure featuring a taste of Mayan culture that's guaranteed to make an impression. Both were favorites of *Jetset* during our stay.

Mahekal's *Revive Spa* sets the stage for additional relaxation, with Mayan-inspired treatments in a 2,500 square-foot facility that infuses bohemian styles with rich, colorful Mexican accents. The spa utilizes locally sourced organic ingredients, and the entire experience has been meticulously designed to achieve the ultimate feeling of tranquility.

Additional amenities include on-site fitness and dive centers, a nightly beachside fire pit, complimentary use of the resorts bicycles, a local artisan boutique, and a plethora of activities designed to satisfy any appetite for adventure. [MahekalBeachResort.com](http://MahekalBeachResort.com)



Deluxe Ocean Front Suite



Mahekal Beach Resort Lobby



Las Olas Pool



In-suite Hammocks



Fuego Restaurante



Beach House