

Maya Treasure of the Yucatán

From **21/11/2021**
to **28/11/2021**

Ship: **LE CHAMPLAIN**

From **Cozumel**
to **Cozumel**



Round trip transfers from Playa del Carmen to
Cozumel

PONANT brings you an itinerary around the Mexican peninsula of **Yucatán**. Embark on an **8-day cruise** aboard **Le Champlain** to discover the treasures of the **Mayan civilisation**.

Your first port of call at Seybaplaya will be an opportunity to discover the city of **Campeche**, established by the conquistadors. Listed as a **UNESCO World Heritage site**, it has retained its surrounding wall and fortifications.

Le Champlain will then set sail for Progreso, famous of its immaculate sand beaches, and the gateway to more wonders. First, **Mérida**, the capital of the state of Yucatán, offers a pleasant mix of **colonial architecture** and Mayan heritage. Next, the famous **ancient city of Uxmal**, whose impressive dimensions reveal the former greatness of the Mayan economic and political capital.

Lastly, don't miss the chance to discover the **Chaak Tun cenote**, one of the spectacular sinkholes once regarded by the Maya as passageways to the world of the gods.



The information in this document is valid as of 20/10/2021

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YOUR STOPOVERS :

COZUMEL

Embarkation 21/11/2021 from 4:00 pm to 5:30 pm

Departure 21/11/2021 at 9:00 pm

Off the Riviera Maya, **Cozumel** is Mexico's second largest island. Located at the northern extremity of the **Mesoamerican Barrier Reef System**, the island is renowned for its snorkelling and diving sites and the incredible **clarity of its waters** protected by a marine park. The island's coasts and interior are also full of treasures: sacred Maya sites devoted to medicine, love and fertility; cenotes; a museum; an ecological reserve; mangroves; lagoons; coastal dunes; long unspoiled beaches. Don't hesitate to climb to the top of the lighthouse in the Punta Sur Nature Reserve in the island's south, to admire the panorama of these **wild expanses** from above.

AT SEA

Arrival 22/11/2021

Departure 22/11/2021

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

SEYBAPLAYA

Arrival 23/11/2021 early morning

Departure 23/11/2021 late afternoon

Seybaplaya is a small commercial port located in the western part of the **Yucatán Peninsula**, 30 km south of the state capital, Campeche. This wild coastline is carved out by clear rocks that plunge into the **emerald waters of the Gulf of Mexico**; the road that connects this small port to the port of Campeche crosses the virtually uninhabited expanses of vegetation of this sparsely populated state. This stop off the beaten path will let you discover the **charms of this former colonial fortified town** with pastel-coloured, partially pedestrianised, little streets.

PROGRESO

Arrival 24/11/2021 early morning

Departure 25/11/2021 evening

On the **Yucatan Peninsula**, the charming seaside town of Progreso will delight visitors seeking authenticity. In addition to its magnificent sandy beaches and pleasant seafront promenade, the town offers ideal access to the **former Mayan cities of Chichen Itza and Uxmal**. **UNESCO** World Heritage sites, they allow visitors to be truly immersed in Pre-Columbian Mexico, discovering one of the world's most mysterious civilisations. In the surroundings, be sure to visit **Mérida**, capital of the Mexican state of Yucatán. Called "**the White City**" due to the colour of the limestone used to build its dwellings, this old colonial city, built on the ruins of a Mayan site, offers a mix of tradition and modernity, colonial architecture and Mayan heritage.

AT SEA

Arrival 26/11/2021

Departure 26/11/2021

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

COZUMEL

Arrival 27/11/2021 early morning

Disembarkation 28/11/2021 at 7:00 am

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