

# HOTEL ESENCIA

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## LOCATION

Hotel Esencia is located fifty minutes south of Cancún and thirty minutes north of Tulum by car. Perfectly secluded from the world around it, the property is surrounded on the north by the primitive Mayan jungle and on the south by Xpu-Ha cove, often referred as the most beautiful stretch of the Mayan Riviera.

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## ABOUT

Hotel Esencia is a majestic 50-acre estate at the midpoint between Tulum and Playa del Carmen in Mexico. It has long enjoyed a storied past in this ancestral cradle of culture, cuisine, and comfort. Originally built as the private hideaway home of an Italian duchess on the most beautiful beach of the Mayan Riviera, it later became a hotel, and, for some time, has been a sought after destination for honeymooners seduced by the serene comforts of this timeless mansion.

The Main House remains the hotel's centerpiece, around which footpaths lead to only 45 suites and 3 villas where guests enjoy genuine privacy and top flight hospitality. Ideally situated far from huge resorts and the roar of pleasure boats, the immaculate bay of Xpu-Ha is a natural haven where each year sea turtles make their nests. Hotel Esencia invites the happy few who know how rare it is to find a place that is truly unique, to make it their home in the tropics.

## CONCEPT

A new chapter began in 2014 with the arrival of a new owner and a bold, worldly outlook on how to savor paradise. The estate's provenance as a place of leisure for nobility is the guiding inspiration for a modern reimagining. While preserving the many qualities of the hotel, every detail was redefined and reinvigorated. The strong architectural features of the hotel are reinforced by an entire collection of furniture designed especially for the hotel, as well as hand-woven rugs, bed throws and table tops. All are subtly paying a homage to mid century design and art in Mexico and more generally places of leisure from California to the French Riviera to Acapulco.

A particular attention is given to food and beverage, with 3 restaurants and bars and a coffee & juice bar. Alongside with the epicurean preoccupation come the Spa and Technogym fitness room, aimed to cultivate beauty, balance, and peace. Artworks by seminal 20th century artists; mid-century modern furniture and a curated collection of art and design books adorn guest rooms and the hotel salons and library. All the while, public spaces are subtly filled with a music play list conceived by celebrated sound designer Michel Gaubert. A fresh visual identity and website realized with the beautiful animations of none other than Pierre Le Tan.

## GUEST ROOMS

Every room at Hotel Esencia by any other standard would be called a suite. The private terrace and sitting area of the rooms offer a peaceful view on the trees canopy or an impressive panorama of the Caribbean.

### JUNGLE SUITE

As close to the beach as possible without facing the beach itself, these quiet, cooling sanctuaries encircle the estate's tropical gardens. Available with one king or two queen beds, these spacious suites have a large private outdoor dining terrace with sofa and feature extra large all-white bathrooms with double showers, double sinks, an in-room double bathtub, walk-in closets, wide-screen smart TVs, *bluetooth* speakers that connect to iPhones and other digital accessories, air conditioning, and all of Hotel Esencia's signature amenities.

Some Jungle Suites are in their own stand-alone buildings, available with one king bed plus an optional rollaway (*sleeps up to 2 adults /1 child*).

Others are equally spacious but configured differently, available with either one king bed or two queen beds (*sleeps up to 2 adults/2 children*).

Some Jungle Suites are available to connect to our Master Beach Suites, an ideal combination for families or friends traveling together. Please be sure to consult with our reservations team to ensure the in-room configuration of your choice.

*95 m<sup>2</sup>*

### JUNGLE SUITE WITH PLUNGE POOL

A plunge pool, rain-like shower room, one king bed, and spacious outdoor dining terrace with sofa distinguish every Jungle Suite with Plunge Pool is uniquely equipped for calm and restoration.

Some suites feature an indoors plunge pool while in others it is featured outdoors within a terrace solarium. All suites in this category feature spacious bathrooms, walk-in closets, wide-screen smart TVs, and sound systems that are easy to connect to iPhones and other digital accessories.

Bathtub upon request.

*69 m<sup>2</sup> - Sleeps 2 adults, however extra beds are available (maximum 2 adults/2 children)*

### ROOFTOP WELLNESS SUITE

Our most exciting new addition, these premiere suites are truly at the top of their category in every way. Within three minutes walking distance from the beach, these new duplex suites are on the top two floors of independent bungalow buildings. Featuring a private fitness studio comprised of the virtual personal trainer *The Mirror*, or a personal *Peloton* bicycle, or personal *Technogym* running machine upon request, all of them feature a personal *Technogym* weight set, yoga mats, and a steam room/shower with our own blend of essential oils aromatherapy. TRX suspension training equipment available upon request. One more level up is a spacious rooftop terrace with a private heated pool, solarium, and outdoor shower - immersed within the jungle canopy. All Rooftop Wellness Suites feature an extra large king bedroom with seating area, a large outdoor dining terrace with sofa, extremely spacious all-white master bathrooms with double showers, double sinks, and walk-in closets. These suites also include wide-screen WiFi connected televisions, air conditioning, *bluetooth* speakers that connect to iPhones and other digital accessories, and all of Hotel Esencia's signature amenities. These suites are available to connect via an interior or exterior staircase to a Jungle Suite with Plunge Pool below on the ground floor.

*102 m<sup>2</sup> + 70m m<sup>2</sup> rooftop - Sleeps 2 adults, however extra beds are available (maximum 2 adults/2 children)*

### OCEAN SUITE

Located in the Main House or Guest House, Ocean Suites feature 1 king bed, a master bathroom suite, spacious sitting areas with sofa, private terraces with partial or full ocean views, walk-in closets, ceiling fans and air conditioning, wide-screen smart TVs, sound systems that are easy to connect to iPhones and other digital accessories, and Hotel Esencia signature amenities.

*86 m<sup>2</sup> - Sleeps 2 adults, however extra beds are available (maximum 2 adults/2 children)*

### PENTHOUSE SUITE

Our Penthouse Suite is truly a luxury apartment in the sky with sweeping jungle views high above the treetops. Perched three levels above our palm garden, this spectacular two storey suite features a master bedroom with 1 king bed, a separate adjoining room, a spacious bathroom suite with double sinks, bathtub and walk-in shower, and an outdoor dining terrace with sofa. Up a short staircase is a private rooftop terrace with heated plunge pool and champagne bar. With ceiling fans and air conditioning, wide-screen smart TVs, sound systems that connect to iPhones and other digital accessories, and Hotel Esencia signature amenities.

*87m<sup>2</sup> - Sleeps 2 adults, however extra beds are available (maximum 2 adults/2 children)*

### MASTER SUITE

Located in and near the Main House, the six Master Suites directly face the sea, offering lovely views of the grounds, our main pools, and the Caribbean. With a king bed, master bathroom, grand terraces and private heated plunge pools, these are the architectural diamonds of Hotel Esencia, steeped in history and world-class luxury. All accommodations at Hotel Esencia feature walk-in closets, large screen WiFi connected televisions, sound systems that connect to iPhones and other digital accessories, air conditioning, and all of Hotel Esencia's signature amenities.

*70 m<sup>2</sup>-106 m<sup>2</sup> - Sleeps 2 adults*

### BEACH SUITE

Barely 20 meters from the sea, Beach Suite features a private beachfront terrace, spacious bathrooms including double showers with direct ocean views, an in-room double bathtub, air conditioning, and all of Hotel Esencia's signature amenities. All accommodations at Hotel Esencia feature walk-in closets, wide-screen smart TVs, sound systems that connect to iPhones and other digital accessories.

*105m<sup>2</sup> - Sleeps 2 adults, however extra beds are available (maximum 2 adults/1 child)*

### MASTER BEACH SUITE

Each of our two spectacular Master Beach Suites is designed with an eye toward maximum privacy, comfort, and independence. With windows on three sides, and extremely spacious bathrooms with love seats, these suites also include a private heated plunge pool.

The ground level Master Beach Suite features an outdoor plunge pool surrounded by a terrace with built-in seating, while the upper level suite features an extremely private heated plunge pool next to the double walk-in shower.

Our Master Beach Suites are available to connect to an Esencia Jungle Suite for families or friends traveling together who wish to have the entire top or entire bottom floor of the building to themselves for maximum privacy.

*115m<sup>2</sup> - Sleeps 2 adults, however extra beds are available (maximum 2 adults/1 child)*

### POOL VILLA

These Duplex 2-bedroom residences feature a master suite with 1 king bed, a bathroom suite with separate walk-in shower and bath tub, private outdoor terrace with seating area and hammock, and a second room with 2 queen beds and a bathroom with shower. The ground level features a large private heated swimming pool, outdoor terraces with seating and dining table, a spacious living-dining room, a guest bathroom, complete media room with wide-screen smart TV. With ceiling fans and air conditioning, sound systems that are easy to connect to iPhones and other digital accessories, Butler service and Hotel Esencia signature amenities.

*336 m<sup>2</sup> - Sleeps 4 adults or 3 adults and 2 children or 2 adults and 3 children (maximum 5 guests)*

### PRIVATE VILLA

'Yum-Ha' is a majestic colonial-style Villa discreetly located on a lush 15 acre property right next to Hotel Esencia. The 4-bedroom Villa is just a 3 minute walk from the beach and can accommodate up to 8 people. The Main House features ensuite bathrooms and private terraces overlooking the garden, a Mexican style kitchen, living room, dining room, and a terrace with outdoor dining area.

Villa Yum-Ha features a large swimming pool and comes with a private butler and house keeping services.

### PRESIDENTIAL BUNGALOW

Our most private suite, this Caribbean style beach front bungalow - on its own 2,800m<sup>2</sup> independent property - features all the comforts and signature amenities of Hotel Esencia. This exceptional suite under a large palapa roof features a master king bedroom overlooking the sea, an adjacent living area convertible to a second bedroom, a spacious master bathroom suite with double sinks, bathtub and shower, a large walk-in closet, a guest bathroom with shower, and a large wrap-around outdoor terrace with unobstructed views of the paradisiac Xpu-Ha beach.

This breathtaking suite includes 40m of private beachfront, with sunbeds and a large beach palapa for lounging or beachfront private dining. With wide-screen WiFi-connected smart TV, sound system, ceiling fans and air conditioning, butler service, and all Hotel Esencia amenities.

*90 m<sup>2</sup> with 130 m<sup>2</sup> terrace- Sleeps 2 adults, however extra beds are available (maximum 4 adults)*

## AMENITIES

- Private beach
- Heated pools
- Spa & Healthclub
- Technogym fitness room
- Complimentary sunrise yoga
- 3 Restaurants
- Beach bar
- Coffee bar
- Juice bar
- Complimentary morning coffee & pastries
- 24hr room service
- Nespresso machine in-room
- Complimentary afternoon tea
- Daily fruit basket
- Complimentary beach bag
- Watersports gear use free of charge
- Complimentary Havaiana sandals
- Fine european linens
- Safes in-room
- Hotel safe deposit box
- Free 200mb wireless internet
- HD smart TVs, DVD players, and movie library
- In-room sound systems that to connect to iPhones and other digital accessories
- 24hr concierge
- Maid service twice daily
- Multilingual staff
- Packing and unpacking services
- Library / conference room

*Charges apply for the following services:*

- Express dry cleaning and laundry service
- Chauffeur-driven cars
- Catering for all occasions
- Private trainers/ massage therapists
- Babysitting services
- Secretarial and translation services

## RESTAURANTS

Dining at Hotel Esencia is at once a culinary voyage and a coming home. Meals are simple yet sophisticated, drawing as much from Mexico's eclectic range of regional cuisines as from the well-loved comforts of Mediterranean cooking. Ingredients are sourced locally from farmers and artisans in Quintana Roo, or further afield from the places in Mexico known for exemplary delicacies—moles from Oaxaca, fruits from Yucatán, and wines from Baja.

*Beefbar Esencia* - A true epicurean experience thanks to a menu based on simplicity, the finest high-quality ingredients, and a selection of exceptional meat cuts from Australian Black Onyx and Wx Wagyu beef, and Certified Japanese Kobe beef. Simple, comfort food delicacies prepared to order in our open kitchen and brick oven. An international reference for all meat lovers since 2005, the Michelin star winning team has found a new home in the heart of our luscious Palm Garden.

*Mistura Xpu-Ha* - A refined and authentic Mexican gastronomic experience under a towering beachfront 'palapa' with spectacular 180 degree views. Offering a creative selection of seafood dishes and specialties from the grill, with the best ingredients of Mexico's Yucatan peninsula and beyond. This sea-to-table experience now features a roaring new open fire grill.

*Café Esencia* - Situated between the pools and the beach, Café Esencia is a picturesque spot to start one's day. With an emphasis on seasonal ingredients and apt updates to coastal staples from Latin America and around the world. Enjoy casual family dining options - salads and sandwiches, fresh fish, tacos, and ceviches - the perfect complements to siesta and surf.

An addition to *Café Esencia*, our *Coffee Bar* offers coffee lovers a wide selection of coffee beans from different regions in Mexico as well as renowned international brands. All coffee beverages are prepared with freshly ground beans and brewed on demand. A selection of mouth-watering house made Mexican pastries are also on display. Our *Juice Bar*, offers a delicious selection of freshly squeezed juices, smoothies made to order, and our popular superfood bowls.

## ACTIVITIES

Situated squarely between Tulum and Playa del Carmen, Mayan archaeological sites, underground cenotes and some of the Riviera's best nightclubs, all are only 20 minutes away. For an adventure only steps off the hotel's beach, there is a reef sanctuary for sea turtles and colorful exotic fish - one of the region's best kept secrets. Concierge is at your service to arrange a multitude of activities from scuba diving, horseback riding, deep-sea fishing, and golf as well as excursions to Mayan ruins and guided tours of underground rivers locally referred to as cenotes.

## SPA & HEALTHCLUB

*Esencia Spa* offers treatments inspired by traditional Mayan healing rituals, as well as facial treatments from all-natural skincare brand *Tata Harper*.

At the east end of the 50-acre private estate surrounded by lush Mayan jungle is Hotel Esencia's Spa and Health Club, which overlooks the estate's cenote and exuberant jungle. Housed under towering traditional 'palapa' thatched roofs, and designed for good energy flow, the health club and spa integrate hallmarks of modern well-being with ancient customs of cultivating beauty, balance, and peace. The spa journey begins with a traditional Mayan kitchen laboratory where therapists tailor bespoke, restorative programs, using the purest ingredients harvested from the waters of the Caribbean and soil from the Mayan jungle.

The climate-controlled fitness center features *Technogym* cardio and weights equipment, and upon request, personal training sessions. Guests also enjoy complimentary yoga lessons every morning.

Our newest health club additions: a brand new infrared dry sauna with jungle views, a relaxing waterfall pool, swiss showers, and the 'Mirror' - a virtual personal trainer, a state of the art device that allows guests to join live cardio, yoga, and pilates classes among others, or choose from an extensive library of workouts.

## PRIVATE EVENTS

Whether intimate or grand, events at Hotel Esencia offer all the boutique services and conveniences of nearby Cancún, but are utterly removed from the noise of other seaside resorts to the north and south. The estate can accommodate up to 300 people for weddings, holidays, reunions, or any other occasion that is meant to be unforgettable.

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