

# 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 38 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.

Eleven new suites make their debut this season offering the ultimate "barefoot in the sand" experience imagined to satisfy the most discerning traveller.

## 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, over the coming year its every detail is being 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 throw 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 the arrival of a new executive chef and the development of a new beach bar. Alongside with the epicurean preoccupation come a new spa and Technogym fitness program with pilates reformers and a cold-pressed juice bar. 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. 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 a new 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 ROOM*

Available with 1 King or 2 Queen beds, the Jungle Rooms have a total of 60 sqm. including the private terrace with seating area and feature private terrace with sofa, complimentary mini-bar soft drinks, walk-in closet, HDTV/DVD, iPod sound system, ceiling fan and air conditioning, deluxe bathroom with separate walk-in shower and tub upon request, safe, and Hotel Esencia signature amenities.

Jungle rooms are enveloped by the palm jungle set back 200 meters from the main house but only a short two minute walk to the beach and restaurants.

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

### *JUNGLE SUITE*

With the option of 1 King or 2 Queen beds, subject to availability. Jungle Suites feature a private terrace with sofa, complimentary mini-bar soft drinks, walk-in closet, in-room double bathtub, HDTV/DVD, iPod sound system, ceiling fan and air conditioning, deluxe bathroom with separate walk-in shower, safe, and Hotel Esencia signature amenities.

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

### *JUNGLE SUITE WITH PLUNGE POOL*

With the option of 1 King or 2 Queen beds, subject to availability. These Jungle Suites feature a private plunge pool, terrace with sofa, complimentary mini-bar soft drinks, walk-in closet, HDTV/DVD, iPod sound system, ceiling fan and air conditioning, deluxe bathroom with separate walk-in shower, safe, and Hotel Esencia signature amenities. Bathtub or solarium upon request.

*Sleeps 2 adults, however extra beds are available (maximum 2 adults/1 child)*

### *OCEAN SUITE*

In the main house or guest house featuring 1 King bed, a master bathroom suite, a spacious sitting area with sofa, a private terrace with partial or full ocean views, complimentary mini-bar soft drinks, walk-in closet, HDTV/DVD, iPod sound system, ceiling fan and air conditioning, safe, and Hotel Esencia signature amenities.

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

### *BEACH SUITE*

Barely 20 meters from the sea featuring 1 King bed, a bathroom suite, a private beachfront terrace with full ocean views, an in-room double bathtub, walk-in closet, complimentary mini-bar soft drinks, HDTV/DVD, iPod sound system, ceiling fan and air conditioning, safe, and Hotel Esencia signature amenities.

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

### MASTER SUITE

In the main house featuring 1 King bed, master bathroom suite with separate walk-in shower and tub, a spacious sitting area with sofa, a large private terrace with full ocean and pool views, solarium or private heated plunge pool, complimentary non-alcoholic beverages in mini-bar, walk-in closet, HDTV/ DVD, iPod, ceiling fan and air conditioning, safe, Hotel Esencia signature amenities.  
70 m<sup>2</sup> & 106 m<sup>2</sup> - *Sleeps 2 adults.*

### POOL VILLA

With private pool, a duplex residence featuring a large living room, 2 bedrooms, 1 King bed, 2 Queen beds, a master bathroom suite with separate walk-in shower and tub, 2 additional bathrooms, a large private heated swimming pool, multiple terraces with seating and hammocks, complete media room with 52 inch HDTV/DVDs, iPod sound system, complimentary non-alcoholic beverages in mini-bar, walk-in closets, safe, and Hotel Esencia signature amenities.  
336 m<sup>2</sup> - *Sleeps 4 adults, however extra beds are available (maximum 5 adults/3 children)*

### PRIVATE VILLA

'Yum-Ha' is a majestic colonial-style Villa discreetly located on a lush 15 acre property right next to Hotel Esencia. The 3-bedroom Villa is just a 3 minute walk from the beach and can accommodate up to 9 people on 3 levels, while its Beachfront Cabaña - which sits right on the paradisiac Xpu-Ha beach - can accommodate up to 4 people. The property features ensuite bathrooms and private terraces overlooking the garden, a fully stocked kitchen, living room, dining room, and a terrace with outdoor dining area. Villa Yum-Ha comes with a private butler, private cook and house keeping services.

## AMENITIES

- Organic Spa
- Private Beach
- Heated Pools
- Technogym Fitness Room
- Sunrise Yoga
- 3 Restaurants
- Beach Bar
- Cold-Press Juice Bar
- Complimentary Afternoon Tea
- Morning Delivery - Pastries & Hot Beverages
- Daily Fruit Tray In-room
- Nespresso Machine In-room
- Complimentary Mini-bar Soft Drinks
- Complimentary Beach Bags
- Snorkeling Gear
- Courtesy Sandals
- Fine European Linens
- Safes In-Room
- Hotel Safe Deposit Boxes
- Free 60MB Wireless Internet
- Movies On-Demand
- HD TVs, DVD Players, and Movie Library
- iPod and Sound Systems In-room
- 24-hour Concierge
- Maid Service Twice Daily
- Express Dry Cleaning and Laundry Service
- Chauffeur-Driven Cars
- Secretarial and Translation Services
- Multilingual Staff
- Catering for All Occasions
- Packing and Unpacking Services
- Private Trainers/ Massage Therapists
- Babysitting 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. What is not taken from Hotel Esencia's own garden is 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.

*Mistura Xpu-Ha*, a multi-cultural gastronomic experience under a towering beachfront 'palapa' with spectacular 180 degree views. This new destination restaurant is overseen by one of the world's most exciting and influential chefs, Dimitris Katriveis, bringing a tropical peruvian style of cooking featuring a clever fusion of Peruvian and Japanese flavors together with the best ingredients of Mexico's Yucatan peninsula.

Situated between the pools and the beach, *The Pool Restaurant* 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, the menu is an ode to the south.

Located in the heart of the palm garden, *The Garden Restaurant* offers a refined take on Mexican cuisine from the Yucatán and beyond. While the décor and service might remind guests of an old world resort, the creative menus offer fresh approaches to tradition.

## ACTIVITIES

Situated squarely between Tulum and Playa del Carmen, Mayan Pyramids, 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

At the east end of the gardens is Hotel Esencia's new health club overlooking the estate's cenote. Housed under traditional palapa roofs, the fitness room, juice bar and spa integrate hallmarks of modern wellbeing with ancient customs of cultivating beauty, balance, and peace.

The spa begins with a state-of-the art laboratory where therapists tailor bespoke, restorative programs. Taking advantage of the hotel's Edenic location, the purest ingredients harvested from the waters of the Caribbean and the soil of surrounding Mayan jungles are the basis of every treatment. Guests leave Hotel Esencia cleansed and whole. It is a matchless experience of health that opens a new chapter to a life of sound mind and body.

The climate controlled fitness room features Technogym cardio machines, Pilates reformers available upon request, weights, and personal instruction in various body arts, all under a soaring thatched ceiling.

The Juice Bar crafts cold-pressed, made-to-order blends of locally grown fruits and vegetables — ideal refreshment to greet the day, recover from a workout, or to sip between spa treatments.

## 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 – even if it becomes a tradition repeated annually.

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