

# Post-AOPA Summit Mayan Adventure Campeche & Palenque

6 days / 5 nights

**Departs from:** Brownsville, TX. on Monday October 14th **Returns to:** Brownsville, TX. on Saturday October 19th

### **Overview**

This trip will take you on a historic journey into pre-columbian and colonial Mexico. Learn about the splendor of the Mayan civilization, the Spanish Conquest and life during the Colonial period.

Our journey begins in the historic city of Veracruz, the point where Hernan Cortes began his expedition and the Conquest of Mexico. From there, we travel to the walled city of Campeche, a colonial jewel; its history speaks of the fusion of the Maya and Spanish, colonial wealth and pirate legends. Declared a **UNESCO World Heritage site** in 1999, the city of Campeche is an example of Baroque colonial architecture with defensive walls surrounding its historic center. In Campeche we will visit the remarkable ancient Mayan city of Edzna.

Next, we fly to Palenque, considered one of the most beautiful Mayan cities, set on the lush foothills of the Sierra Madre mountains of Chiapas. This pre-hispanic Mayan city and its lush tropical surroundings were also listed as a **UNESCO World Heritage site** in 1987. This is a Mayan-Colonial adventure like no other!

Our route will take us along the coast of Mexico offering a spectacular view of miles of Gulf Coast beaches.

Our port of entry will be the historic port city of Veracruz.

## **Navigation Information**



| Brownsville to Veracruz |                 | 431 NM   |
|-------------------------|-----------------|----------|
| Veracruz to Campeche    |                 | 385 NM   |
| Campeche to Palenque    |                 | 171 NM   |
| Palenque to Veracruz    |                 | 267 NM   |
| Veracruz to Brownsville |                 | 431 NM   |
|                         | Total distance: | 1,685 NM |
|                         |                 |          |

| Airports of land | ling ICAO Identifier | Runway length |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------|
| Brownsville      | KBRO                 | 7,400 FT      |
| Veracruz         | MMVR                 | 7,874 FT      |
| Campeche         | MMCP                 | 8,202 FT      |
| Palenque         | MMPQ                 | 4,921 FT      |

# **Itinerary**

Day 1, Monday

Leave from Brownsville, TX to Veracruz International Airport. Refuel, clear customs and immigration, process entry permits. Transfer to Gran Hotel Diligencias and check in. Participants are free to explore the colonial city center, relax on the renowned main square or take the trolley for a city tour.



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#### Day 2 Tuesday

Transfer to the Veracruz airport for our departure to Campeche, a World Heritage Site since 1999. Upon arrival, we will transfer to Hotel Castelmar located in the city center. Participants are free to stroll along the boardwalk, explore the bulwarks and city wall, or take a tour of the city in one of the trolleys that depart from the zocalo (main square).



#### Day 3 Wednesday

**Group Activity:** Day trip to the Mayan archaeological site of Edzna followed by special Campeche style lunch. In the afternoon, participants are free to relax and enjoy the beautiful colonial city, visit the Museum of Mayan culture or the forts of San Miguel and San José built on top of adjacent hills and once used to defend the city from pirate attacks.



#### Day 4 Thursday

Early morning transfer to the Campeche airport and departure for Palenque. Upon arrival, we will transfer to Hotel Maya Tulipanes set on the foothills of the Sierra Madre mountains. Participants are free to relax at the hotel or take a taxi into the quaint city of Palenque.



#### Day 5 Friday

**Group Activity:** We will venture up the mountain to the enigmatic and spectacular archeological site of Palenque located inside a tropical National Park on the side of the Sierra Madre mountains. After touring this pre-hispanic World Heritage site, we will travel further into the mountains and visit the waterfalls of Agua Azul where you can enjoy the view of the waterfalls, considered one of the most beautiful in Mexico. While at the waterfalls, you can relax or take a dip in the brisk mountain water. There will a pre-flight briefing in the evening for the return trip to Brownsville.



#### Day 6 Saturday

Early morning transfer to the Palenque airport and depart for Veracruz to refuel and complete departure formalities and then depart for Brownsville, TX.



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