

HOLBOX



Holbox is a cozy little island in the north of the state of Quintana Roo located within the Yum Balam Ecological Reserve. Formerly known as "black hole" in Mayan, it has been declared a Flora and Fauna Protection Area. Holbox has beautiful beaches, crystal-clear water, colorful wooden houses and sandy streets that one can explore on foot, by bicycle or in golf carts. A true paradise, Holbox is ideal for a pleasant rest surrounded by nature.

HOTELS

Accommodation options range from rustic wooden cabins and inns to charming and exclusive boutique hotels. Hotels offer intimate and relaxed atmospheres in perfect harmony with the surrounding natural scenery.

Currently on the island of Holbox there are **73** hotels with a total of **1,032** rooms.

GASTRONOMY

As an island of fishermen, the most outstanding food of Holbox is the catch of the day. Many local dishes highlight the fresh fish and seafood, including the lobster pizza, which is one of the most famous specialties and requested by visitors.

The restaurants in Holbox are small and very unique, surrounded by the Caribbean atmosphere where one can experience the flavors of traditional Mayan and international cuisine.

The hotels also have excellent restaurants that offer spectacular views of the sunsets over the sea.

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WATER ACTIVITIES

- Kitesurfing
- Windsurfing
- Kayaking in the sea and through the mangroves
- Snorkel
- Diving
- Fly fishing

NATURE AND ADVENTURE

In Holbox, one can enjoy the natural landscape and outdoor activities, including whale shark watching (May - September) and the phenomenon of bioluminescence. The flora and fauna make Holbox a unique destination because of the wide variety of species of the region, such as the migration of pink flamingos between the months of April to October.

WELLNESS AND SPA

Many of the boutique hotels in Holbox have cozy spas surrounded by nature with the sound of birds and waves from the beach nearby. They spas offer unique Mayan treatments to revitalize physical health, emotional well-being and renew the spirit.

NIGHTLIFE

As destination for rest and relaxation, nightlife offerings are somewhat limited. There are some small restaurants and bars where one can enjoy drinks by the beach with live music.

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SHOPPING

Holbox is the perfect place to buy handcrafted and authentic Mexican goods. The Central Plaza has a series of small shops selling handicrafts and souvenirs, shells and stones, hammocks, hats, t-shirts and silver accessories.

PLACES TO VISIT:

- **Isla Pájaros:** A small islet located in the Yalahau Lagoon that is a refuge with a great diversity of birds, including pelicans, frigate birds, white ibis, ducks, herons, storks and flamingos in certain seasons. It is a protected area, so access is not allowed on foot, it is only possible to observe from a scenic view.
- **Yalahau Cenote:** Located 30 minutes by boat from Holbox, the cenote has a beautiful freshwater pool surrounded by mangroves and lush vegetation. According to local legend, the cenote is the original "fountain of eternal youth" and its waters have healing properties.
- **Passion Island:** Small island and the ideal place to relax and enjoy unspoiled beaches.
- **Cabo Catoche:** A small island that has the unique combination of nature and history, with abundant marine life that makes it the ideal place to go fishing and snorkeling. The island includes the archaeological remains of Ekab and Boca Church, the first Catholic temple built in Mexico.

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IMPORTANT:

- Consider taking enough money in cash since in Holbox there is only one ATM and there are no banks.
- Do not forget to bring biodegradable sun and insect repellent.

HOW TO GET THERE

Transfer by road from Cancun to the port of Chiquilá (Estimated time 2.5 hours) where the boats and the ferry cross to the island of Holbox (estimated time 20 minutes).

Chiquilá is a small town that has a hotel service, a couple of restaurants, gas station and public parking to leave the cars.

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