

# Yucatan Mexico

## Land & Cruise Safari



Experience an unprecedented diversity of natural, cultural, and historical sites in Mexico's beautiful Yucatan. You'll visit all three states of the Yucatan Peninsula: Campeche, Quintana Roo, and Yucatan. Victory guests will also witness the extraordinary legacy of Mayan civilization at four distinct Maya cities and the mixture of present cultures with the colonial legacy of Spain in the Yucatan's most beautiful and historic cities.



**DATES:** 2019 – *Cruise Miami to Campeche*  
Jan 22V\* | Feb 09P\*

*Cruise Campeche to Miami*  
Jan 29P\* | Feb 15P\* | Apr 30P\*\*  
(V=Value Season / P=Peak Season)

**DURATION:** \*13 DAYS/12 NIGHTS  
\*\*14 DAYS/13 NIGHTS W/ HAVANA CALL

**PROGRAM IS ROUNDTRIP MIAMI**  
With included flight one way

**SHIP:** *Victory II*

**FROM:** \$3,429\* per person

\*Includes Port Charges, \$1500 Savings, Miami Hotel and transfers, and FREE AIR When Booked by DEC. 15,

## ITINERARY – Cruise Miami to Campeche

As below or Reverse

### Day 1 – Arrive Miami

Transfer to your included South Beach boutique hotel.

### Day 2 – Board *Victory II* Luxury Cruise Ship

Transfer from your boutique South Beach hotel to the *Victory II*.

### Day 3 – Key West, Florida

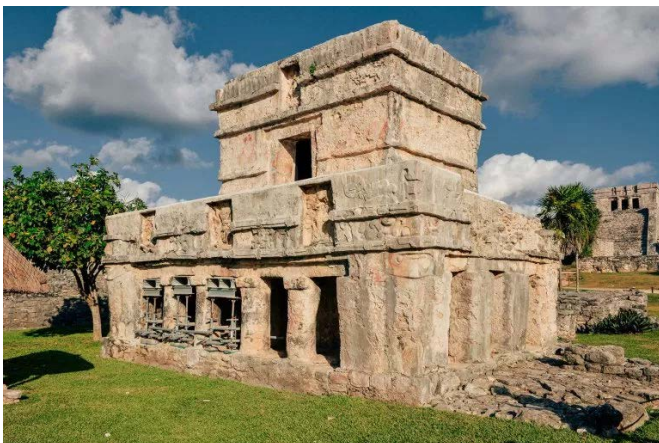
Key West is one of the many small islands located between Miami and Havana, Cuba. It is the southernmost point of the United States, and offers a unique combination of serene vistas, energetic nightlife, and relaxed hospitality.

### Day 4 – At Sea

Today we sail from Key West and make our way to Puerto Morelos, our first stop on Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula. Enjoy all-inclusive onboard amenities, soak up some sun on the sundeck, and dine al fresco at the Rock Creek Grille as we make our way through the beautiful waters of the Gulf.

### Day 5 – Puerto Morelos, Mexico – Playa del Carmen, Xcaret

Puerto Morelos is a popular port for small ship cruising, and a convenient entry point for travel to Quintana Roo and Riviera Maya destinations. Your first day in the Yucatan includes a visit to Playa del Carmen and the eco-zoological park at Xcaret. Visit the new Frida Kahlo Riviera Maya Museum. Overnight aboard ship at Puerto Morelos.



### Day 6 – Puerto Morelos, Mexico – Tulum

The Mayan ruins at Tulum are set on a dramatic cliff overlooking the Caribbean Sea, the only Mayan site directly on the sea. Tulum was a walled city, likely functioning as a temple, trading port, and navigational guide through the reefs. From Tulum's main building, El Castillo, small windows line up perfectly with a gap in the barrier reef offshore. Boatmen could line up their canoes with the windows to provide safe travel through the reef.

### Day 7 – Valladolid – Chichen Itza Light Show

Enjoy a splendid day exploring Mayan and Mexican history. A morning drive from Puerto Morelos takes us to Ek Balam, the "black jaguar" of Mayan civilization, followed by lunch in Spanish colonial Valladolid, one of Mexico's "magic cities."

Valladolid was built by the Spanish in 1545 on the ruins of the old Maya city of Zací, the capital of the Maya Cupules. One year after its founding at Zací, Valladolid was the site of the first Mayan uprising against the Spanish in 1546, with reprises of anti-Spanish sentiment in 1838 and 1847.



Chichen Itza is the most famous of the Mayan temples and an important example of post-classic Mayan architecture. Its name means "the well of the Itzá", referring to the origin of its original founders from outside of the Yucatan. The site boasts both Mayan and Toltic architecture, and flourished in trade of precious turquoise and gold from 800 to 1000 CE.

Guests will have overnight accommodation at the Mayaland Hotel, built in 1923. Mayaland is the first resort in the world built within an ancient site. This evening we visit the site for the evening Sound and Light show, considered one of the best in the world.



#### **Day 8 – Chichen Itza – Izamal - Progreso**

Early this morning, we will have exclusive entry to Chichen Itza before the doors open to the public, followed by a short walk back to the hotel for a sumptuous breakfast.

After breakfast we will visit Izamal, where guests will tour the city by horse-drawn carriages, stopping at one of the top restaurants in Izamal for a special luncheon experience of the foods of the Yucatan, prepared exclusively for our guests. After lunch, we visit several of the craft markets and museums that have made Izamal a center for folk art. This afternoon we will continue to Progreso where we rejoin our ship. Overnight in the port of Progreso, Merida

#### **Day 9 – Progreso – Mayapan – Merida**

Mayapan was a capital of the Maya between 1200 and 1440 CE and one of the last sites to be inhabited prior to the arrival of the Spanish. The architecture at Mayapan is noticeably cruder than at other sites, suggesting that much of the art of stonework had been lost. However, Mayapan does have some of the most colorful and best-preserved of the Maya frescos in the Templo de Nichos Pintados and the Templo de los Guerreros.

#### **Day 10 – Nolo – Hacienda Sotuta de Peon**

Sotuta de Peon is the only working hacienda left in the Yucatan, still growing, processing and selling henequen, a product of the agave plant used in making rope. For centuries, Mayan artisans made and exported henequen rope around the world. Sotuta de Peon's antique machinery is massive and extraordinary witness to the technological innovations of the last century.

The family of a famous Mayan Shaman who has received spiritual guidance from the heavens. Victory guests will experience this special place to hear the story. The Dali Lama came here, drawn by the energy that he felt when he was visiting Merida in 1985. Return to ship, as we depart for Campeche this evening.

#### **Day 11 – Campeche**

Arrive Campeche and disembark. We begin the discovery of Campeche with a trolley tour of the walled old city for an overview of its colonial history. Our stay includes a special showing of the folkloric ballet at the beautiful Teatro Toro, exclusively for Victory guests. As part of our onshore excursion, you'll have 3 days and 2 nights to explore the delicate palettes of its terracotta homes, the distinctive cuisine of tropical fruits and seafood, and the seven baluartes (bastions) of the outer walls.

#### **Day 12 – Campeche – Becal**

Visit the small community of Becal, where almost everyone makes "Panama Hats", made famous during construction of the Panama Canal. Enjoy personal time and lunch with new friends, compliments of Victory Cruises.

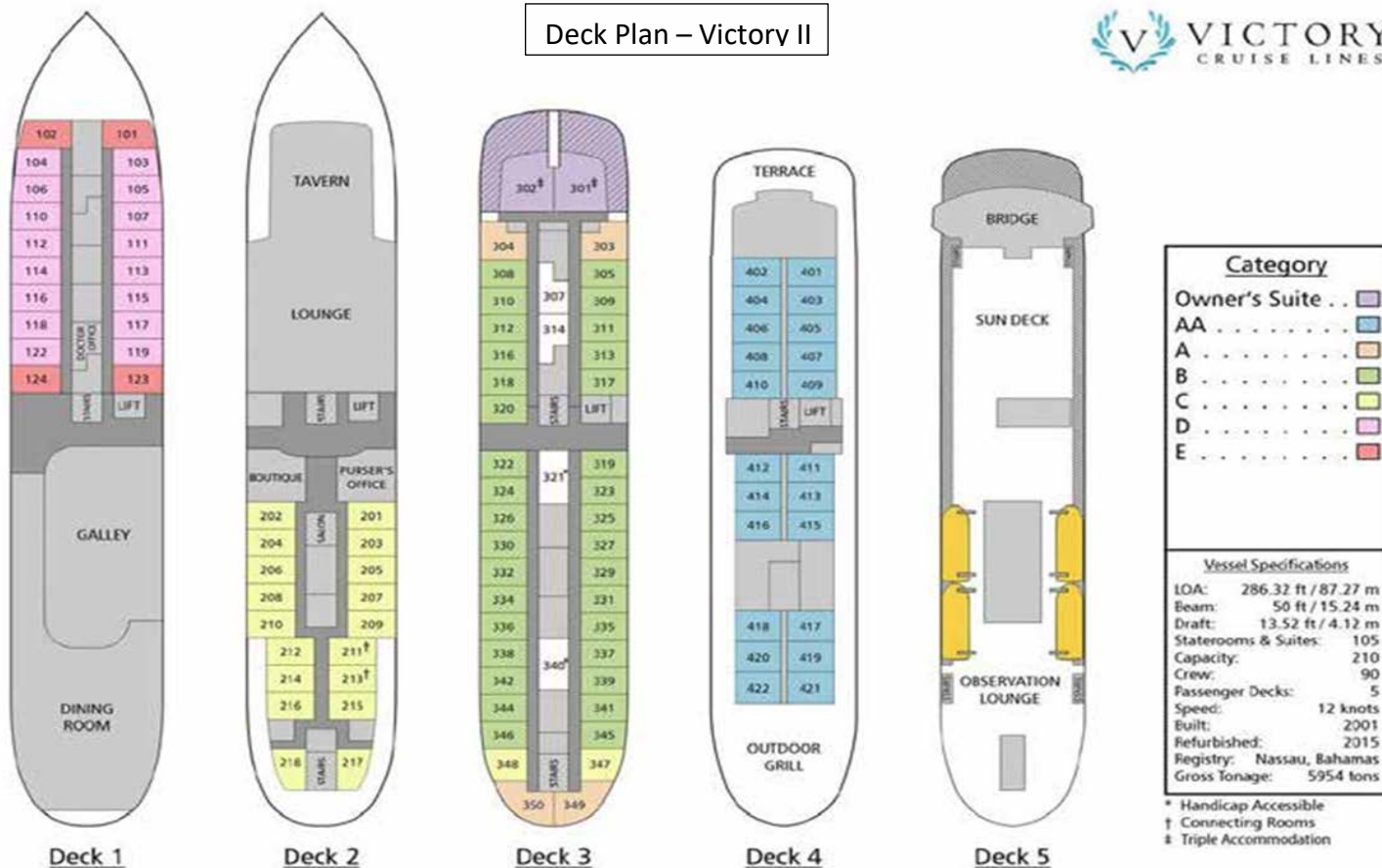
#### **Day 13 – Flight to Miami**

Your luggage will be transferred directly to the airport while you enjoy one last opportunity for craft shopping at the Tuklna handicraft hall.

Included flight to Miami, where you will either connect to your homeward bound flight, or overnight at a deluxe Miami airport hotel, depending on flight schedules.



Deck Plan – Victory II



2019 RATES	Cat E	Cat D	Cat C	Cat B	Cat A	Cat AA	Owner Suite
VALUE SEASON RATE - DOUBLE	\$3,429	\$4,329	\$4,929	\$5,329	\$5,529	\$5,929	\$7,429
PEAK SEASON RATE - DOUBLE	\$3,929	\$4,829	\$5,429	\$5,829	\$6,029	\$6,429	\$7,929

**EXPLOR CLUB SAVINGS – SAVE \$1,500 PER PERSON OFF THESE FARES AND GET FREE ROUND TRIP AIR FROM CONTL. U.S. GATEWAYS. – BOOK BY DEC. 15, 2018. RATES INCLUDE PORT CHARGES & TAXES (\$429), and PRE-CRUISE MIAMI TRANSFERS AND HOTEL.**



CONTACT EXPLOR CRUISES – 1-855-397-5671  
 INFO@EXPLORCRUISES.COM