

MAYA TREASURES OF THE YUCATÁN



Bringing you a brand new itinerary around the Mexican peninsula of Yucatán. Embark on an 8-day cruise aboard *Le Champlain* to discover the treasures of the Mayan civilisation.



DATES:

2020: JAN 11*, 25*

DURATION: 8-DAYS/7-NIGHTS

EMBARK: PUERTO MORELOS, MEXICO

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SHIP: LE CHAMPLAIN

FROM: \$3,580

New Ponant Cruisers Save \$300

***PLUS \$1,000 AIR CREDIT**

Your first port of call at Seybaplaya will be an opportunity to discover the city of **Campeche**, established by the conquistadors. Listed as a **UNESCO World Heritage site**, it has retained its surrounding wall and fortifications.

You will then make your way to Dos Bocas, not far from the **Mayan site of Palenque**. This fabulous city, hidden deep in the dense jungle of Chiapas, will reveal to you its incredibly well preserved **temples and palaces** and their delicate architecture.

Le Champlain will then set sail for Progreso, famous of its immaculate sand beaches, and the gateway to more wonders. First, **Mérida**, the capital of the state of Yucatán, offers a pleasant mix of **colonial architecture** and Mayan heritage. Next, the famous **ancient city of Uxmal**, whose impressive dimensions reveal the former greatness of the Mayan economic and political capital.

Lastly, don't miss the chance to discover the **Chaak Tun cenote**, one of the spectacular sinkholes once regarded by the Maya as passageways to the world



of the gods.

HIGHLIGHTS

- A journey to the heart of the authentic Yucatán to discover some of the secrets of the pre- Columbian civilisations.
- Possibility of visiting many UNESCO World Heritage Sites: the ancient Mayan city of Chichén Itzà, the pre-Hispanic city and national park of Palenque, the historic

fortified town of Campeche, the pre-Columbian city of Uxmal.

- Exceptional architectural heritage, vestige of the colonial era.
- From Progreso, visit Mérida, the capital of the state of Yucatán, renowned for its cultural heritage.
- Visit of cocoa plantations.

ITINERARY

We can arrange pre- and post-cruise tour programs for you – see more while you are here! It is always advisable to arrive at least one day early, two or more is preferable.

DAY 1 – PUERTO MORELOS, MEXICO

North of the Mexican **Riviera Maya** that runs along the **Yucatán Peninsula**, Puerto Morelos is a charming fishing village with an authentic atmosphere, its white sandy beaches scattered with thatched huts and colorful boats. The turquoise waters of the **Caribbean Sea** shelter a marine park that protects part of the Mesoamerican reef, considered the second-biggest **barrier reef** in the world. A few kilometres south, you'll be able to discover the **Maya site of Tulum**. Overlooking idyllic beaches of white sand fringed with palm trees, it is the only Maya site erected on the Caribbean Sea coast.

DAY 2 – AT SEA

During your day at sea, make the most of the many services and activities on board. Treat yourself to a moment of relaxation in the spa or stay in shape in the fitness centre. Depending on the season, let yourself be tempted by the swimming pool or a spot of sunbathing. This day without a port of call will also be an opportunity to enjoy the conferences or shows proposed on board, to do some shopping in the boutique or to meet the PONANT photographers in their dedicated space. As for lovers of the open sea, they will be able to visit the ship's upper deck to admire the spectacle of the waves and perhaps be lucky enough to observe marine species. A truly enchanted interlude, combining comfort, rest and entertainment.

DAY 3 – SEYBAPLAYA, MEXICO

Seybaplaya is a small commercial port located in the western part of the **Yucatán Peninsula**, 30 km south of the state capital, Campeche. This wild coastline is carved out by clear rocks that plunge into the **emerald waters of the Gulf of Mexico**; the road that connects this small port to the port of Campeche crosses the virtually uninhabited expanses of vegetation of this sparsely populated state. This stop off the beaten path will let you discover the **charms of this former colonial fortified town** with pastel-coloured, partially pedestrianised, little streets.

DAY 4 – DOS BOCAS

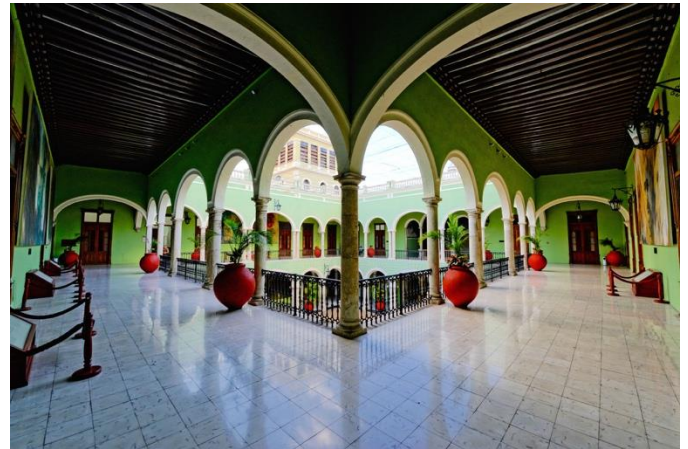
During your voyage to Mexico to discover Maya sites, your stop in Dos Bocas will open the doors of the **ancient city of Palenque, one of the country's most beautiful sites**. The highlight of your cruise, this ancient Maya city is famous for its magnificent sculpted bas-reliefs. It is located on the road leading to the **Chiapas mountains**, which are covered by tropical jungle.



DAY 5-6 – PROGRESO

On the **Yucatan Peninsula**, the charming seaside town of Progreso will delight visitors seeking authenticity. In addition to its magnificent sandy beaches and pleasant seafront promenade, the

town offers ideal access to the **former Mayan cities of Chichen Itza and Uxmal**. **UNESCO** World Heritage sites, they allow visitors to be truly immersed in Pre-Columbian Mexico, discovering one of the world's most mysterious civilisations. In the surroundings, be sure to visit **Mérida**, capital of the Mexican state of Yucatán. Called "**the White City**" due to the colour of the limestone used to build its dwellings, this old colonial city, built on the ruins of a Mayan site, offers a mix of tradition and modernity, colonial architecture and Mayan heritage.



DAY 7 – PUERTO MORELOS

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DAY 8 – PUERTO MORELOS

Disembark after breakfast and prepare for your flight home or spend some extra time exploring the area.



ALL SUITES HAVE PRIVATE BALCONIES (Except Deck 3 Superior)

Rates are per person, Double Occupancy
Pre- and Post-Cruise tours are available to suit your interests.

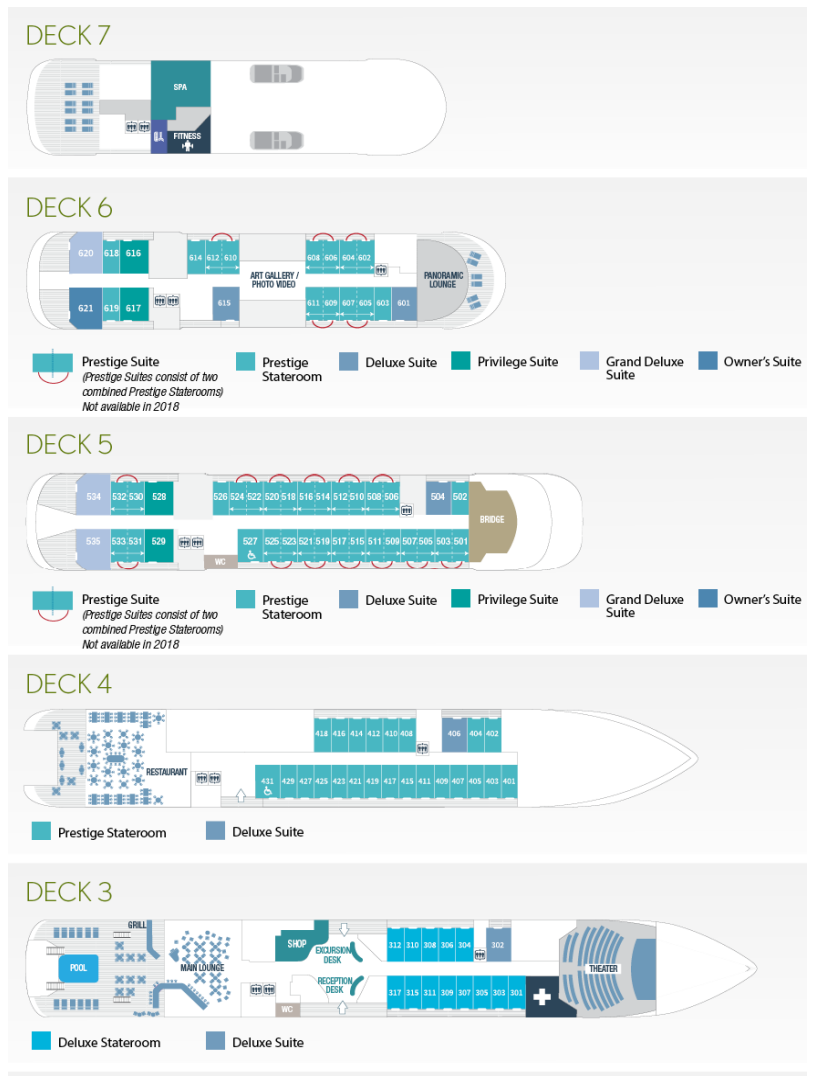
Included features:

- All accommodations, meals, and excursion described above
- Gratuities to crew, guides and drivers on included excursions
- Comprehensive 7-night cruise aboard the deluxe L'Yrial, with all the amenities for which Ponant ships are famous.

Not included:

- Meals and beverages other than those specified above
- Optional excursions
- Personal expenses (such as laundry, telephone, Internet, etc.)

2020 Rates	
SUITE –	Jan 11* & 25*
Deluxe – Deck 3	\$3,580
Prestige – Dk 4	\$3,780
Prestige – Dk 5	\$3,890
Prestige – Dk 6	\$4,000
Deluxe Ste – Dk 3, 4, 5, 6	\$6,530
Prestige Ste – Dk 5	\$7,570
Prestige Ste – Dk 6	\$7,790
Privilege Ste – Dk 5 & 6	\$8,020
Grand Deluxe – Dk 5 & 6	\$8,260
OWNER SUITE	\$10,490



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