

Cancún

8 THINGS TRAVELERS SHOULD KNOW BEFORE THEY GO

Practical tips for a smoother arrival, smarter spending, and fewer surprises.

INSIDE

Airport Arrivals · Beach Conditions · Money
Location · Travel Fees · Tours · Weather · Plan B

Useful before beautiful.

A quick-read guide for smarter decisions on the ground.



ARRIVE SMARTER

LAND LIKE YOU'VE BEEN HERE BEFORE.

01 AIRPORT TRANSFER

Cancún airport can feel overwhelming after arrival, with multiple transportation offers competing for attention. Arrange your ride before departure whenever practical.

BOOK THE RIDE BEFORE THE PLANE LANDS.

SAVE BEFORE YOU FLY

- ✓ Transfer company
- ✓ Confirmation
- ✓ Meeting point
- ✓ Contact
- ✓ Price
- ✓ Hotel address

KNOW EXACTLY

WHO YOU'RE MEETING.

Confirm the company and reservation before following someone offering assistance. Keep travel documents with you.

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BEACH CONDITIONS

BEACH DAY, BUT SMARTER.

Check current conditions close to your trip.



FLEX THE DAY

BEACH



CENOTE



POOL



EXPLORE

Beach conditions, including sargassum, can change. Keep the itinerary flexible and don't judge the whole trip from an old photo or long-range forecast.

CHECK CURRENT CONDITIONS CLOSE TO YOUR TRIP.

MXN OR USD?

UNDERSTAND THE CURRENCY BEFORE YOU APPROVE.

A \$ symbol can create confusion when prices may be discussed in Mexican pesos or U.S. dollars.

BEFORE YOU TAP

- ✓ Ask: "Is this amount in MXN or USD?"
- ✓ Check the amount on the terminal.
- ✓ Keep the receipt.
- ✓ Carry a backup payment method.
- ✓ Have some local currency when useful.

Never approve a payment until you understand both the amount and currency.

BEFORE YOU BOOK, CHECK THE MAP.

“Cancún” does not mean everything is close together.

THE 5-PIN TEST

PLANNING CHECKLIST · DIAGRAM, NOT MAP POSITIONS

01

Airport

02

Hotel

03

Activities

04

Restaurants / Nightlife

05

Tour / Ferry Pickup

**A CHEAPER ROOM ISN'T ALWAYS
BETTER VALUE IF GETTING AROUND
EATS YOUR TIME AND BUDGET.**

TRAVELER NOTE · OFFICIAL SOURCE FIRST

Travel requirements and fees can change. Verify shortly before departure and save proof offline when applicable.

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07 · TOURS

MAKE ROOM FOR THE UNEXPECTED.

What's actually included?



ASK BEFORE YOU BOOK



Ride



Entry



Guide



Meals



Gear



Extras

“WHAT WILL I STILL NEED TO PAY FOR ON THE DAY?”

08 · BUILD A PLAN B

GOOD BEACH CONDITIONS



BEACH

CONDITIONS CHANGE



CENOTE / POOL

RAIN



FLEXIBLE ACTIVITY

CONDITIONS IMPROVE



MOVE BEACH DAY

SMART ITINERARIES

BEND. THEY DON'T BREAK.

BEFORE YOU GO

- Transfer confirmed · • Pickup details saved offline · • Hotel address saved
- Backup payment ready · • Current conditions checked · • Plan B ready