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# butterflies & beaches

## Inspiring romance with Mexico's natural wonders

Mexico's many natural attractions are well suited to couples. While honeymooners have plenty of options for enjoying superb resorts, and longtime partners can rejuvenate their relationships in one of innumerable calming spas, there's something magical about venturing into Mexico's spectacular outdoors.

## Experiencing Nature

The Mariposa Monarca Biosphere Reserve, in the eastern part of of Michoacan state and the western part of the State of Mexico, exists to protect the wintering habitat of the monarch butterfly (the best time to visit is November through March). This huge sanctuary contains 12 areas, four of which are open to the public:

- Sierra Chincua — near the towns of Tlalpujahua and Angangueo
- La Mesa — near San Jose del Rincon
- El Capulin — near Donato Guerra and San Juan Soconusco
- El Rosario — near Ocampo

Perhaps the most tourist-friendly of the sanctuaries is El Rosario, which features well-defined footpaths, security patrols and stairs in steep places. Whale-watching in Baja is some of the world's best. Fin whales, minke and, more often, humpback and gray whales winter off Los Cabos late December through March. The California gray whale migrates from the Bering Strait to breeding grounds in secluded lagoons on the Pacific side of Baja, and some continue on to the Sea of Cortez.

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2. What does Zoetry's honeymoon package include?
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5. Paradisus Riviera Cancun has which amenity?
6. What's the name of Riu Santa Fe Hotel's discotheque?
7. Funjet's new program featuring themed emailers, e-postcards and flyer templates is called?
8. The name of Barceló's newest all-inclusive property is what?
9. Marietas Island is home to what?
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About 10 minutes north of the Puerto Vallarta International Airport, Riviera Nayarit is a section of Mexican coast made up of vast areas of mangroves and wetlands that are unsuitable for building but ideal for bird-watching and other ecotourism activities. As the official mascot of Riviera Nayarit, four protected species of sea turtle use the coast of Nayarit as a nesting site, including leatherback turtles, Olive Ridley turtles, hawks-bill turtles and green turtles. The Olive Ridley nesting season begins in June and ends in November.

During the summer and fall months, travelers can visit Grupo Ecologico de la Costa Verde's marine turtle nursery, located in the San Francisco area of Riviera Nayarit. Turtle hatchlings are released just after sundown, and each Wednesday evening during the nesting season. Wildlife Connection, an eco-tour group based in Marina Vallarta, offers an evening tour to turtle camps in Riviera Nayarit where visitors can participate in the release of baby turtles.



### Getting Active

Parque Nacional Chankanaab is Cozumel's prime sightseeing and activity center, and it gives a lot of bang for the buck. It was built around a saltwater lagoon where visitors can observe sea life (swimming in the lagoon is not allowed), and it also has a large stretch of oceanfront property consisting of sand leading up to rock ledges along the water. Your clients can also dive and snorkel in the ocean to see the underwater reefs, statues and a fair number of fish, or you can swim with dolphins at Dolphin Discovery ([www.dolphindiscovery.com](http://www.dolphindiscovery.com)) for an extra fee. Scuba diving — including certification courses — sea trek and snuba excursions can also be booked. We recommend getting to the park early to stake out a good spot near the water. (The park is open daily from 7 a.m.–5 p.m. Park admission is US\$16.)

Near Mexico City, Tepoztlan is surrounded by red sandstone hills and has often been compared to Sedona, Arizona. The main attraction in this colonial town, on the way to Cuernavaca,



is a small pyramid on top of a towering ridge. Visitors should be prepared for a steep hike through the forest, but those who reach the top are rewarded with spectacular views of the valley as well as the archaeological site. It's a longtime retreat for Mexico City residents, and rustic dining, crafts markets, and some luxury accommodations and spas are additional attractions.

Although better watched than attempted, thrill-seekers will love viewing locals cliff-diving off the La Quebrada cliffs in Acapulco. These daredevils must time their dives just right — when the waves are coming in rather than receding — and then freefall for several seconds before hitting the water at more than 50 mph. The divers leap at 1, 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 10:30 p.m. The 10:30 dive is done with torches.

### Relaxing on the Beach

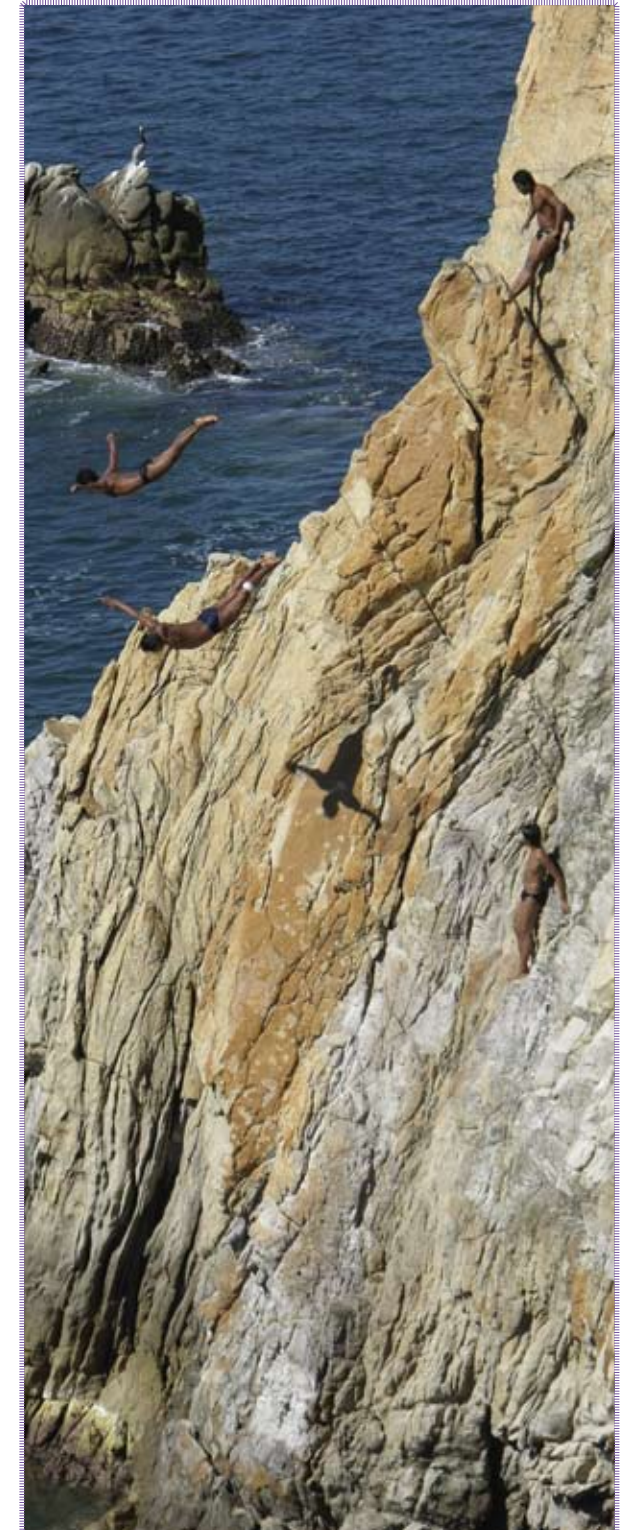
When it comes to beaches, Cozumel offers it all. On the western side (where most of the resorts and attractions are located), white-sand beaches front mostly calm, turquoise-colored water sheltered by the Yucatan mainland, making it good for swimming and snorkeling. The best of the sandy beaches are Playa Azul, Playa Pila and Playa San Juan to the north; and Playa San Francisco, Playa Mia Grand Beach Park, Mr. Sancho's, Nachi Cocom and Playa Palancar to the south.

Also on the west side of the island are "iron shore" beaches made of brown limestone. Although iron shore isn't as picturesque as the white beaches, such areas are usually better for snorkeling.

On the east side of the island, facing the open waters of the Caribbean Sea, there are pristine beaches of white sand that are largely deserted. They're beautiful, but the water there can be dangerous, plagued by rough surf and undertows. However, these shores can be good for lounging and getting away from the hustle and bustle of the island.

Beautiful, sheltered public beaches stretch north and south of the ferry dock in Playa del Carmen. Swimming there is especially enjoyable because the water is typically calm. About 6 miles north of Playa del Carmen, off Highway 307, is Punte Bete, a palm-fringed, white-sand beach that is a lovely place to swim and snorkel. For couples who are a bit more adventurous, a nude beach is a bit north of Punte Bete.

Clearly, all couples can find something to enjoy together — whether they prefer to observe nature, conquer a tough hiking trail, or lounge on a pristine beach. No matter what they choose, they'll find something to love in Mexico.



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# For Romance, The Riviera Maya

White-sand beaches, luxury hotels, mysterious Mayan ruins, quaint villages and lush jungle combine to make the Riviera Maya one of the most romantic corners of the world — a perfect spot to get married, spend an unforgettable honeymoon or simply seek or rekindle romance.

Regardless of the bride- and groom-to-be's religious denomination, preferred language, tastes and budget, the Riviera Maya offers all the elements to make their special day come to life. Whether they desire an exclusive affair aboard a yacht afloat in the Caribbean, a traditional Mayan ceremony carried out by a local high priest, an exchange of vows on the beach at sunset or a traditional church wedding, the region's experienced wedding planners will make organization hassle-free and the occasion itself unforgettable.

The Riviera Maya offers couples new and old all the experiences that ignite or rekindle romance. The region's 125 miles of coastline are dotted with candlelit restaurants offering the best in international cuisine or savory local fare. Couples who prefer to celebrate with live music, dancing or shopping for knick-knacks won't leave the Riviera Maya disappointed. And lovebirds looking for a different thrill can explore underground caverns and ponds, ride ATVs along the coast or explore the Northern Hemisphere's largest coral reef together.

The Riviera Maya's hotels give couples a myriad of ways to spend their days and nights together. Most large hotels offer sprawling honeymoon suites with private terraces, Jacuzzis and even private pools. Some of the most luxurious accommodations are adults-only, geared exclusively to ensuring that romantic moments remain undisturbed. A wide assortment

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If you're seeking your own private piece of paradise, visit this resort that offers 12 meeting and banquet halls for up to 1,000 people and a beautiful gazebo for weddings and special events. Discover Meliá Caribe Tropical at [www.romancebymelia.com](http://www.romancebymelia.com).

## »location

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Los Cabos, Mexico

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Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

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Cozumel, Mexico

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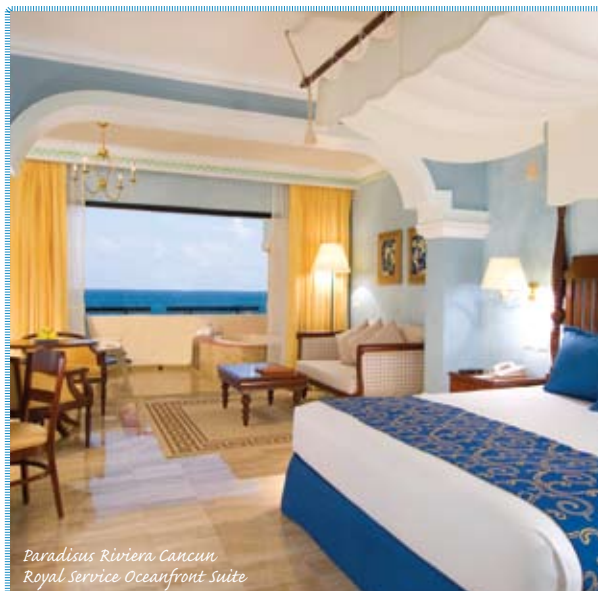
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# Real Resorts

## THE ROYAL Playa del Carmen Opens an On-site Civil Registry Office for Weddings

In its ongoing efforts to accommodate all guest wishes and expectations, Real Resorts announces the opening of an on-site Civil Registry Office to simplify the marriage license process. Located at THE ROYAL Playa del Carmen, the new office will exclusively serve brides- and grooms-to-be at both THE ROYAL and the adjacent Gran Porto Real Resorts. With this new civil registry office weddings can be officiated at both resorts and valid marriage licenses are issued in less than four days, cutting down on time and red tape. In addition, guests will have the services of a dedicated Justice of the Peace who is bilingual and can perform wedding services daily, including Sunday.

This added service allows couples to enjoy their time at the resort and their wedding, without having to take time out and experience the hassle of going to an off-site civil office.

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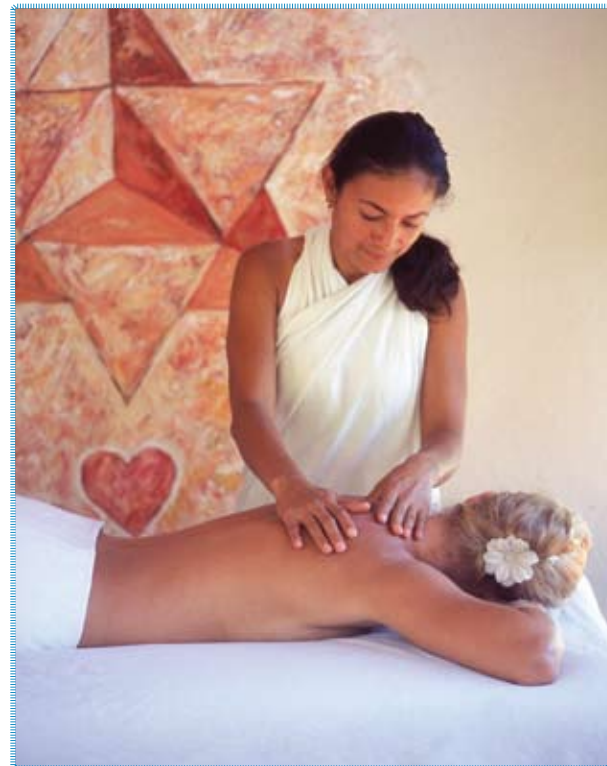
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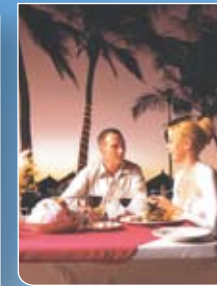
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