

# HOTEL ESENCIA

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## LOCATION

Hotel Esencia is located fifty minutes south of Cancún and thirty minutes north of Tulum by car. Perfectly secluded from the world around it, the property is surrounded on the north by the primitive Mayan jungle and on the south by Xpu-Ha cove, often referred as the most beautiful stretch of the Mayan Riviera.

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## ABOUT

Hotel Esencia is a majestic 50-acre estate at the midpoint between Tulum and Playa del Carmen in Mexico. It has long enjoyed a storied past in this ancestral cradle of culture, cuisine, and comfort. Originally built as the private hideaway home of an Italian duchess on the most beautiful beach of the Mayan Riviera, it later became a hotel, and, for some time, has been a sought after destination for honeymooners seduced by the serene comforts of this timeless mansion.

The Main House remains the hotel's centerpiece, around which footpaths lead to only 47 suites and 4 villas where guests enjoy genuine privacy and top flight hospitality. Ideally situated far from huge resorts and the roar of pleasure boats, the immaculate bay of Xpu-Ha is a natural haven where each year sea turtles make their nests. Hotel Esencia invites the happy few who know how rare it is to find a place that is truly unique, to make it their home in the tropics.

## CONCEPT

A new chapter began in 2014 with the arrival of a new owner and a bold, worldly outlook on how to savor paradise. The estate's provenance as a place of leisure for nobility is the guiding inspiration for a modern reimagining. While preserving the many qualities of the hotel, every detail was redefined and reinvigorated. The strong architectural features of the hotel are reinforced by an entire collection of furniture designed especially for the hotel, as well as hand-woven rugs, bed throws and table tops. All are subtly paying a homage to mid century design and art in Mexico and more generally places of leisure from California to the French Riviera to Acapulco.

A particular attention is given to food and beverage, with 5 restaurants and bars. Alongside with the epicurean preoccupation come the Spa and Technogym fitness room, aimed to cultivate beauty, balance, and peace. Artworks by seminal 20th century artists; mid-century modern furniture and a curated collection of art and design books adorn guest rooms and the hotel salons and library. All the while, public spaces are subtly filled with a music play list conceived by celebrated sound designer Michel Gaubert. A fresh visual identity and website realized with the beautiful animations of none other than Pierre Le Tan.

## GUEST ROOMS

Every room at Hotel Esencia by any other standard would be called a suite. The private terrace and sitting area of the rooms offer a peaceful view on the trees canopy or an impressive panorama of the Caribbean.

### JUNGLE SUITE

As close to the beach as possible without facing the beach itself, these quiet, cooling sanctuaries encircle the estate's tropical gardens. Available with one king or two queen beds, these spacious suites have a large private outdoor dining terrace with sofa and feature extra large all-white bathrooms with double showers, double sinks, an in-room double bathtub, walk-in closets, wide-screen smart TVs, *bluetooth* speakers that connect to iPhones and other digital accessories, air conditioning, and all of Hotel Esencia's signature amenities.

Some Jungle Suites are in their own stand-alone buildings, available with one king bed plus an optional rollaway (*sleeps up to 3*).

Others are equally spacious but configured differently, available with either one king bed or two queen beds (*sleeps up to 4*).

Some Jungle Suites are available to connect to our Master Beach Suites, an ideal combination for families or friends traveling together. Please be sure to consult with our reservations team to ensure the in-room configuration of your choice.

*95 m<sup>2</sup>*

### JUNGLE SUITE WITH PLUNGE POOL

A plunge pool, rain-like shower room, one king bed, and spacious outdoor dining terrace with sofa distinguish every Jungle Suite with Plunge Pool is uniquely equipped for calm and restoration.

Some suites feature an indoor plunge pool while in others it is featured outdoors within a terrace solarium. All suites in this category feature spacious bathrooms, walk-in closets, wide-screen smart TVs, and sound systems that are easy to connect to iPhones and other digital accessories, and all of Hotel Esencia's signature amenities. Bathtub upon request.

*69 m<sup>2</sup> - Sleeps up to 4.*

### ROOFTOP WELLNESS SUITE

These spacious apartments in the sky are truly at the top of their category in every way. Within three minutes walking distance from the beach, these brand new duplex suites are on the top two floors of our tallest buildings. Featuring a private fitness studio off the master bedroom, these suites were awarded the Wellness Star of the Year Award by *Forbes Travel Guide* in 2021 for their innovation in luxury wellness travel. Featuring a wide variety of fitness experiences, including either the virtual personal trainer *The Mirror*, or a *Peloton* bicycle, *TRX* equipment, or a *Technogym* treadmill upon request (set up charges apply), yoga mats, and a personal *Technogym* weight set, as well as a large double bathtub or steam room/shower with our own blend of essential oils aromatherapy.

One more level up is a spacious rooftop terrace with a private heated pool and solarium – immersed within the jungle canopy. All Rooftop Wellness Suites feature an extra large king bedroom with seating area, a large outdoor dining terrace with sofa, extremely spacious all-white master bathrooms with double showers, double sinks, and walk-in closets. These suites also include wide-screen WiFi connected TVs, air conditioning, *bluetooth* speakers that connect to iPhones and other digital accessories, and all of Hotel Esencia's signature amenities.

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Please be sure to connect with our reservations team or with your personal travel counselor to ensure that your suite includes the wellness elements of your choice. (sleeps up to 4).

Our Rooftop Wellness Suites are available to connect via an interior or exterior staircase to a Jungle Suite with Plunge Pool below on the ground floor for families or friends traveling together who'd like the entire building as their own private mini-villa (sleeps up to 8 combined).

*102 m<sup>2</sup> + 70m m<sup>2</sup> rooftop*

#### MASTER SUITE

Located in and near the Main House, our Master Suites directly face the sea, offering lovely views of the grounds, our main pools, and the Caribbean. With a king bed, master bathroom, grand terraces and private heated plunge pools, these are the architectural diamonds of Hotel Esencia, steeped in history and world-class luxury. All accommodations at Hotel Esencia feature walk-in closets, large screen WiFi connected televisions, sound systems that connect to iPhones and other digital accessories, air conditioning, and all of Hotel Esencia's signature amenities.

*70 m<sup>2</sup> to 106 m<sup>2</sup> - Sleeps up to 4.*

#### BEACH SUITE

Barely 20 meters from the sea, Beach Suite features a private beachfront terrace, spacious bathrooms including double showers with direct ocean views, an in-room double bathtub, air conditioning, and all of Hotel Esencia's signature amenities. All accommodations at Hotel Esencia feature walk-in closets, wide-screen smart TVs, sound systems that connect to iPhones and other digital accessories.

*105m<sup>2</sup> - Sleeps up to 3.*

#### MASTER JUNGLE SUITE WITH PLUNGE POOL

Featuring the best qualities of our Jungle Suites, these new suites are elevated to the next level, more like luxurious apartments than suites. With multiple indoor and outdoor seating areas, grand master bedrooms, spacious master bathrooms with double bathtubs and optional steam shower, these suites feature either a second bedroom or a separate living room or office space that can easily be transformed into an extra sleeping room, and a second full guest bathroom.

These centrally located jungle sanctuaries are just steps from the beach and also feature extra large plunge pools immersed in the thick luscious jungle foliage.

Each Master Jungle Suite is unique. Be sure to check with our reservations agent to ensure the floor plan you desire.

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*87m<sup>2</sup> to 100m<sup>2</sup> - Sleeps up to 5.*

### MASTER BEACH SUITE

Each of our two spectacular Master Beach Suites is designed with an eye toward maximum privacy, comfort, and independence. With windows on three sides, and extremely spacious bathrooms with love seats, these suites also include a private heated plunge pool.

The ground level Master Beach Suite features an outdoor plunge pool surrounded by a terrace with built-in seating, while the upper level suite features an extremely private heated plunge pool next to the double walk-in shower.

Our Master Beach Suites are available to connect to an Esencia Jungle Suite for families or friends traveling together who wish to have the entire top or entire bottom floor of the building to themselves for maximum privacy.

*115m<sup>2</sup> - Sleeps up to 3.*

### POOL VILLA

These Duplex 2-bedroom residences feature a master suite with 1 king bed, a bathroom suite with separate walk-in shower and bath tub, private outdoor terrace with seating area and hammock, and a second room with 2 queen beds and a bathroom with shower. The ground level features a large private heated swimming pool, outdoor terraces with seating and dining table, a spacious living-dining room, a guest bathroom, complete media room with wide-screen smart TV. With ceiling fans and air conditioning, sound systems that are easy to connect to iPhones and other digital accessories, Butler service and Hotel Esencia signature amenities.

*336 m<sup>2</sup> - Sleeps up to 6.*

### YUM HA VILLA

'Yum-Ha' is a majestic colonial-style Villa discreetly located on a lush 15 acre property right next to Hotel Esencia. The 4-bedroom Villa is just a 3 minute walk from the beach and can accommodate up to 8 people. The Main House features ensuite bathrooms and private terraces overlooking the garden, a Mexican style kitchen, living room, dining room, and a terrace with outdoor dining area.

Villa Yum-Ha features a large swimming pool and comes with a private butler and house keeping services.

### THE ESENCIA SUITE

The crown jewel of the original Main House building created by the first owner, an Italian Duchess, The Esencia Suite is our truest expression of space and comfort, featuring a master bedroom with ocean views, a domed living room, a light-drenched master bathroom with double bathtub and steam shower, a second full guest bathroom, a reading den (or second bedroom) immersed in the jungle with windows on three sides including more ocean views - and a Peloton bicycle - this grand suite offers the ultimate in indoor/outdoor living.

Its spacious corner terrace on the lower level faces the canopy of the jungle, and its glorious rooftop terrace features full 360 degree views of Xpu-Ha beach and the jungle treetops, as well our largest rooftop plunge pool, a covered outdoor second living room, sun beds, and a space for al fresco entertaining, with capacity for up to 20 people.

For a Presidential Suite experience, this suite was conceived to easily connect with one or two of our Master Suites, taking over the entire north wing of our Main House.

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*118 m<sup>2</sup> with 80 m<sup>2</sup> rooftop terrace - Sleeps up to 6.*

### PRESIDENTIAL BUNGALOW

Our most private suite, this Caribbean style beach front bungalow - on its own 2,800m<sup>2</sup> independent property - features all the comforts and signature amenities of Hotel Esencia. This exceptional suite under a large palapa roof features a master king bedroom overlooking the sea, an adjacent living area convertible to a second bedroom, a spacious master bathroom suite with double sinks, bathtub and shower, a large walk-in closet, a guest bathroom with shower, and a large wrap-around outdoor terrace with unobstructed views of the paradisiac Xpu-Ha beach.

This breathtaking suite includes 40m of private beachfront, with sunbeds and a large beach palapa for lounging or beachfront private dining. With wide-screen WiFi-connected smart TV, sound system, ceiling fans and air conditioning, butler service, and all Hotel Esencia amenities.

*90 m<sup>2</sup> with 130 m<sup>2</sup> terrace- Sleeps up to 4.*

### THE ESENCIA MANSION

One of the most grand private villas in the Riviera Maya. This new 10,000 sq ft., four-bedroom villa, with three swimming pools, was designed to be immersed in nature, providing the ultimate in privacy and seclusion, yet less than a five minute walk to the beach, restaurants, spa, gym, and all hotel facilities. Our helicopter landing pad and private tennis court are just a few steps away.

The Esencia Mansion offers an ideal layout for a family vacation or friends staying together.

The master suite on the entire third level features a light-drenched bedroom connecting to a grand master bathroom with shower room and oversize bath tub, double sinks, and indoor/outdoor plunge pool. An adjacent private fitness studio features state of the art equipment such as *The Mirror*, an elite *Woodway* treadmill and award-winning *Pent Fitness* weights sets.

The master suite's salon includes a private adjacent office, and a spectacular covered terrace with comfortable seating.

The towering rooftop terrace offers a glorious 360 degree view of the jungle tree tops and the sea, another large pool, a covered terrace perfect for entertaining up to 20 guests, and sun beds.

Two junior suites come with complete with private outdoor terraces, ensuite bathrooms with double sinks, shower rooms and bathtubs, walk in closets, and a studio lounge for reading or relaxing.

A fourth bedroom with ensuite bathroom is perfect for one or two children, a nanny, or a 24hr butler on demand.

The luxurious eat-in kitchen features state of the art appliances such as a classic enameled *Lacanche* oven, where a private chef or even our guests can create delightful meals. A breakfast terrace, an adjacent hidden staff kitchen, stock room, and a wine fridge cellar are also featured.

The connecting main living room with its generous proportions is the heart of the villa, featuring a wet bar and an adjacent intimate lounge. This main salon opens to a spectacular dining terrace overlooking the large family pool a few steps below.

The pool is one of its kind and a work of art in itself with its ceramic tiles designed by the artist Marcel Dzama. It is lined on one side by comfortable sun beds and umbrellas, and on the other by a thatched palapa for shaded lounging.

A private screening room with comfortable seating for 20 guests will surprise and delight even the most discerning traveler - featuring the latest in audiovisual technology and a bar; perfect for a cinema night with family and friends.

*930 m<sup>2</sup> - Sleeps up to 8 adults and 2 children.*

### CHÂTEAU DE CURZAY

Hotel Esencia's new outpost in the heart of the French Poitou region - Château de Curzay, is a glorious 18th century architectural gem once known as the 'Petit Versailles'. The charming castle is set on a 350 acre estate, in Curzay sur Vonne. The estate has been the residence of different aristocratic families throughout history, from the medieval buildings constructed in the 12th century, to the conception and construction of the castle by La Marquise de L'Hôpital in 1710.

After a 4-year renovation, Château de Curzay is ready to re-open its doors in 2024, and welcome discerning travelers who like to slow down, reconnect with nature, and enjoy French countryside living; an ideal place for friends and families to gather together.

The lovingly and artfully designed interiors and landscape were reimagined with a nod to the castle's majestic past, to include the utmost comforts of modern life, creating a private, tranquil and sophisticated atmosphere.

The sprawling ground floor features the 'Grand Salon' with its exquisite Neo-renaissance sculpted plaster ceiling and wood paneling; the 'Petit Salon' with its charming wet bar and working fireplace; the library, a magical cabinet of curiosities showcasing hundreds of books, magazines and objects; the dining room with its stunning monastery style table for 12; the sunny breakfast room, and the game room with its grandiose fireplace, billiards table, poker table and board games. The Château is sprinkled with treasures ranging from original 18th century art pieces, to antiques and furnishings collected by the owner coming from many corners of the world, including pieces by Serge Roche, Adenay, Picasso, and Georges Jouve.

Up the grand staircase is the 'piano nobile' or the royal floor, hosting five exquisitely decorated bedrooms with ensuite bathrooms, uniquely designed to the last detail, to bring out the allure of the original spaces, accentuated by a curated collection of lavish fabrics, furniture, rugs, and lighting.

The Château estate offers every opportunity for relaxation and contemplation, nonetheless a leisurely stay can be complemented with more animated activities such as a tennis match, on the competition-grade tennis court just a one minute walk from the Château.

Visit the property's vegetable and orchard garden; dip in the pool and lounge under the sun; take a long and adventurous walk through footpaths in the woods, or kayak through the estate on the river Vonne. The butler can arrange local tours and visits, horse back riding, golfing sessions, cooking lessons, and spa services in the comfort of your own room.

Château de Curzay offers a secluded atmosphere ideal for any intimate celebration, or friends and family gathering, while the grounds of the property are the perfect backdrop to any event.

Chic and glamorous or country and relaxed, the Château is the perfect setting for a wedding in total intimacy; the estate's magnificent tiny chapel, built in 1877 in Neo-gothic style, provides a magical ambience under the light of the stained glass windows.

*Sleeps up to 12 adults.*

## AMENITIES

- Private beach
- Heated pools
- Spa & Healthclub
- Technogym fitness room
- Complimentary sunrise yoga
- 3 Restaurants
- Beach bar
- Coffee bar
- Juice bar
- Complimentary morning coffee & pastries
- 24hr room service
- Nespresso machine in-room
- Complimentary afternoon tea
- Welcome fruit basket
- Complimentary beach bag
- Watersports gear use free of charge
- Tennis & pickleball court with complimentary use of rackets and balls
- Complimentary Havaiana sandals

- Fine european linens
- Safes in-room
- Hotel safe deposit box
- Free 200mb wireless internet
- HD smart TVs, DVD players, and movie library
- In-room sound systems that to connect to iPhones and other digital accessories
- 24hr concierge
- Maid service twice daily
- Multilingual staff
- Packing and unpacking services
- Library / conference room

*Charges apply for the following services:*

- Express dry cleaning and laundry service
- Chauffeur-driven cars
- Catering for all occasions
- Private trainers/ massage therapists
- Babysitting services
- Secretarial and translation services

## RESTAURANTS & BARS

Dining at Hotel Esencia is at once a culinary voyage and a coming home. Meals are simple yet sophisticated, drawing as much from Mexico's eclectic range of regional cuisines as from the well-loved comforts of Mediterranean cooking. Ingredients are sourced locally from farmers and artisans in Quintana Roo, or further afield from the places in Mexico known for exemplary delicacies—*mole* from Oaxaca, fruits from Yucatán, and wines from Baja.

*The Speakeasy* - Hotel Esencia's cozy bar hidden in the jungle, with its own secret entrance, features lavish interiors and a state of the art sound system, perfect for after dinner drinks or a night cap.

*Taiyo* - Our poolside restaurant offers a Japanese dining concept with a Mexican twist, but rooted in classic Sushi tradition. Additional to a curated casual lunch and dinner menu, *Taiyo* features an Omakase bar offering our guests an elevated and unique nightly dining experience, based on the freshest ingredients available and the chef's suggestions.

*Beefbar Esencia* - A true epicurean experience thanks to a menu based on simplicity, the finest high-quality ingredients, and a selection of exceptional meat cuts from Australian Black Onyx and Wx Wagyu beef, and Certified Japanese Kobe beef. Simple, comfort food delicacies prepared to order in our open kitchen and brick oven. An international reference for all meat lovers since 2005, the Michelin star winning team has found a new home in the heart of our luscious Palm Garden.

*Mistura Xpu-Ha* - Located under a towering thatched-roof palapa, our beachfront restaurant offers, besides unparalleled majestic sea views, a creative selection of seafood dishes, specialties from the grill, and beloved comfort foods, with the best ingredients of Mexico's Yucatan peninsula and beyond - a refined and authentic Mexican dining experience with a Mediterranean touch.

*The Coffee and Juice Bar @ Mistura* - Coffee lovers can find a wide selection of coffee beans from different regions in Mexico as well as renowned international brands. All coffee beverages are prepared with freshly ground beans and brewed on demand. Our *Juice Bar* menu offers a delicious selection of freshly squeezed juices, smoothies made to order, and our popular superfood bowls.

*The Beach Bar* - Located in a two-storey beachfront palapa, where guests can savour our creative signature cocktails while enjoying the warm sea breeze and the best views in the hotel.

## ACTIVITIES

Situated squarely between Tulum and Playa del Carmen, Mayan archaeological sites, underground cenotes and some of the Riviera's best nightclubs, all are only 20 minutes away. For an adventure only steps off the hotel's beach, there is a reef sanctuary for sea turtles and colorful exotic fish – one of the region's best kept secrets. Concierge is at your service to arrange a multitude of activities from scuba diving, horseback riding, deep-sea fishing, and golf as well as excursions to Mayan ruins and guided tours of underground rivers locally referred to as cenotes.

From summer 2022, Hotel Esencia will offer guests an in-house private helicopter service, directly from Cancún airport to the property, and also private tours around the Yucatán peninsula.

## SPA & HEALTHCLUB

*Esencia Spa* offers treatments inspired by traditional Mayan healing rituals, as well as facial treatments from all-natural skincare brand *Tata Harper*.

At the east end of the 50-acre private estate surrounded by lush Mayan jungle is Hotel Esencia's Spa and Health Club, which overlooks the estate's cenote and exuberant jungle. Housed under towering traditional 'palapa' thatched roofs, and designed for good energy flow, the health club and spa integrate hallmarks of modern well-being with ancient customs of cultivating beauty, balance, and peace. The spa journey begins with a traditional Mayan kitchen laboratory where therapists tailor bespoke, restorative programs, using the purest ingredients harvested from the waters of the Caribbean and soil from the Mayan jungle.

Guests can enjoy our steam rooms, *jacuzzi*-style plunge pools, swiss showers, an infrared dry sauna with jungle views, and a relaxing waterfall pool, as well as our new *Temazcal*, the ancestral healing ritual that offers a deep detoxification through a hot steam bath created by pouring healing herbal infusions over red-hot stones.

The climate-controlled fitness center features *Technogym* cardio and weights equipment, *Woodway* treadmills, and the *Mirror* - a virtual personal trainer, a state of the art device that allows guests to join live cardio, yoga, and pilates classes among others, or choose from an extensive library of workouts. Guests also enjoy complimentary yoga lessons every morning, and personal training sessions are available upon request.

Guests who fancy practicing their ace serve or backhand swing, can now enjoy our brand new U.S. Open-standard tennis court, and rest and refresh between sets in the tennis pavillion, equipped with comfortable seating space, chilled water, and towels. Pickleball rackets now available.

## PRIVATE EVENTS

Whether intimate or grand, events at Hotel Esencia offer all the boutique services and conveniences of nearby Cancún, but are utterly removed from the noise of other seaside resorts to the north and south. The estate can accommodate up to 300 people for weddings, holidays, reunions, or any other occasion that is meant to be unforgettable.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

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