



# CENOTES

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# VALLADOLID AND SURROUNDINGS

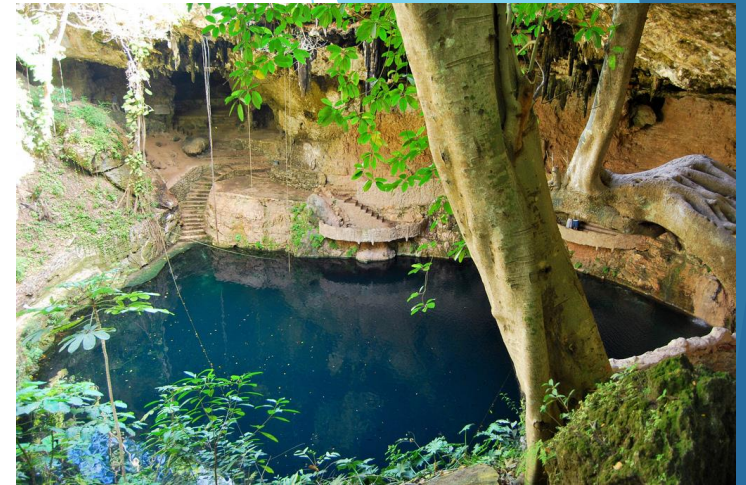


# CENOTE ZACI

It is located in downtown Valladolid, in Calle 36 between Calles 37 and 39. Valladolid is in the eastern part of the Mexican state of Yucatán.

This cenote is a massive cave, partly open to the sky, with tons of light coming in. The rock walls are covered in greenery with stalagmites and stalactites hanging.

The depth of the water is quite impressive; it goes from 25-30 meters in the shallow areas to over 100 in the deepest one. The tonality of the water varies from blue to slightly green.



# CENOTE OXMAN

The San Lorenzo Oxman Cenote is an open-type Cenote (the oldest geologically speaking) of about 20 meters in diameter and another 20 meters deep.

Up there are several viewpoints from which you can see the hole from different angles and below, on one side, is the platform from which you can get (or throw) into the Cenote.



# CENOTE DZITNUP

It is located 3 kilometers before reaching the city of Valladolid, take the detour to the town of Dzitnup and 2 km. away is the Cultural and Tourist Services Unit that manages the site.

It's one of the most incredibly cenotes in the area, with limestone formations arching over the water. It's a fun, refreshing place to visit to see a very pretty little natural underground oasis.



# CENOTE IK KIL

Cenote Ik Kil is located inside a park; surrounded by exotic plants and trees that are the perfect habitat for hundreds of wild birds, such as: toucans, parrots, cenzontles, cardinals, fly hunters and turquoise mot-mot.

The nights in Ik Kil are a mixture of sounds of frogs, crickets and monkeys, as trees where small wild animals such as deer approach and enjoy the natural beauty of this place surround it. All this happens while you enjoy the stars and relax in one of the luxury palapas that have air conditioning and jacuzzi.



# CENOTE X' CANCHÉ

X'Canché (pronounced shkan-che) cenote is located 192.5 kilometers east of the city of Mérida, it is closer to the Ek Balam tourist hostel.

This cenote is an oasis in the middle of the jungle where you can swim, rappel, let go of the vine, and dive through underground tunnels between odd geological formations.

This is a great way to cool down after a visit to the nearby ruins of Ek Balam.



# CENOTE HUBIKU

Cenote Hubiku is located in the town of Temozón, close to the city of Valladolid and the Archaeological zone of Chichén Itzá, its name can be interpreted in the Mayan language as "the great lord or nest of iguanas".

The underground, semi open cenote has an opening in its roof where both natural lights and tree roots cascade towards its waters.

To visit this cenote, you have to descend 115 stone steps.





# CENOTE SUYTUN

Cenote Suytun is a semi-open cenote, surrounded by stalactites, crystalline shallow waters where you can see the freshwater fish living in it.

Cenote Suytun also has a walkway to the center of its pool, so you can explore without getting your feet wet. Suytun is a very popular cenote among photographers. If you get there at the right time of day (around 9 am or 3 pm) light beams pour from the opening on the roof straight down on the platform, giving it a brilliant, whimsical feel.

It has a 20 minute show of Mayan music performed by school students of Valladolid.



# CENOTE XLA'KAJ

This Cenote has a local atmosphere and it is located 9 km away from the city of Valladolid, this is an open cenote, that has a restaurant, pool and cabins.

It is a very peaceful place to relax with a lot of wildlife, bees and birds of all colours.



## CENOTES AGUA DULCE AND CENOTE PALOMITAS

There are a lot of cenotes within Rancho de Guadalupe, but the most popular are Cenote Agua Dulce and Cenote Palomistas.

Both cenotes are closed cenotes with a couple small holes in the roof that let in some natural light, but also there are spot lights installed to make you see the countless stalactites hanging from the roof.

Most of the people agreed that Cenote Agua Dulce is the most beautiful closed cenote around Valladolid.



# CENOTE X'CA' ANAJALTUN

It is located 28 km away from the city of Valladolid, in the town of Yalcobá.

It's a natural space of colossal diameter with the vault partially opened that brings light to the crystalline waters of the cenote.

You can swim to the sand island on the other side of the cenote or rent a kayak.



# CENOTE FANTASMA

Cenote Fantasma is located close to Valladolid.

With amazing natural rock formations through its cave complex and artificial light that illuminates the interior, while the crystal-clear waters just beckon you on.

To enter this cenote you have to go down wooden stairs, which were designed for the comfort of visitors. It has man-made lighting since this cenote is completely closed.



# CENOTE CHOOJ JA'

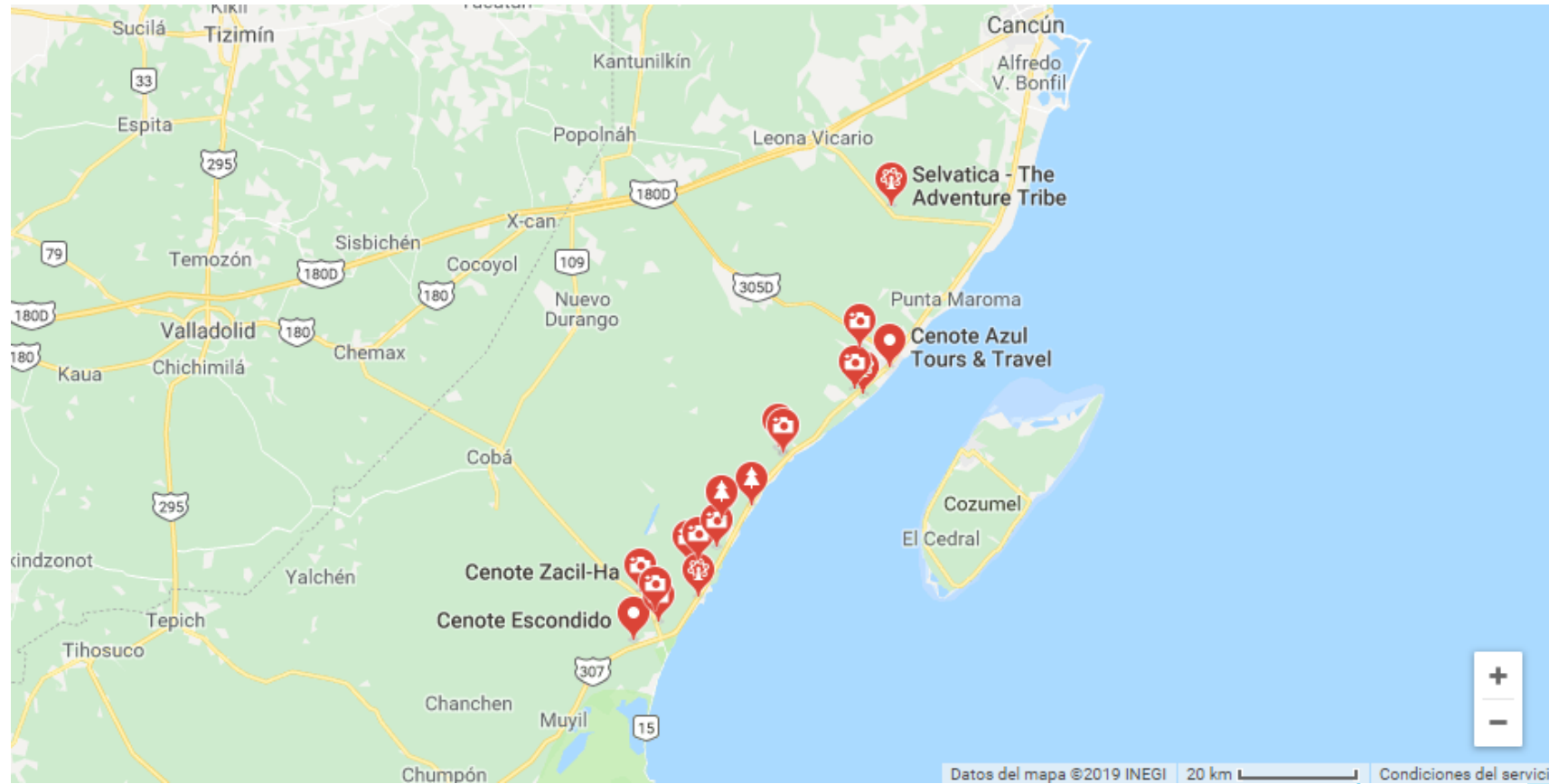
The Chooj Ja cenote is enabled with a safe wooden stairs entrance and lights that illuminate the crystal clear cave, it is an extremely beautiful image.

It offers showers, dressing rooms and rustic bathrooms, rappel and sale of local products such as honey and handicrafts.

It is located 60 km far from Valladolid on the way to Cancun.



# MAIN CENOTES IN RIVIERA MAYA



# CENOTE AZUL

Blue Cenote has different depths and crystal clear waters, it offers many opportunities for various activities from swimming and snorkeling to diving.

It is one of the most family-friendly cenotes in the Yucatan Peninsula, perhaps it is because it has many shallow areas, which make everybody feel confident to swim freely almost everywhere.

But if you need to feel safer, you can rent life jackets and snorkeling equipment at a low cost.





# CENOTE KANTUN CHI

Its Mayan meaning is "Yellow Stone Mouth".

The cenote is located 22 kilometers far from Playa del Carmen, in the heart of an Ecological Park., it has a great variety of flora and fauna, as well as Cenotes and underground caverns where you can swim.



# GRAN CENOTE

Gran Cenote is located 3.5 kilometers from Tulum, on the road that goes to the Mayan ruins of Cobá, this majestic cenote is the most famous in the area.

It is a perfect place for lovers of diving and snorkeling, it has a circular shape inside you can admire stalactites and stalagmites, its depth is 10 meters and it's illuminated by natural light which makes you see the spectacular crystal clear water, it also has parking lot and bathrooms.

Discover the tranquility of the underwater world and the experience of a dive in caves full of fresh water.



# CENOTE AKTUN CHEN

Aktun Chen Park is one of the many natural parks near the city of Cancun, in the State of Quintana Roo. You can do different activities such as: entering the cave, zip line, swim on underground rivers.

As the caves are naturally ventilated, they do not cause a feeling of confinement. Due to the low difficulty of the tour, anyone can visit the main cave. It is a large 600-meter-long space formed by the erosive action of water. The enclosure is full of stalactites and stalagmites that creates incredible landscapes.



# CENOTE DOS OJOS

Dos Ojos (means "Two Eyes" in Spanish) is a flooded cave system located north of Tulum, on the Caribbean coast of Yucatan. The exploration of Dos Ojos began in 1987 and has never stopped since.

The surveyed extent of the cave system is 82 kilometers and there are 28 cenotes. It contains the deepest known cave passage in Quintana Roo with 118 meters of depth at The Cenote Pit.

The cenote gives us a spectacular view, mainly from inside its caverns and crystal clear waters.



## CENOTE XUNAAN-HA

Cenote Xunaan-Ha is located 40 km south of Playa del Carmen and 18 km north of the Tulum Archaeological Zone.

It is one of the most rustic and solitary Cenotes in the Riviera Maya, but at the same time it maintains a mystical charm.

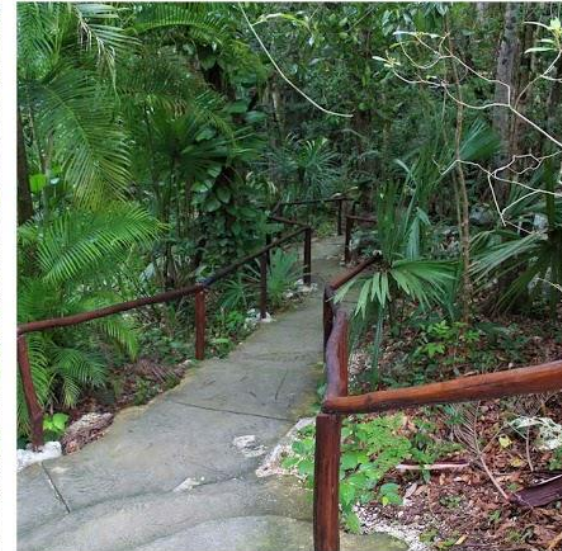
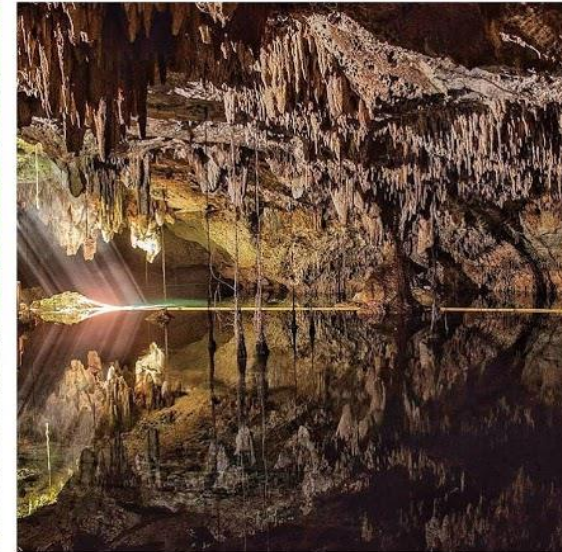


# CENOTE CHAAC TUN

The cenote and dry caverns are simply spectacular. All the ceiling is covered in stalactites, and the floor beautifully decorated with stalagmites. Full relaxation during your swimming, snorkeling, and hiking is guaranteed.

It is only a few kilometers from Playa del Carmen, on the vast jungle side.

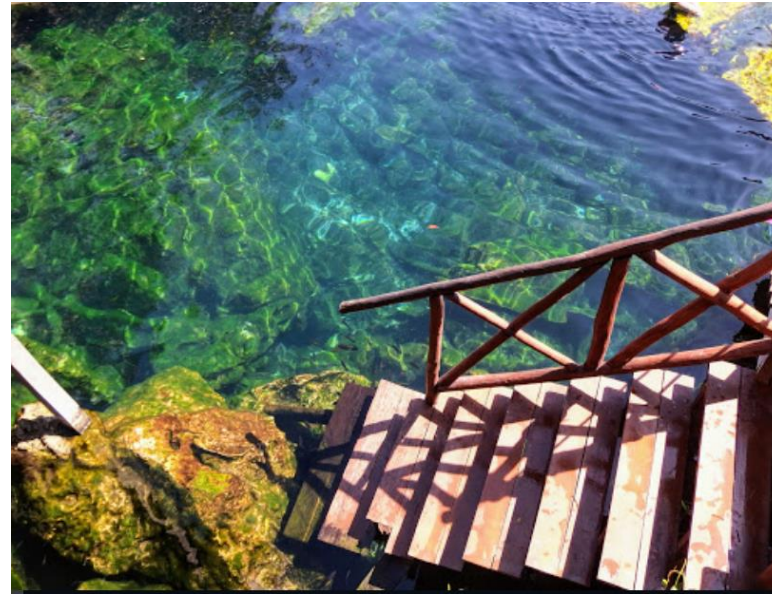
The guides are experts in different topics like history, geology and even religion. They speak fluent English.



# CENOTE JARDÍN DEL EDÉN

Green vegetation and beautiful trees of the region surround Cenote Jardín del Edén, this image gives the impression of being in the Garden of Eden .

There are some palapas to rest, relax and enjoy nature.



# CENOTE ZAZIL-HA

Cenote Zazil-ha is located 15 minutes far from Tulum. Zazil-ha means "clear water".

This cenote is ideal for swimming, snorkeling and especially for diving, since it has a cavern that will take you to a chamber known as Las Lágrimas, named for its stalactites in the form of drops, with a depth of 8 to 35 meters. It covers a distance of 2 kilometers in which it communicates with other cenotes such as the Car Wash and the Skull, drawing attention to the fans of this sport.





# CENOTE AND LAGUNA YAL-KÚ

The Cenote and lagoon Yal-Kú are perfect fit for snorkeling with fish and sea turtles. The site is made of a bay and a network of channels fringed with rocks trails and mangrove swamps.

You will discover among a large number of marine species, one of the most beautiful views on the entire coast. While swimming in these irresistible crystal clear waters, you can enjoy the birds and the unique landscape of the lagoon.

You will be swimming in a paradise so all you have to do is live the experience and enjoy it.



# CENOTE CHIKIN-HA

The Chikin Ha Park is located in Playa del Carmen, Quintana Roo. Discovered in 1997, it has three cenotes: Chikin Ha, Ta'ak Bil-Ha and X'tabay, the latter is part of the Ponderosa underground river system, over 15 thousand meters long.

The park has a zip line, temazcal, bicycle tour, kitchen and dining rooms as well as showers, changing rooms and snorkeling equipment.



# CENOTES TANKAH

Tankah Park is located only 20 minutes from Tulum. The zip lines are an exciting attraction that allows you to see the cenote from a unique perspective.

The largest zip line will take you to all the way over to a pier to board our canoes and paddle to the biggest open air cenote The Maya Riviera.



# CENOTE MANATÍ OR CASA CENOTE

Casa Cenote is located close to Tulum and is part of the biggest underwater system called “Sac Actun” (meaning White Cave in Mayan).

Actually this cenote is the final part of Sac Actun system where the cenote meets the ocean.

The mix of salty water and fresh water makes a perfect environment for the mangroves. Mangroves are really important for the flora and fauna of the jungle.



# CENOTE KIN-HA

Cenote Kin Ha is a closed type cenote. It is popular for its scuba diving, cave diving, snorkeling, and swimming. It is one of the sacred sinkholes in the area so you can immerse in the culture of the Mayan civilization.

The cenote has an opening in the roof where the light passes through and creates different natural and wonderful light sets, and has 40 meters deep that can be easily viewed thanks to the clarity of its water.



# THE CENOTE TRAIL

Very close to Puerto Morelos, there is a corridor that extends approximately 35 km towards Leona Vicario.

This corridor is better known as "La Ruta de los Cenotes", where there are a wide variety of cenotes of all kinds: open pit, semi-open and underground.

Some of the activities on La Ruta de los Cenotes are: snorkeling, diving, free diving, zip-lining, cycling, abseiling, horseback riding, all-terrain excursions, diving and bird watching, among others.

