



## HACIENDA SISAL

Located next to The Royal Sands® in Cancún's Hotel Zone, Hacienda Sisal restaurant offers tasty Mexican cuisine, warm hospitality and a festive ambiance in a splendid estate house setting that evokes the days of the henequen boom in late 19<sup>th</sup>-century Yucatan.

### *The menu*

Hacienda Sisal is open for lunch and dinner and the a la carte menu features a mouthwatering array of Mexican favorites from different parts of the country. Traditional family recipes and the freshest locally sourced ingredients are used to showcase some of the country's most famous dishes and an enticing selection of chef's specials with a contemporary twist.

Appetizers include guacamole prepared tableside, empanadas, cochinita pibil sopes (corn dough patties topped with marinated slow-cooked pork from the Yucatán and pickled red onion), shrimp tostadas and quesadillas. A bowl of piping hot tortilla soup or a salad is a delicious alternative.

Main course dishes are equally tempting. Favorites include the Surf and Turf combo of juicy grilled steak and lobster, New York steak tacos, burritos and the famous Hacienda Sisal enchiladas.

Diners who would like to sample a traditional Mexican dish cannot go wrong with Pollo con Mole (chicken breast in a mild chocolate-chili sauce), Lamb mixiote (lamb slow-cooked in a maguey leaf), Veracruz-style fish and Tequila Shrimp. Carnitas, a tender marinated pork recipe is also popular.

Filet mignon and other prime steaks are grilled to perfection and sizzling beef, chicken and shrimp fajitas served with freshly made flour and corn tortillas and the usual trimmings are another option.

Vegetarian and gluten-free dishes are available and the dessert menu features chocolate crème brûlée and ice creams and sorbets made from seasonal fruit.



Hacienda Sisal offers diners a varied selection of Mexico's finest premium tequilas, artisanal mezcal, craft beers, specialty margaritas, cocktails and an extensive wine list including many Mexican wines.

There is a Sunday Brunch from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and on Thursdays diners can sample another traditional Mexican favorite, pozole, a hearty broth with hominy, pork or chicken. A local band plays a selection of Mexican music on Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

In 2016, Hacienda Sisal entered the Trip Advisor Hall of Fame, an accolade for restaurants that receive Certificates of Excellence for five years running.

With three areas for dining: the Isabella's formal dining room, La Fuente and an outdoor terrace, Hacienda Sisal is an ideal venue for group dinners, weddings, engagement and graduation dinners and other special events. The Gran Salon Hacienda Sisal next door is a stylish, contemporary venue for larger events ranging from weddings and parties to conventions.

### *A glimpse of old Mexico*

With its arches, columns, fountains, hand-tiled brick cupulas or vaulted ceilings and original paintings, the romantic setting of Hacienda Sisal evokes the past.

### *The origin of the name Hacienda Sisal*

"Hacienda" is the Spanish word for estate, ranch or plantation and also refers to the great house - the palatial residence of the estate owner. After the Conquest of Mexico in the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the victorious Spaniards and waves of settlers from the motherland seized vast tracts of land throughout the country upon which they founded their estates.

During the late 19<sup>th</sup> century and the first two decades of the twentieth century, the Yucatan's haciendas flourished and their owners amassed huge fortunes from the cultivation of henequen (*Agave fourcroydes*), an agave plant native to the area that





yields a tough fiber used to make rope, twine and sacking. The Maya had used the fiber since ancient times but as agricultural mechanization spread through North America and Europe, the demand for rope and twine soared and henequen became so lucrative that it was called *oro verde* or green gold.

Henequen fiber was christened “sisal” in overseas markets, a reference to Sisal, the Gulf port that initially handled the henequen trade. “Sisal” is a Mayan word that means “cold waters.”

### *General information*

Located next to The Royal Sands. Open daily: 2 p.m. – 11 p.m.

Groups, weddings and special event service, e-mail: [haciendasisal@royalresorts.com](mailto:haciendasisal@royalresorts.com)

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### *A member of the Royal Resorts® Family*

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Hacienda Sisal’s sister restaurants in Cancún are Captain’s Cove, serving fresh seafood on the shores of the lagoon, and El Conquistador, a hidden treasure at The Royal Islander offering steaks, seafood and flambéed specialties, live guitar music and sterling service. Like Hacienda Sisal, they are Trip Advisor Certificate of Excellence recipients and Captain’s Cove is also in the Trip Advisor Hall of Fame.

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