

THE ROYAL HACIENDAS[®], RIVIERA MAYA

Opened in 2006, The Royal Haciendas[®], is the first Royal Resorts[®] property in the Riviera Maya.

Founded in 1975, and with four resorts already in Cancun, it was a logical move for Royal Resorts to build a new resort in the Riviera Maya, now rated as one of the world's most popular travel destinations, famous for its beaches, reefs, underground rivers, nature theme parks and Mayan archaeological sites. The Royal Haciendas is located in Grand Coral beach and golf community, five minutes to the north of district capital Playa del Carmen and 30 minutes from Cancun International Airport.

From the sheltered white-sand beaches to the gardens full of native trees and flowering shrubs, the emphasis at The Royal Haciendas is on luxury and comfort in a splendid natural setting. With its classic Mexican arches, columns and terraces, the low-rise architecture is inspired by the grand old haciendas or estates of the Yucatan that prospered from the cultivation of a native agave plant called *henequen* or sisal in the late 19th century and the first two decades of the 20th century.

Showcasing the best features of the Royal Resorts in Cancun, the 252 deluxe master suites at The Royal Haciendas represent the culmination of 40 years of vacation villa design experience. All suites have two bedrooms and two bathrooms, a spacious living and dining area with two Murphy beds, a fully equipped kitchen and an ocean-view terrace that is perfect for relaxing, al fresco dining and stargazing. Additional touches of luxury include flat screen TVs, DVD players, sound systems, complimentary high speed Wi-Fi Internet access, granite counter tops and a whirlpool tub for two on the terrace.

The deluxe master suites are available in two floor plans: the Ocean-view suite (153 $m^2/1,648$ sq. ft.) and the Penthouse and Beachfront suite (160 $m^2/1,722$ sq. ft.), which in addition to the aforementioned features, also has a small lounge area in the master bedroom and a larger master bathroom with closets. The rich color scheme has accents of Spanish tile, wood, stone and hand-painted wall motifs and frescos.

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All deluxe master suites sleep six and feature the innovative Flexivilla concept utilized in all Royal Resorts properties, meaning that the second bedroom is a lock-off room with a kitchenette featuring a microwave oven, coffee maker and mini fridge, a bathroom and its own separate entrance. This means that families have the option to use the entire deluxe master suite or to lock off the second bedroom and convert the unit into a one-bedroom deluxe suite sleeping four and a separate deluxe Jr. suite for two that can be used for rental or exchange purposes. The Royal Haciendas is affiliated to the RCI vacation exchange network, which gives members the flexibility to trade their unit and travel the world, staying at nearly 4,500 resorts across the globe.

Amenities at The Royal Haciendas include four pools, large whirlpool tubs on the sun decks and shaded hammock areas. For the activity-minded there are floodlit tennis courts, a multi-use court for basketball and soccer, a gym, dive center and a sports desk where guests can sign out tennis and snorkel gear, bicycles and kayaks. The fun-packed resort activity program keeps children, teenagers and adults entertained during the week and there is a supervised kids club for children aged between four and 12 years.

After a busy day, guests can relax at the full-service spa and enjoy an exclusive collection of facial and body treatments and massages or even visit the beauty salon.

There is a well-stocked convenience store that also offers Internet access and a variety of other services. There is a travel agency desk in the resort lobby for booking day trips, boat trips and water sports or guests can rent a car and explore at their own pace.

A delectable dining experience awaits guests at The Royal Haciendas. Its signature restaurant Los Murales serves the freshest seafood from the Caribbean, Pacific and further afield in a sophisticated setting enhanced by a series of magnificent Byzantine-style mosaics inspired by the work of Cuban painter Arturo Montoto.

Contemporary Mexican cuisine, steaks and seafood are on the menu at the spectacular beachfront restaurant called La Palapa del Sol, and for a casual lunch the Sol Grill and Luna Grill offer everything from ceviche, tacos and wraps to hamburgers and grilled fish in two poolside locations. Guests who prefer to dine in their villa one night can also order platters, salads, main course items and pizzas from the room service menu.

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During the week, guests can enjoy theme dining and evening entertainment at the resort such as a Mexican Fiesta, Italian Night, Asian Night or a BBQ and karaoke, live music and a DJ night in La Rotonda Bar. Candlelit dinners on the beach can also be organized on request and are perfect for a romantic evening or special occasions.

The REFINE All-Inclusive package at The Royal Haciendas features dining, activities, use of the gym and much more.

The Royal Haciendas offers the exceptional vacation experience and warm hospitality that visitors have come to expect from the Cancun Royal Resorts over the years and luxury features that will make their stay even more enjoyable.

In addition to The Royal Haciendas, the exclusive Grand Coral beach community is the location of a Nick Price-designed 18-hole professional golf course opened in 2011. Playa del Carmen's main thoroughfare, La Quinta (Fifth Avenue) is only five to 10 minutes away and offers every world cuisine imaginable, equally varied live music and excellent shopping. The resort currently offers complimentary shuttle transport to Playa del Carmen and the famous Fifth Avenue during the day (reservations required).

The Royal Haciendas is in the 2018 Trip Advisor Travelers' Choice Top 25 Resorts in Mexico for Families. In 2014, it received the *Perspective Magazine* award as Best Timeshare Resort, Latin America.

MARTI, Mesoamerican Reef Tourism Initiative has certified The Royal Haciendas as a resort with eco-friendly policies and in 2013 it received the Distintivo S from the Mexican Tourism Board, a distinction awarded to resorts for their work towards sustainability.

About Royal Resorts

Founded in 1975, Royal Resorts is a pioneer in the Mexican tourism industry and has four beachfront resorts in Cancún: The Royal Cancun[®], The Royal Caribbean[®], The Royal Islander[®] and The Royal Sands[®] and one in Playa del Carmen, The Royal Haciendas[®], located at the heart of the Riviera Maya. The latest member of the Royal Resorts collection is Grand Residences Riviera Cancun[®], a luxury beachfront resort to

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the south of Puerto Morelos that is affiliated with The Leading Hotels of the World[®]. It opened on December 7, 2013 and is the No. 1 Hotel in Puerto Morelos and in the top ten Riviera Maya resorts on Trip Advisor, out of 403 hotels.

All the Royal Resorts offer spacious fully equipped suites and an array of amenities and activities.

One of the world's leading vacation ownership companies, Royal Resorts has more than 70,000 member families from 51 countries.

Royal Resorts has received numerous accolades over the years. All are RCI Gold Crown resorts, a rating awarded to properties that offer exceptional vacation experiences. They are also Trip Advisor favorites. Grand Residences Riviera Cancun is in the Trip Advisor Travelers' Choice 2018 listings of the Top 25 Luxury Hotels in the World, the Top 25 Hotels in Mexico and the Top 25 Hotels in Mexico in the Luxury, Best Service and Best for Families categories. Three Royal Resorts also feature in the Trip Advisor's Travelers' Choice 2018 Top 25 Hotels in Mexico in the Best for Families category.

Royal Resorts has been certified as a company with eco-friendly policies by MARTI, (Mesoamerican Reef Tourism Initiative) and it is committed to its role of environmental stewardship. It has participated in the annual Mexican Caribbean sea turtle protection campaign since 1985 and has been a longtime supporter of area conservation projects.

Always active in the local community, Royal Resorts has been helping those in need for over 30 years. Through the Royal Resorts Foundation (Fundación Royal Resorts A.C.), it seeks ways to give back to society by promoting health and education, contributing to sustainable development in the state of Quintana Roo, and by protecting wildlife.

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