



# Fact Sheet

## **Description**

Xel-Há is a paradise on earth for nature lovers. The best snorkeling, fun marine and land activities can be enjoyed in this series of inlets, lagoons, sinkholes and caves where seawater mixes with the fresh water of the world's longest underground river system.

## **Our Mission**

To guarantee the scope of Experiencias Xcaret Group by continually maximizing our value in the journey we are in.

## **Our Vision**

To be unique in sustainable tourist entertainment

## **Our Values**

- Creativity
- Profitability
- Integrity
- Congruency
- Honesty
- A Spirit of Service
- Commitment
- Equality
- Social responsibility



## Introduction

Xel-Há is a natural wonder with a variety of attractions that make it unique. It is located on the Riviera Maya, in the State of Quintana Roo, Mexico and, since 1995, it is a model of sustainable tourism.

A love of nature can be seen in every corner of Xel-Há. Sustainability is the hallmark of all this tourist attraction's operation and marketing activities.

This compendium contains a good part of the spirit that envelops Xel-Há today, but the most important testimonials to the Park are found right there, in the unique ecosystem where more than 400 land and water animal and plant species live harmoniously together; where every day our associates, managers and shareholders confirm their commitment to preserving this unique heritage, in which Mexico takes great pride, for the use and enjoyment of new generations.

## General Information

<b>Opening Date</b>	<b>November, 1994</b>
<b>Size</b>	<b>70 hectares (175 acres) of land, 14 (35 acres) of water</b>
<b>Total visitors per year</b>	<b>650,000</b>
<b>Meaning of the word "Xel-Há"</b>	<b>"Where the water is born"</b>
<b>Geographic location</b>	<b>45 km (30 miles) south of Playa del Carmen &amp; 15 km (9 miles) north of Tulum</b>
<b>Direct jobs</b>	<b>496</b>
<b>Indirect Jobs</b>	<b>1,984</b>

Xel-Há is located in the State of Quintana Roo, Mexico, 68 miles south of Cancun, 9 miles north of the Tulum archaeological site and 24 miles from the ancient ceremonial center of Cobá. Given its proximity to these ancient Mayan cities, you can easily visit both sites on the same day.



## History

The ancient Maya named this wonderful site Xel-Há, which means, "Where the water is born."

Due to its strategic geographic location, during pre-Hispanic times, Xel-Há served as safe harbor, trade center, pilgrimage site and refuge for sailors, in addition to functioning as a food reserve during inclement weather conditions.

According to legend, the Mayan gods merged all their wisdom, hopes and love for beauty to create a place that would bring together the best of nature in a single site, which they called Xel-Há. Once it was created, the gods were so pleased with the place that they decided to allow all mortals in. However, to guard this paradise and the elements surrounding it, the gods named three Guardians: Huh, the iguana, Guardian of the Earth; Chuc Kay, the pelican, Guardian of Air; and Kay Op, the parrot fish, Guardian of Water.

## Park Schedules

The Park is open year-round from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. and in summer to 7:00 p.m.

## Tips

In order to enjoy your day at the Park to the fullest, we recommend you consider the following tips:

- Use chemical-free sun block and suntan lotions. If they contain Octocrylene, Benzophenone, Butyl methoxydibenzoylmethane, Hexylodecanol, Dimethyl capramide, Cetyl dimethicone, Methylparaben, Polyethylene, Propylparaben or Butylcarbamate we will ask you to leave them at the Information booth at the Park entrance and pick them up at the end of your visit. Our staff will give you a free, chemical-free sun block to use.
- Use comfortable beach wear and remember to take a bathing suit with you.
- Take money and/or a credit card for security deposits and extras like buying photos or souvenirs.
- The security deposit to use snorkeling equipment is \$300 pesos or USD \$25 or €20 Euros per person.
- All our shops and restaurants accept Visa, MasterCard and American Express. Currency: Mexican Pesos, US and Canadian Dollars, and Euros.
- In accordance with legal provisions, on any purchase over USD \$250 per person, the excess must be paid with some other form of payment (credit or debit card or cash in pesos.)





## Prices

Product	Description	Adult	Child
<b>All-Inclusive Admission *</b>	Access to Park and all its attractions, with unlimited food & beverages.	<b>\$89 USD</b>	<b>\$44.50 USD</b>
<b>Xel-Há - Tulum All-Inclusive Tour *</b>	Round-trip transportation, Park Admission, unlimited food & beverages.	<b>\$149 USD</b>	<b>\$74.50 USD</b>
<b>TXel-Há - Cobá All-Inclusive Tour *</b>	Round-trip transportation in deluxe bus equipped with both ladies and gentlemen's toilets; tour of Cobá archaeological zone and Xel-Há Park, with expert guide; breakfast on board bus; rickshaw-type tricycles or bikes at archaeological zone; buffet lunch and unlimited beverages at Xel-Há; unlimited non-alcoholic beverages on board bus.	<b>\$129 USD</b>	<b>\$64.50 USD</b>
<b>All-Inclusive Admission for Quintana Roo Residents **</b>	Access to the Park and its attractions, with unlimited food & beverages.	<b>\$575 pesos</b>	<b>\$287.50 pesos</b>

Prices are subject to change without notice.

\* Does not include Optional Activities.

\*\* Both adults and children must present Quintana Roo Resident ID at Park ticket booths. Does not include Optional Activities.

FREE admission for children under 5 years of age. Children 5 to 11 pay ½ the adult ticket price. An ID must be presented at the Park's ticket booths.

## Awards

- 2002-2011 Granted the "Brass Ring Award" by the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions (IAAPA).
- 2002 Received an Award as a Socially Responsible Corporation from the Mexican Philanthropy Center (CEMEFI).
- 2002 Best 100 Companies to Work at in Mexico- Great Place to Work Institute México.
- 2003 Certification as a Model of Equal Treatment MEG: 2003- National Women's Institute. (INMUJERES)
- 2004 Became a corporate signee of the UN Earth Charter.
- 2005 Award for Best Business Practices as a Socially Responsible Enterprise 2005 "Community Linkage" by the La Ceiba Center of Community Development in Chemuyil City.
- 2005 Corporate Signee of the UN World Pact and member of the World Pact Committee-Mexico.
- 2005 Awarded the "Must See Waterpark" prize by the International Association of Attractions and Amusement Parks (IAAPA).
- 2005 A finalist in the Tourism for Tomorrow Competition by the World Travel and Tourism Council.
- 2006 Granted an honorable mention in the Award for Nature Conservation by the National Natural Protected Areas Commission (CONANP).
- 2006 Certified as an Educational Backlog-free Corporation by the Ministry of Public Education (SEP) and the National Council on Education for Life and Work (CONEVYT).



## Awards

- 2006 to 2008 Granted the "H" Certificate for Food Safety and Security by the Ministry of Health.
- 2007 Granted the Management of Natural Resources and the Environment Award by the Quintana Roo Science & Technology Council (COQCYT).
- 2007 Granted the 2007 award for Best Business Practices of a Socially Responsible Corporation for "Melipona bee keeping and the Mayan bee Ceremony" – Mexican Philanthropy Center (CEMEFI).
- 2007 Designated as one of the 13 Natural Wonders of Mexico – Mexico Tourism Board and TV Azteca television channel.
- 2008 1st Place National Award for Waste Recycling – Ministry of the Environment and National Resources (SEMARNAT) and the Confederation of Employers of the Mexican Republic (COPARMEX).
- 2008 Granted the 2008 award for Best Business Practices by a Socially Responsible Corporation for "Solid Waste Management" by the Mexican Philanthropy Center (CEMEFI).
- 2009 Granted the Certification of Sustainable Tourism - Green Globe-Earthcheck Australia. The first park in the world to obtain this certification.
- 2010 Certified as an Education and Environmental Culture Center by the Ministry of the Environmental and Natural Resources, through the Sustainable Development Education and Training Center.
- 2010 and onward - Granted the "H" Certificate for Food Safety and Security by the Ministry of Health.
- 2011 TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence
- 2011 Recognition as a "Super Enterprise to Work on", by Grupo Expansión and TopCompanies
- 2011 Granted the 2011 award for the Best Business Practices by a Socially Responsible Corporation for the "Preservation and Conservation of an endangered species, Queen Conch (Strombus Gigaas)" by the Mexican Philanthropy Center (CEMEFI)
- 2012 Recipient of the Moderniza Certificate granted to Tourism Enterprises that have successfully implemented the Moderniza Quality Program which guarantees the adoption of best practices, a distinction granted as a model tourist enterprise.
- 2012 Best Social media strategy 2012 granted by the Mexican Internet Association (AMIPCI)
- 2012 Certificate of Excellence by TripAdvisor
- 2013 S Certification as a Guarantee of Sustainability by the Federal Ministry of Tourism (SECTUR)
- 2014 Granted the Certification of Sustainable Tourism - EarthCheck Gold Certification. The first park in the world to obtain the Gold certification.

## Activities Included In The All-Inclusive Admission

### . Water activities

#### 1. Inlet tour

A wonderful recreational area for swimming or snorkeling. Xel-Há Inlet is not just water from the sea coming inland; it is also the mouth of several fresh water channels that are part of the world's largest underground river system.

The Inlet is an incomparable adventure in itself where either swimming or snorkeling you can observe over 400 species of plants, animals and fish of many different sizes and colors that live freely in this protected ecosystem. This place of peaceful currents is home to some 70 species of fish, including: golden snapper, parrot fish, Atlantic blue tang, surgeonfish, yellowtail, the sergeant major, white grunt, porgy, bonefish, rays, blue striped chub and even barracuda, sea turtles and manatees. The pink conch is a protected species that also lives in the Inlet and is monitored carefully by specialists dedicated to its protection and conservation.

**Life vests are mandatory.**

#### 2. River Swim

A great place to swim, snorkel or float downstream on an inner tube.

The Yucatan Peninsula boasts some geographical features that keep rivers from forming on the surface. Fresh water flows through a complex system of underground channels, going in both directions between the Peninsula and the sea. Xel-Há is one of the largest mouths of this system.

From deep within underground caves and through mangrove forests, the cool, fresh water flows into Xel-Há Inlet, where it blends with the warm seawater. This 1,350-meter long River is one of the best visible examples of simultaneous thermocline and halocline phenomena, where warm and cold, fresh and saltwater blend.

The swim in the River is the most enjoyable and complete adventure in the Park. The river flows up through a natural spring at the mouth of a natural mangrove cave. Due to its rich variety of

marine species, Xel-Há River is an excellent place to snorkel. You will find a series of platforms to stop and just enjoy the scenery as you float downriver.

On the path you'll find the Cliff of Courage, La Quebrada (The ravine), The Monkey Jump, the Trepachanga (walking rope) and Salpichanga (a zip-line with water landings), all incredible open-air activities that are the perfect complement to a day of fun, and the best way to test your grit, skill and adventurous spirit.

For those who prefer a calmer journey, enjoying the beautiful scenery but without getting completely wet, inner tubes are also available.

Gently floating with the current, either snorkeling equipment or sitting in an inner tube is the best way to enjoy one of nature's perfect creations.

Cross the floating bridge at the end of the River to take the paths surrounded by jungle, caves and natural sinkholes for a simply unforgettable day at Xel-Há.

**Life vests are mandatory.**

**Activity times: 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**

#### 3. Underwater Observatory

Standing on the captain's cabin, imagine sailing on the inlet's waters where a thousand years ago countless canoes came to trade merchandise that came from Honduras, Guatemala and the Yucatan Peninsula.

Here you will discover an incredible diversity of marine fauna and watch more than 90 species of tropical fish that have found shelter in Xel-Há as well as a place to find food and to reproduce. You will be amazed by the size and colors of the species you will be able to admire through the glass on this boat that will never set sail.





## Activities Included In The All-Inclusive Admission

### . Land Activities

#### 1. Viewpoint

Unparalleled views of the jungle, crystal clear water, white sand and sunny days can be seen from any point in Xel-Há, but this lookout point is the highest in the Park, offering a front-row seat to appreciate nature's gifts in all their splendor.

#### 2. Children's Playground

Xel-Há offers a special place where the youngest adventurers live it up with the best experiences in this Natural Wonder.

Located near the main service area, the Children's Playground includes a wading pool, slides, climbing ropes, a seesaw, a crocodile tunnel, hanging games, lily pads and turtles for photos; all activities where the little ones will have hours of fun. Kids interested in learning more about Xel-Há and its guardians can let their imagination take flight with some fun drawing and painting activities.

The Xel-Há adventure is limitless and even our smallest visitors discover that this is the best place for a great time!

Just a few steps from here there is a tranquil, relaxing hammock area, where the little one's parents can recharge their batteries before taking off to enjoy the Parks huge variety of activities.

#### 3. Guided Tours

The best way to learn the most interesting facts and discover the wonders of the Park is through a Guided Tour, available Monday through Sunday and included in the admission price.

#### . Secrets of the Jungle

Discover the incredible diversity of the Park's plant and animal life. Walk over the Floating Bridge that crosses Xel-Há Inlet, to visit the Mayan Cave, El Dorado Grotto and the sinkholes, ending at the beginning of the River. All along the way, you'll learn about man's relationship to nature, why natural and cultural resources deserve being preserved and how we can contribute to their conservation.

**Duration:** 60 min.    **Languages:** Spanish and English

#### . Traditions of the Mayab

Through this cultural tour, you will visit the Xel-Há Plant Nursery and learn how our ancient Mayan ancestors practiced exemplary sustainable development in harmony with nature. You'll be introduced to the Maya's cosmic vision through the Cottonwood tree, the Melipona stingless bee, the gum extraction camp, the altar of the Talking Cross and the Mayan palapa, or thatched-roof home. The tour ends with visitors sponsoring a tree.

**Duration:** 40 min.    **Languages:** Spanish and English



## . Land Activities

### . Meet a Manatee

This tour will take you from the Inlet to the Manatee Sanctuary, where you'll meet these interesting creatures and enjoy a Mayan legend.

**Duration:** 40 min.    **Languages:** Spanish and English

All our Tours must be booked at the Information Modules. Space is limited to 15 people. Schedules available at 2:00, 2:30 and 3:00 p.m., subject to changes without prior notice.

### 4. Path of Consciousness

The Path of Consciousness runs through the heart of Xel-Há's tropical forest, inspiring its visitors with the same tranquility and wonder that have lead philosophers throughout the ages to write about nature and the environment.

The organic aesthetics of Martha and David Gerstein's sculptures, inscribed with the Mayan numerical system and thoughts in Spanish, reflect Xel-Há's landscape. For our visitors' convenience, these thoughts have been translated in the Path's brochure.

This is one way to convey a selection of thoughts and reflections inspired by the beauty and fragility of nature, so each person can take home a message of awareness, respect and the need for preserving our planet.

### 5. The Land of Huh

Nestled behind the Train Station is another fascinating alternative to reach the River entrance: The Land of Huh. This bicycle path is about ½ mile long and, at a moderate pace; it takes about 10 to 15 minutes to ride.

There are water troughs and food bins set out in the jungle along the path, and with a little patience, animal lovers just might catch a glimpse of some unusual jungle species, such as coatis, porcupines and agoutis, as they come close to the path to feed and surprise even those cyclists going at a higher speed.

Bicycles with adjustable seats, a net bag to carry personal belongings, and pedal brakes, are available for both adults and children. You can take them from the Train Station to the beginning of the River or vice versa.

### 6. Jungle Train (Transportation to the River)

If you want to get from the service area to the entrance of Xel-Há River, there's no ride that's more fun than this! Just a five-minute walk from the restaurant area will take you to the small palapa that is the station, where the train (on wheels!) arrives every few minutes.

These vehicles are not only feats of engineering but also works of art. We can bet you've never traveled on such a colorful vehicle before!

Every few minutes, the Jungle Train comes and goes between the River and the Inlet. It's the fastest, most relaxed and coolest way to get to the River entrance if you want to save your strength for other activities. It's also the easiest for visitors who have just walked down the path from the Floating bridge to the River, as a restful way to get back to the main service area.





## Activities Included In The All-Inclusive Admission

### . Land Activities

#### 7. Go Fly a Kite!

We also have fish in the air at Xel-Há! A relaxing activity for the entire family, the Park offers this inspiring option, the closest man comes to manipulating a flying bird or fish in this case! Let your imagination soar and enjoy the strength of the wind and the ocean breeze on your face! This activity takes place at the Xel-Há Lighthouse (El Faro) with previous reservation at Visitor Services.

Schedules: Daily from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

### . Activities in the Air

#### 1. Cliff of Courage

The first Rock activity from the River toward the Inlet is the Cliff Climb, with crevasses and ropes to give the brave a chance to face a challenging climb before jumping off the next Cliff on the Path. Show off your adventurous spirit and the strength in your arms legs and spirit in this thrilling activity that always ends with a refreshing Splash!

#### 2. La Quebrada (The ravine) and the Monkey Jump

You can find them on the banks of the River, and accessible from the water or the walkway. Visitors stop here to show off their jumping skills, defying heights to drop into the delicious turquoise-colored water. Both platforms are about 16 feet high and have wooden stairs to help enthusiasts repeat their feats over and over again.

#### 3. The Floating Bridge

An exceptional experience awaits you at the mouth of Xel-Há Inlet and facing the sea, the combined achievement of nature and engineering: the Floating Bridge. Built to join the main services area with the Path of Consciousness, the bridge is comprised of interconnected, floating sections that separate the Inlet from the open Caribbean Sea.

You have to have a basic sense of balance to reach the halfway point on the bridge, which is one of the best places in Xel-Há to see the fish that use the bridge as a refuge.

#### 4. World of Adventure

As you go through the river, you'll find an amazing place full of entertainment where you can have fun with your friends, family or your partner. Here are the salpichanga and trepachanga, fun challenges that will test your balance with zip lines, swings, parallel chords, etc. Games that require coordination, strength and endurance to avoid falling into the clear waters of the cove. A place full of adrenaline and excitement that always ends in a refreshing dip and laughter.



## Activities Included In The All-Inclusive Admission

### . Activities in the Air

#### 5. Swing Rope

Hidden in the depths of the Xel-Há tropical forest are several fresh water lagoons that slowly flow into Xel-Há River. Ixchel Grotto is one of these, a beautiful invitation to live an adventure in this magical site where you enjoy the crystal clear water and lush green vegetation.

From an elevated rock overlooking the grotto you can swing on a rope, imitating the flight of the Guardian of Air, the pelican Chuc Kay. Jump off the rock to dive into the cool, blue lagoon. This simple but fun activity is less than 10 minutes walk from the River entrance, or twenty minutes from the southern end of the Floating Bridge.

## Optional Activities At An Additional Cost

### . Delphinus Xel-Há

#### Swim with Dolphins in four different activities:

##### 1. Dolphin Ride

Enjoy a magical experience swimming with the dolphins at Xel-Há. Interact with these friendly creatures with a kiss, a fin shake and a ride where they'll push you through the warm seawater of their incredible habitat. This wonderful experience will capture your heart!

**Includes:** Dolphin Ride • Kiss • Song • Free Swim Time • Tail Shake • Platform • Greeting • Bar Jump • Bubbles • Dance  
Available Monday to Sunday at 9:30, 10:30 and 11:30 in the morning and 1:30 and 3:00 in the afternoon for groups of 8 participants. More frequent sessions could be opened up depending on the demand for the activity.

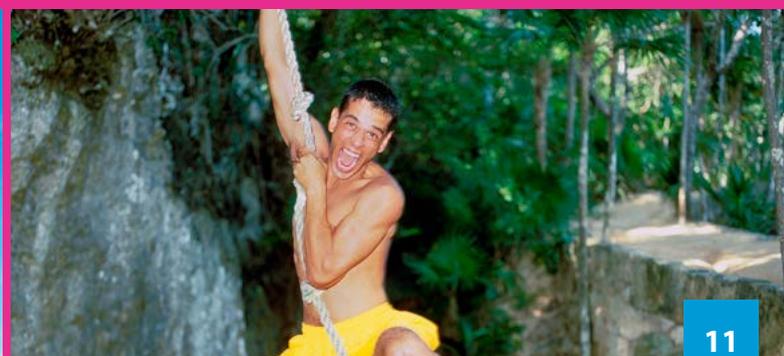
**Duration:** 45 minutes (15 for briefing and instructions and 30 in the water).

**Published price from Cancun:** \$109.00 USD for adults

Children 5 to 11 pay 50% off the adult ticket price. Must show ID. "Dolphin Ride" is valid only on the day you visit the Park and is available for ages 12 and older. "Dolphin Encounter" is available for children between 5 and 11 with ID. Children under 8 must be accompanied by an adult (both pay). Pregnant women are limited from this activity.

When purchasing tickets, the client will receive a proof of purchase that must be presented directly at the Park ticket booths in order to reserve the activity.

"Dolphin Ride" is available for sale solely and exclusively through travel agencies as part of a package or online through [www.experienciasxcaret.com.mx](http://www.experienciasxcaret.com.mx)



## Optional Activities At An Additional Cost

### . Delphinus Xel-Há

#### 2. Interax

An interactive swim with dolphins that guarantees hands-on encounters with these intelligent animals. This swim with dolphins program allows you to feel the texture of their skin, admire the agility of their movements and thrill at their jumps. But above all, you'll get to know the dolphins' world to better understand them: learn about their diet, their habits, and observe their behavior.

**Schedules:** Monday through Sunday 12:30, 1:30, 2:00 and 3:00 and 3:45 p.m.

**Duration:** 45 minutes (15 for briefing and instructions and 30 in the water).

#### 3. Primax

During your swim you'll get to see how intelligent and amazingly skilled dolphins are. You'll spend some unforgettable moments petting and freely interacting with them. This swim features activities like the foot push, where one or two dolphins will get under your feet to slide you over the water. Primax offers everything you expect from a swim with dolphins experience: a kiss, a hug, a foot push, jumps, dancing and much more.

**Schedules:** Monday through Sunday at 9:30, 10:30, 12:30 and 2:00.

**Duration:** 60 minutes (15 for briefing and instructions and 45 in the water).

### . Dolphin Trek IAX

A magical activity which takes visitors to the wonderful world of dolphins; taking advantage of how easy it is to walk underwater using Sea Trek equipment. It is not necessary to know how to swim. Xel-Há is the only place in the world where you can experience this activity.

**Includes:** Introduction (15 min) \* Interaction on the surface (15 min) \* Sea Trek (30 min) **Schedules:** Monday through Sunday 10:30, 12:30 and 2:45. **Duration:** 60 minutes **Restrictions:** Not recommended for expectant mothers or people with heart or lung ailments, asthma, claustrophobia, diabetes or hypertension.

### . Sea Trek-Stingray City

Acknowledged as the "Best Sea Trek 2009", Sea Trek Xel-Há takes you into the spectacular Natural Aquarium with the aid of certified guides and a diving helmet that makes it possible for you to breathe and walk underwater! During your underwater trek you'll interact with a family of stingrays that live freely within the protected ecosystem, and with a huge variety of marine species. Sea Trek allows even people who don't know how to swim to experience unimaginable thrills in a safe and relaxed manner.

**Maximum depth:** 3 meters (slightly under 10 feet) **Schedule:** 10:00 to 6:00 (every half hour) during summer and from 10:00 to 16:30 during winter. **Duration:** 30 minutes (5 for safety instructions and 25 underwater walk). The use of a wetsuit is included for participants (cost of rental US \$6.00). **Minimum age:** 8 years old (it is important to test helmet size.) **Capacity:** maximum 21 people per tour **Restrictions:** Not recommended for expectant mothers or people with heart or lung disease, asthma, claustrophobia, diabetes or hypertension.





## Optional Activities At An Additional Cost

### . Snuba Cenote

A line connecting to a tank of compressed air that floats on the surface allows you to explore a sinkhole up to 20 feet deep without being an experienced diver.

Xel-Há is the only place in the world where you can dive into a sinkhole and explore nature's closest guarded secrets without a diving certificate.

**Maximum depth:** 7 meters (22 feet)

**Schedule:** 10:00, 11:15, 12:30, 14:45 and 16:00 hours.

**Duration:** 1 hour (20 minutes for briefing, instructions and practice and 40 minutes water time).

**Minimum age:** 12 years old (must know how to swim)

**Capacity:** 4 people per tour

**Restrictions:** Not recommended for pregnant women or people with heart or lung disease, asthma, claustrophobia, diabetes or hypertension.

### . Snuba Caleta

There is a new fun experience that is halfway between snorkeling and the thrill of diving, called Snuba. This new way to explore the sea lets you leave the compressed air tank on a raft while you descend almost 10 feet for an up-close view of the variety of fresh water flora and fauna that live in Xel-Há's Natural Inlet.

**Maximum depth:** 3 meters (slightly under 10 feet)

**Schedule:** 10:00, 10:30, 11:15, 11:45, 12:30, 14:00, 14:45, 15:15 y 16:00 hours

**Duration:** 1 hour (20 minutes for briefing, instructions and practice and 40 minutes water time).

**Minimum age:** 8 years old.

**Capacity:** 4 people per tour

**Restrictions:** Not recommended for expectant mothers or people with heart or lung disease, asthma, claustrophobia, diabetes or hypertension.





## Optional Activities At An Additional Cost

### . Manatee Encounter

An educational activity designed to teach the importance of this species that is now endangered because of the destruction of its habitat and poaching. This is why Xel-Há has a permanent Manatee Rescue and Conservation Program focused on contributing to the species' survival.

For 40 minutes you'll learn about and interact with the Park's two spectacular manatees, feed these gentle creatures... and enjoy the biggest kiss of your life!

**Duration:** 40 min. (20 minutes of interaction with the manatees on the platforms 20 minutes snorkeling with them).

**Capacity:** 5 people per interactive program

**Schedules:** 10:30, 12:00, 14:00 y 15:30 hours

**Restrictions:** Not recommended for pregnant women or people with health conditions.

### . Stingray Encounter

For all those people who love and enjoy marine life, Xel-Há offers a unique "Stingray encounter" where you will be able to interact with this unique species and learn all about their biology, anatomy, habitat and friendly nature. At the end, these fantastic creatures will give you a short back massage!

**Schedule:** Monday through Sunday from 11:00, 12:00, 13:00, 15:00 y 16:00 hours

**Duration:** 30 minutes (5 minutes welcome, 25 minutes interaction).

**Age restrictions:** To be at least 6 years old.

**Restrictions:** Not recommended for expectant mothers or people with heart or lung disease, asthma, claustrophobia, diabetes or hypertension.

### . Zip-Bike

Zip-Bike is a new adventure to enjoy nature in Xel-Há. Pedal on high, fly over grottos and caves, and be dazzled by the beauty of the jungle and the crystal clear waters of the cenotes (sinkholes). Discover the magic and splendor of nature pedaling at a height of 23 feet for 30 minutes. A 546 yard route that will allow you a bird's-eye view of the beautiful natural scenery the ancient Maya lived in.

**Schedule:** Winter 10:00 to 16:00 hours | Summer 10:00 to 16:30 hours. Rides every 30 minutes.

**Minimum age:** 12 years

**Minimum height:** 4.4 ft

**Maximum weight:** 264 pounds

**Duration:** 30 minutes approximately. This activity is subject to weather conditions.

**Capacity:** 30 people at the most

**Equipment:** Helmet

**Restrictions:** Not recommended for expectant mothers or people suffering from asthma, vertigo or heart ailments.





## Optional Activities At An Additional Cost

### . Spa Massage Center

A holistic experience awaits our guests at Xel-Há. For all those who long for purification, liberation and well being far from the stress of daily life, Xel-Há Spa has the perfect solution.

The Spa treatments are the greatest combination of physiotherapeutic techniques and the practical application of natural elements to achieve a renewed and healthy body, mind and spirit.

#### Available Services:

**Relaxing massage** • A full body massage with soft and harmonic movements that improve blood flow and reduce stress.

**Deep muscle massage** • This massage is designed to relax tense muscles, tendons and ligaments thus reducing aches and pains, improving flexibility and releasing tension.

**Hammock massage** • This ancient massage says it all in the name, it takes place lying on a hammock allowing the therapist to interact with motion and gravity thus being able to massage specific areas of the body, releasing tension and enjoying a unique experience.

**Chocolate treatment** • This treatment consists of an exfoliation with chocolate, a cacao mud wrap, a bath, body and face massage. All your senses will be stimulated.

**Mayan bath** • This treatment begins with an exfoliation followed by a mineral-rich Mayan mud wrap, a bath with a gourd and a half body massage with hydration.

**“Spamor” couples massage** • A massage designed to share an unforgettable experience as a couple which includes a copal purification and a simultaneous massage with rose essence aromatherapy accompanied by a delicious glass of wine.

### . Temaxcal

The jungle brings you a ritual from the past, enjoy a relaxing experience and feel renewed after this mystical ancient practice. The temascal is a steam bath for the soul and a spiritual journey with a very pleasant interaction with nature's basic elements: water, fire, earth and air.

Scheduled times: Monday to Saturday at 15:00 hours.

**Duration:** 60 min

**Maximum Capacity:** 30 people

**Minimum age:** 12

**Restrictions:** Not recommended for expectant mothers. Do not use contact lenses or jewelry. People with recent surgeries, epilepsy, high blood pressure, heart ailments, claustrophobia, exposed wounds, lung ailments or diabetes please refrain from taking part in the activity.





## Park Attractions

### . Natural

#### 1. Cenotes (sinkholes)

The Yucatan Peninsula is basically limestone rock and, as it eroded over thousands of years, it formed the huge underground cave and channel system that characterizes it. Xel-Há has several sinkholes, where these underground rivers have surfaced. Cenote Paraíso and Cenote Aventura are protected areas and no one is allowed to swim there. However, they are some of the best places for watching local animals and birds.

#### 2. Mayan Cave

The Mayan Cave can be found half hidden just opposite the side of the inlet where Chulavista Restaurant is located. Several natural skylights in the roof of the cave fill the inside with sunlight reflecting on the crystal clear water and magnificently illuminating the interior...a sanctuary for peace and quiet reflection.

#### 3. Lighthouse

A place with a geographic location so ideal that it became safe harbor and refuge for sailors had to have a lighthouse, which today is used as a lookout point and the perfect place to watch the sunset and enjoy some lovely views of the jungle and the sea.

#### 4. El Dorado Grotto

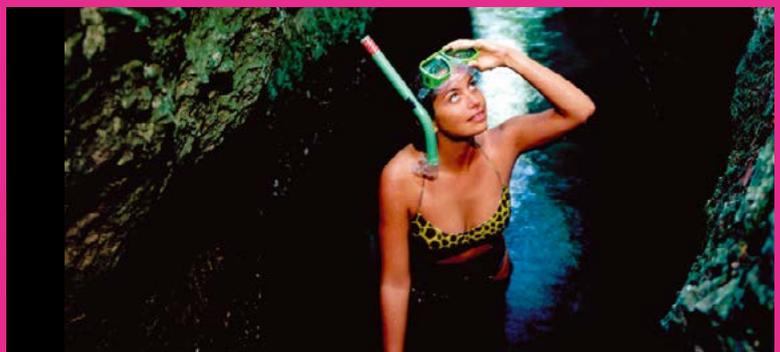
Experts believe that at one time the entire Peninsula was a coral reef completely covered by the ocean. El Dorado Grotto, with its walls covered in fossils of extinct mollusks and other pre-historic creatures, corroborates this theory. A small lagoon lies at the bottom, barely showing the entrance into the immense network of underground rivers connecting beneath Xel-Há.

#### 5. Ixchel Grotto

For those looking for a quieter place to swim, Ixchel Grotto, a turquoise-blue lagoon, is located on the jungle path leading to the river.

#### 6. Mangroves

Mangrove forests are remarkable, especially due to their ability to adapt to difficult conditions. Their versatility has led to whimsical designs that are awe inspiring from any perspective. An excellent view of the mangroves is available from the footpath leading to the River.





## Park Attractions

### . Ecological

#### 1. Chacah's Garden

Chacah's Garden was created to commemorate the distinguished guests who visit Xel-Há, where they are invited to plant a Chacah tree seedling and leave behind a short thought engraved in the stone of their Chacah tree for future generations.

A Mayan legend says that two warrior princes, the gentle and kindly Kinich, and Tizic, who harbored hatred and anger in his heart, fell in love with the beautiful Nicté-Há and challenged each other to a duel to the death to win her hand. Both brothers died in each other's arms. In the spirit world, they begged for another chance to return to the world of the living to see Nicté-Há one more time.

Tizic was reborn as the Chechen tree, which secretes a poison that burns everything it touches, while Kinich became the Chacah tree, which neutralizes the Chechen's poison. Nicté-Há died of a broken heart but was reborn as a lovely white flower that lives under the shelter of both trees.

#### 2. The Mayan Wall

The remains of one of the ancient Maya port cities that apparently reached the height of its development between the 1st and 6th centuries AD can still be found at Xel-Há. The city once again achieved new levels of importance in the 11th century, when the wall that protected the port was built. Xel-Há continued to be a major port-of-call until the Spaniards arrived in the 15th century. Although nature has reclaimed the grandeur of the ancient buildings, echoes of its magnificent past still remain at Xel-Há to amaze new generations.

#### 3. The Plant Nursery

Xel-Há houses more than 270 plant species, many of which are endangered due to deforestation caused by urban sprawl and overuse of the valuable natural resources they represent.

The Plant Nursery is an open-air Botanical Garden filled with an enormous variety of native vegetation. Once the plants reach a self-sustaining size, they are transplanted into Xel-Há's vast jungle.

#### 4. Melipona stingless bee Sanctuary

Flitting amongst the flowers and trees in Xel-Há Plant Nursery, you'll find a Mayan tradition filled with magic and one of the most interesting creatures: the Melipona stingless honeybee.

In ancient times, the Maya considered honey sacred because of its healing properties. Twice a year, the honey was harvested in a ceremony led by a Mayan astrologist and priest.

Beekeeping is a very important activity at Xel-Há, where we have the privilege of sharing a Mayan tradition with the world. We invite you to learn more about our little friends that inhabit the Nursery.





## Park Attractions

### . Relaxation

#### 1. Caprices Bay

If relaxation is a whim, this sacred place located a few steps from the Floating Bridge is the lap of luxury. This small bay is one of the many closely guarded secrets of Xel-Há, making it hard to find. Exploring the least visited pathways, taking short cuts and detours, and suddenly getting lost, more often than not brings some pleasant surprises, a lovely reward, and a moment that takes your breath away.

#### 2. Hammock Island

Just in front of Jardín Corona restaurant, with a lovely view of Dolphin's Inlet, is the ideal place to relax and pamper yourself. There's nothing like a hammock gently swaying in the soft breeze to quiet the most agitated of souls. There are three sites set out in the Park for relaxing this way, with different views and ambiances, but always charming and comfortable.

#### 3. Playa Escondida (or Hidden Beach)

The Riviera Maya can boast of having the most beautiful beaches in the world and Xel-Há is no exception. There are hammocks and beach lounges placed on the beach to offer comfort and relaxation in a superb setting. The beach at Xel-Há is also very important for another reason: it is the region's largest nesting ground for green and hawksbill sea turtles (both endangered species). Xel-Há protects an average of 35,000 eggs per year and releases more than 20,000 hatchlings each year as part of their endangered species preservation program.



## Restaurants And Bars

### . Chulavista Restaurant

This restaurant offers a energizing breakfast with a spectacular view of the turquoise-blue water and exuberant jungle. Relax in a Caribbean restaurant with live music and a delicious international buffet.

Open from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for breakfast and from 12:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for lunch.

### . La Cocina del Pueblo Restaurant

Discover a fun, Mexican atmosphere, where an endless variety of typical Mexican dishes waits for your enjoyment. Try the variety of Mexican and regional dishes. Bon appétit!

Open from 11:30 to 17:00 hours.

Restaurant/bar with buffet style lunch service.





## Restaurants And Bars

### . La Terraza Restaurant

Take a pleasant break in the cool shade with a view of Xel-Há Inlet. Refill your batteries with the huge variety of snacks in our lunch buffet for the whole family.  
Open from 11:30 to 17:00 hours

### . Jardín Corona Restaurant

Surprise your senses with a delicious selection of grilled steaks and great service in a wonderful ambiance.  
Open from 11:30 to 15:00 hours.

### . Bar del Puente

Enjoy delicious beverages and tropical cocktails with a charming ocean view.  
Open from 10:00 to 17:30 hours. Only bar service.

### . Chulavista Bar

Delicious beverages and tropical cocktails accompanied by soft sea breeze. Bar service only. Open from 12:00 to 18:00 hours.

### . Jardín Corona Bar

While you enjoy the incredible view of the lagoon or the lovely Inlet, you can delight your palate with a huge variety of tropical cocktails. This exclusive bar service is located just a few steps away from Hammock Island. Open from 10:00 to 15:00 hours.

### . Bar del Pueblo

Have fun choosing your favorite beverage! Here you'll find the most original and colorful beverages that will make your visit a feast of tropical freshness!  
Open from 10:00 to 15:00 hours.  
Bar service only. There is one self-service bar with cold beverage dispensers.

**All bars serve domestic and international drinks, beer and soft drinks.  
Bar and Restaurant closing times in low season are based on Park operation needs.**





## Park Services Included In Admission Price

. For visitors' convenience, the Park has the following services

### 1. Restrooms

Xel-Há has 7 restroom facilities strategically placed at the Park's main sites: Aluxes Shop, the Dolphinarium, Brown Lockers Module, Red Lockers Module, Yellow Lockers Module, Cocina del Pueblo Restaurant and the River Module.

In addition, 6 wheelchair-accessible WC's are located at the following points: Agency ticket booths, Park's main gate, The Dolphinarium, Brown Lockers Module, La Cocina del Pueblo Restaurant, Red Locker Module and The Dolphinarium Shop.

### 2. Showers

We think of your comfort at Xel-Há, so we offer shower service at 6 strategic points throughout the Park. There are 2 outside showers, 1 in front of the IAX Pier and another in front of the Yellow Lockers.

### 3. Lockers

There are five locker modules to keep your personal belongings in while you are visiting the Park.

### 4. Towels

During your visit you will have access to 5 modules (blue, yellow, purple, red and brown) where you can get as many dry towels as you wish.

### 5. Beach Lounges

During your visit you can relax on a beach lounge and enjoy calmness at Xel-Há.

### 6. Life jackets

For your additional safety, Xel-Há has 15 life jacket areas at the entrance to the Inlet and River. Remember that you must use a life jacket on the River and in the areas indicated by signs.

Two of the life jacket stations are located at the River entry point and the rest at the Inlet.

### 7. Inner tubes

The Park has two modules where you can get inner tubes, located on the banks of the Inlet and at the River entrance.

### 8. Snorkeling equipment

Xel-Há has five snorkeling equipment modules (purple, red, yellow, blue and river) located at the Park's main sites. We'll lend you some fins, a mask and a new breathing tube.

### 9. Bicycles

Available at two bike stations.





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### 10. Hammocks

There are four hammock areas:

- 1) Hammock Island: 80 hammocks available
- 2) Hammock Jungle: 38 hammocks available
- 3) Black Lagoon: with 6 hammocks available
- 4) Playa Escondida: 10 hammocks available

### 11. Information Booths

Visit any of our four Information Booths to make your Xel-Há experience even better. We'll be glad to answer any questions you might have and help you plan your visit according to your interests and time availability.

### 12. Bags to carry your belongings

At the River entrance we offer you bags to keep your things in while you enjoy the River swim. These will be taken to the bag delivery point at the end of the River.

### 13. River shuttle

This is one of the amenities the Park offers to take you to the River entrance. Our original shuttle will take you on a ride through the jungle under a refreshing shade. Relax and enjoy a fun trip to high adventure!

### 14. Shops

Discover a huge variety of souvenirs to amaze your family and friends back home.

### 15. Xel-Há Photo Stop

Take a picture with a macaw, toucan or iguana or in the Mayan Cave, the River and the Inlet for an additional cost of \$13 usd per picture

### 16. Renta de sillas de ruedas

At Xel-Há we want everyone to enjoy their visit, so we rent wheelchairs designed to visit the following sites:

- Beach Lounges in front of the Inlet
- Plant Nursery
- Chulavista Restaurant
- The Lighthouse
- River Entrance
- Cenote Paraíso
- Manatee Sanctuary
- Dolphin's Inlet
- Shops
- Spa

Service subject to availability.





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### 17. Free Hydraulic Chair Service

This service offers access to water near the Underwater Observatory to special needs visitors, with a maximum weight of 90 kilos (198 lbs.) Must be requested at the Inlet Information Booth.

### 18. Baby Stroller Rentals

The most beautiful Natural Aquarium in the world welcomes the whole family; therefore, we offer baby stroller for rent at the Park's main gate. Service is subject to availability.

### 19. ATM's

The Park has ATM's located next to the Ticket Booth area.

### 20. Postal Service

Xel-Há's Post Office is located at the Park's main gate. We recommend you visit our shops to choose postcards of Xel-Há that will delight your friends and family back home. Send them the same day right at the Xel-Há Post Office!

### 21. Public Phones

We have foreseen all your needs, and offer four public telephone stations at the Park's main sites.

### 22. First Aid Station

Xel-Há is concerned with its guests' well being. Therefore, we have first aid service with paramedics in case of any health emergency that might happen within the Park.

### 23. Lifeguards

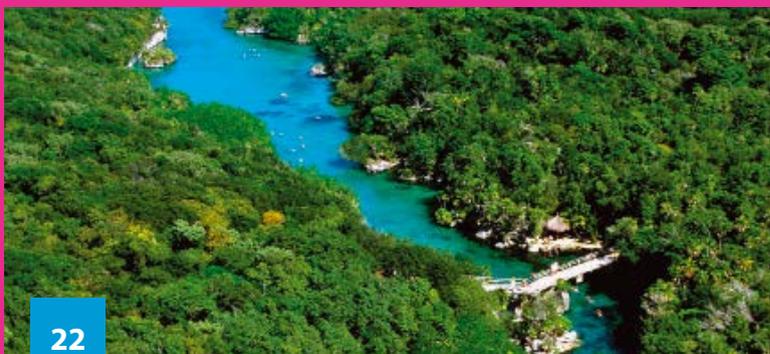
There's 1 lifeguard station at: the River, Cliff Climb, Sinkholes, Mayan Cave, the Port, the Cliff of Courage, the Inlet, Bocana and Floating Bridge, and two at La Quebrada, or Cliff Dive.

### 24. Free Parking

### 25. Free pet cage service (subject to availability)

### 26. Meeting Point

In order to make your visit even more pleasant, Xel-Há has a meeting point that offers Park visitors a special place to meet again during their visit.



## Shops

At Xel-Há we want to make sure that our visitors have everything they need to make their visit more enjoyable. Our shops offer you an endless variety of incredible souvenirs to amaze your friends and family back home. For your convenience, our shops are divided into 3 areas:

### . The Well Area

#### 1. Aluxes

The first contact with our Natural wonder, where you can find an endless array of items to choose from: groceries, beverages, souvenirs, items for ladies, gentlemen, boys and girls; handcrafts and items for water sports, amongst many other options to create a great memory that will last a lifetime.

Open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in low and high season.

#### 2. Mantarraya

During your walk through Xel-Há you are sure to find iguanas, macaws, parrotfish, manatees and, if you're lucky, sea turtles. Be sure to take a souvenir of these wonderful animals on a T-shirt, cup, keychain, towel or whatever item you like the best. We offer exclusive products with pictures of Xel-Há's most important residents here at Mantarraya.

Open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in the low season and from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the high season.

#### 3. Sian Ka'an

Mexico is known for its talented artists, who are an essential part of our culture. We want to share with you the great variety of unique pieces transformed into handcrafts for you to decorate your home and be reminded of your visit to Xel-Há.

Open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in low season and from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in high season.

#### 4. Manglar

During your Xel-Há adventure you will be in constant contact with the dolphins and barracuda you can watch as often as you like. We have created a small place here where you can find the dolphin or barracuda you identify with the best and take it home in a souvenir created especially for you.

If you need a wheelchair to move around the Park more comfortably, you can rent it here.

Open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in low season and from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in high season.

#### 5. Kaanankín

Tulum, Chichén Itzá and Cobá, amongst other major and majestic archaeological sites, are located in Maya Land, just like the Park. To celebrate this legacy, we have created a space where you can acquire a little piece of Xel-Há in harmonious unity with one of these sites through the different products we offer here.

Open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

#### 6. Corona

Corona and Xel-Há have created a unique space where you can combine the unforgettable experience of this natural oasis with a cold Mexican beer and, although you might not believe it, take both home with you as a very special souvenir.

Open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

#### 7. Ruta Maya

You'll find groceries, beverages, glassware and rustic jewelry here...the ideal place to buy a last minute gift.

Open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.





## Shops

### . Inlet Area

#### 1. Dolphinarium

Immerse yourself in the emotional experience of the dolphins and find everything you need to evoke these memories again and again in this shop. If you need a baby stroller to make both your little ones and your stay more comfortable, here's where you can get it.

Open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

#### 2. Rincón Mexicano

You'll feel a part of our Mexico and can take a little piece of it home with you through any of the handcrafts we offer...don't forget to visit us!

Open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

#### 3. Khaninah

Everything you could possibly need to enjoy Xel-Há, with a message to take care of our planet. You can't miss the chance to visit this shop that was created with you and the world around you in mind.

Open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

#### 4. Aaktun

Everything you need to enjoy Xel-Há: photos cameras, sun block, lycra attire for the water, shorts, sandals, among other items. You will also be able to find souvenirs to take home a small keepsake from Xel-Há.

Open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. in low season and from 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in high season.

### . Pueblito Area

#### 1. Esalem

Come relax and enjoy the mystic space of this charming shop. Delight in the natural oils, incense, stones, clay, soaps, creams and an endless array of handcrafted jewelry that will always take your senses back to idyllic Xel-Há.

#### 2. La Tienda

If you want to carry Xel-Há with you at all times, don't miss a visit to this shop. You'll be really surprised!

Open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

#### 3. K'anaab

The latest in beach fashions, hats, dresses, blouses, skirts, shirts, pants and much more to always look young and fashionable, in a comfortably cool atmosphere.

Open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

#### 4. Palalo'o

A place designed for our great little visitors. Dress your kiddies with the magic of Xel-Há.

Open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.



## 5. Natura

If you found some manatees or stingrays during your visit in Xel-Há, remember them forever and make your visit a complete and unique experience.

Open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

## 6. Oceanus

Our water and recreational activities translate into experiences you can take home with you if you visit this unique shop.

Open from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

## 7. Xpedition

In the Xel-Há transference service you will find this store where you will be able to purchase a beverage or a snack while you wait or even buy a last souvenir of the Xichén, and Cobá-Xel-Há Tours

Open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

In addition, the Park has 3 sales carts where you'll find basic items like underwater cameras, mouthpieces, towels and diving shoes, not to mention some easy to carry souvenirs.

Open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.



## How To Get There?

You can reach the Park on your own or a rented car, taxi, vans or the bus. If you arrive in a van, you will have to walk about 600 meters to the Park's main ticket booths. Options to take a bus or a Tour are available on our web page at [www.aolxcaret.com](http://www.aolxcaret.com)

### Taxi and Bus Service

You can buy your taxi ticket at the Park ticket booths and buy your ADO bus service ticket directly on board when the bus comes into the parking lot.

**ADO bus schedules:** 4:15, 5:15 and 6:15 p.m.

Schedules can change according to the season.



## Groups

Xel-Há is "the place where the water is born". Here the birds greet the dawn with song and the gentle river current blends with the warm ocean waves. This magical place is where your guests will thrill in an unforgettable experience in a marvelous setting sculpted by the Mayan gods.

Spectacular tropical views, fascinating activities on land and in the water, and first class professional services make Xel-Há the ideal place for groups and special events. Whether framed by the turquoise water or in colorful traditional locations, your guests will enjoy the best experience of their lives.



## • Incentives

With its All-Inclusive concept, Xel-Há offers your group all the service it needs to enjoy a whole day of fun and unlimited comfort. Your guests will be delighted with a huge variety of food and beverages and have access to full snorkel equipment, life vests, towels, lockers and dressing rooms and the option to enjoy a fun bicycle tour through the jungle.

In order for your group to feel even more pampered, we have optional services like reserved space in restaurants and lockers, and a private area for evening events. Xel-Há always offers interesting options for ecological and cultural tours.

The world's most beautiful Natural Aquarium is also the ideal place to enjoy an unforgettable experience in contact with nature in spectacular places that can hold from 25 to 800 people.

## • Integration

We have a hands-on training program in conjunction with local experts in integration activities; the atmosphere fostered by this Natural Wonder results in a program that combines fun, motivation and teamwork.

“**Xel-Há Integration**” is a recreational program focused on making participants aware of the importance of fostering individual efforts that result in better performance as the sum of each individual contribution, creating positive synergies through coordinated efforts.

The program takes place in a circuit with 5 water and land settings and activities through which participants identify some tools and/ or some basic practical application conducts for a work tea.

## • Banquets

Enjoy the magic of Xel-Há at night with its private banquet services, from an intimate cocktail party for 100 in the “Bar del Puente” to a charmingly cozy Mexican dinner for up to 220 in our “Cocina del Pueblo”, to a spectacular view of Xel-Há Inlet lit by candlelight and torches from Chulavista Restaurant, with a capacity for 700 guests.

We also have the Xcaret and Cozumel Conference Rooms, where you can hold meetings with all the modern conveniences, but surrounded at the same time by nature in a harmonious atmosphere that can only be found at Xel-Há. Our coffee break services are truly unique to our beautiful Park for groups of up to 45 in each room.

## • Additional Activities

Whether swimming or getting to know the Manatees, or enjoying the diversity of marine wildlife in our waters, in Sea Trek or Snuba, your unforgettable day of thrills is complemented by some of these optional water activities at Xel-Há.





## Special Projects

### . The Melipona Stingless Bee Ceremony

The wonder of the sacred Mayan ritual of harvesting honey is disappearing. We keep it alive at Xel-Há, celebrating the traditional honey harvest twice a year: cleaning the hives and collecting the honey during the full moons of June and December. A Mayan priest orchestrates this lovely ceremony accompanied by musicians, traditional altars and floral decorations, culminating in a sacred feast.

### . Chacah Garden Ceremony

The Garden celebrates its anniversary on Arbor Day and invites distinguished guests to plant their own Chacah tree and, in order to create awareness of the importance of preserving our planet, send up special thoughts for the environment.

### . Xel-Há Triathlon

The Xel-Há Triathlon, backed by the Mexican Triathlon Federation, is a sports event that is held in the Park. More than 500 competitors participate in the three stages of the Triathlon—swimming, cycling and a foot race—in different categories that go from 9 to 50 years of age in women's and men's divisions.

The Xel-Há Triathlon combines promotion of one of Mexico's major destinations, the Riviera Maya, with boosting sport's activities and the interaction of human beings with Nature.

### . Internal projects

Xel-Há Park carries out activities beyond those of fun and relaxation. We foster cultural traditions and implement programs to protect the environment and plant and animal species.

The Park's programs are:

#### **Gardening**

- Propagation of native plants with an official Nursery registry.
- Cultivation of the Red Mangrove.

#### **Birds**

- Data standardization.





## Special Projects

### . Fish and Sea Turtle Camp

- Permanent sampling of the Inlet's fish species.
- Sampling of physical-chemical parameters and nutrients in the Inlet.
- Monitoring of the Pink Conch (*Stromba gigas*) population.
- Awareness campaign to protect sea turtles and release of turtle hatchlings.
- Feeding of yellowtail.
- Artificial reefs.
- Support for the Yucatan coast artificial coral reef project.

### . Environmental Education and Recycling

- Separation and promotion of waste recycling.
- Composting organic material.
- Awareness campaigns to teach the proper way to manage solid and liquid waste.
- Beach clean-up campaigns (International Beach Clean-up Day, World Environment Day).
- Environmental Education Program on sea turtles, plants, recycling, the pink conch, melipona stingless bee, ecosystems.
- Program to Promote Reforestation, such as Arbor Day Celebrations in the Chacah Garden.
- Recycling and Ecology Workshops for Park employees.
- Ecology Workshops for teachers.
- Summer Ecology Workshops for students.
- Promoting use of chemical-free sun block and suntan lotions.
- Restriction on the use of straws and paper napkins, and Styrofoam cups.
- Ecological tours.
- Wastewater treatment for irrigation use.

### . Social Well-Being

- Rescue of traditions: The honey harvest ceremony in the months of June and December.
- Cultural and sports events in Chemuyil City and at the Park.
- Highway, beach and community clean-up campaigns.
- School workshops in the Chemuyil library.
- Library up-dates with donations of books and materials and attention to library patrons.
- Technology Training Center.





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