



**ACCIDENTAL
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TRAVEL GUIDES

*Mexico You Feel,
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**FREE
EXPLORER
GUIDE**



RENTING A CAR IN CANCÚN

DRIVE THE RIVIERA MAYA LIKE A LOCAL

Freedom, flexibility and unforgettable adventures. A rental car is the best way to explore cenotes, beaches, ruins, towns and hidden gems across the Riviera Maya and Yucatán.



GO FARTHER

Visit amazing places
tours don't reach
on your own time.



SEE MORE

Cenotes, beaches,
Mayan ruins, pueblos
and secret spots.



SAVE TIME

No waiting for buses
or tours. Make the
most of every day.



PERFECT FOR

Couples, families,
friends and digital
nomads.



LOCAL EXPERIENCE

Drive coastal roads,
discover towns and
live like a local.

AT A GLANCE



ESTIMATED DAILY COST



\$30 – \$70 USD per day
(depending on vehicle,
season & company)
Plus insurance, gas & tolls



FUEL TIPS



Use PEMEX stations.
Regular gas is called
"Magna" (87 octane).
Prices change daily.



TOLL ROADS



Highway 307 is mostly
free. Tolls to Tulum and
Valladolid range from
\$1 – \$3 USD.



DRIVING SIDE



Drive on the right side
of the road.
Seat belts are
mandatory.



SPEED LIMITS



Highways: 80–110 km/h
Cities: 40–60 km/h
Topes (speed bumps)
are everywhere!



LOCAL INSIDER TIP

Pick up your car early in the morning and
hit the road before 8:00 AM to avoid traffic
and the heat. You'll enjoy cooler temps
and fewer crowds at top attractions!



BEST DAY TRIPS FROM CANCÚN



CHICHÉN ITZÁ
2 – 2.5 hrs



VALLADOLID
~2 hrs



TULUM
1.5 – 2 hrs



AKUMAL
~1 hr



BACALAR
~4 hrs



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WHERE YOU CAN GO



BEST RENTAL COMPANIES



EASYWAY

- Local company with great prices
- No hidden fees
- Excellent service



YES RENT A CAR

- Reliable & professional
- Good insurance options
- Airport & downtown locations



AVANT RENT A CAR

- Competitive rates
- Unlimited mileage options
- Newer vehicles



LOCALIZA

- Large fleet & great support
- Multiple pick-up locations
- Strong reputation



HERTZ

- International brand
- Premium vehicles
- Airport location



AVOID THESE COMMON MISTAKES



BUYING DUPLICATE INSURANCE

Your credit card may already cover you. Check before buying extra.



AIRPORT UPSSELLS

Expect higher prices at the airport. Compare downtown rates.



NOT CHECKING THE CAR

Take photos & video of any scratches before leaving the lot.



RETURNING WITH LOW FUEL

Return the car with a full tank to avoid extra charges.



SPEEDING IN TOWNS

Speed cameras and police are common. Fines are expensive.



WHAT TO BRING

- ✓ Driver's license (from your home country)
- ✓ Credit card (in the main driver's name)
- ✓ Passport
- ✓ Reservation confirmation
- ✓ Phone with maps app
- ✓ Sunglasses & sunscreen
- ✓ Water & snacks



DRIVING TIPS IN MEXICO

- ✓ Topes (speed bumps) are everywhere. Go slow!
- ✓ Watch for pedestrians, especially in towns.
- ✓ Use Waze or Google Maps for real-time alerts.
- ✓ Keep your doors locked and windows up.
- ✓ Do not stop for anyone asking for help on the road.
- ✓ Police checkpoints are normal. Be polite & follow directions.



PARKING TIPS

- ✓ Use parking lots in busy areas. Most charge \$1-\$3 USD.
- ✓ Do not leave valuables in the car.
- ✓ Take a photo of where you parked.
- ✓ Downtowns can be busy—arrive early.



DOCUMENTS & INSURANCE

- ✓ Mexican liability insurance is mandatory. If not included, purchase from the rental company.
- ✓ Keep all documents in the glove box while driving.



ROAD TRIP IDEAS



SCENIC COAST DRIVE
CANCÚN TO TULUM
1.5 – 2 hrs



HIDDEN CENOTES
ROUTE NEAR COBÁ
1.5 – 2 hrs



COLONIAL TOWN DAY
VALLADOLID
~2 hrs



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