

## Soak up a different side of Mexico

After a few all-inclusive vacations, you'll reach a tipping point. When you need a break from evening shows and bland buffets, these Mexico boutique hotels will exceed your expectations — in fact, you may never want to go back to resorts ever again.

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### For the foodie: Viceroy Riviera Maya

This luxe 41-room hotel in Playa del Carmen features stunning suites set in a tropical forest. Needs you didn't even realize you had will be met: enjoy a refreshing chilled towel on the beach, purify inside and out in a traditional temezcal (a.k.a. sweat lodge) and have your sunglasses cleaned while lounging in a canopied sunbed. Your only concern here? What delicious food to order. Chef Jetzabel Rojas serves a menu of authentic Mexican dishes including pastel azteca (think layers of tortilla, chicken, corn and sour cream) for breakfast at the beachside Coral Grill.

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### For the activities lover: Hotel B

For a fun, beach house vibe, get yourself to Hotel B in Cozumel. The modest rooms are outweighed by phenomenal views of the Caribbean sea (nearly all 41 rooms face the ocean) along with the blissful infinity pool and Jacuzzi. Morning yoga classes are offered daily, as are workshops — topics range from photography and ceviche to tequila tastings and craft making — and you can snorkel right in front of the property. Souvenir hunters will not have to look far for local items: all of the art and crafts, such as hand-carved figurines and brightly woven baskets, in the rooms and around the hotel are sourced from Mexican artisans and are available for sale.



### For the relaxation seeker: Villa Rolandi

A more laidback pace goes hand in hand with island living and Isla Mujeres is no exception. Leave your stress at the dock in Cancun as Villa Rolandi's private yacht, Cocoon, whisks you over to the secluded 35-room hotel. The hotel boasts three pools, including one oversized saltwater hot tub, a private beach and one of the few Thalasso spas in Mexico (it's also equipped with a Vichy shower). Rent a golf cart (the preferred mode of transportation here) to take a tour around the one-mile-wide by five-miles-long island. Plan for at least one meal at the hotel's Casa Rolandi restaurant; the fresh seafood carpaccio makes it a worthy pit stop.

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