DZILAM DE BRAVO

Dzilam de Bravo is another historic fishing port, a quiet place with a lot of natural beauties and gorgeous emerald color beaches. It has springs and you can visit the cenote called *Elepetén*, the lagoon, and "las bocas", where the estuary and the sea get together. To the east you can find *Yalkubul* lighthouse, one of the most outgoing parts in the coastline. Almost 2 miles away from the port, you can see the "laguna feliz" and the X-Buyhá spring; Spaniards led by Francisco de Montejo (father) landed there, and it was him who started the conquest in the peninsula. It is a port abundant in fishing and it is located 66.8 miles from the city of Mérida.

WHAT TO DO?

Biking in Progreso

Try something different and tour around the beautiful Progreso port riding a bike, you can have fun along the traditional Boardwalk, the chocolate pier, its murals, finding out the best spots for your pictures. At the end, you can bathe in the sea, in emerald waters.

Kitesurf

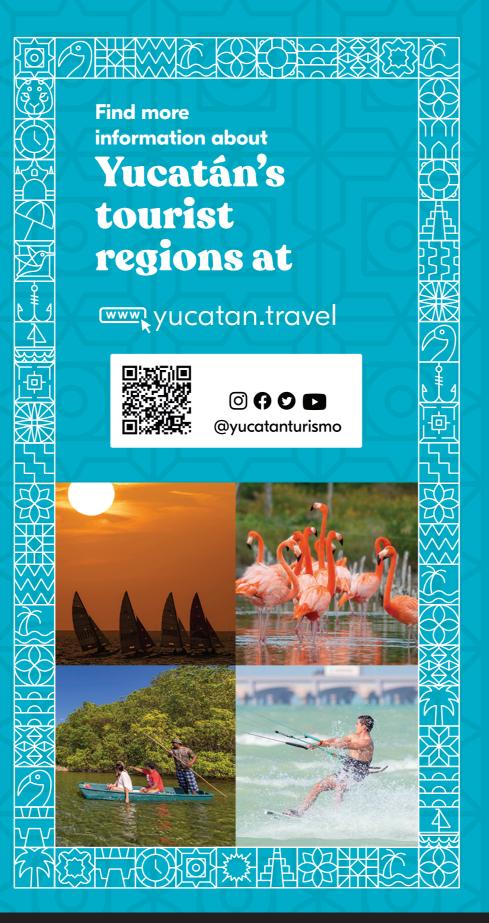
Kitesurfing is an extreme sport consisting of sliding on the water propelled by a wind-powered kite tied to your body by means of a harness, so that you can sail on a surfboard over the waves or perform air tricks. Either you want to learn, or you are an expert, you will find the best spots for kitesurfing in Yucatecan beaches. Chuburná or "El Playón" in Yucalpetén, for its characteristic shallow waters and strong winds, are ideal places for learning this extreme sport in which your most adventurous side is summoned.

Mangroves

Elevated wooden pathways that host an incredible quantity of flora and fauna. You can sail in canoe, kayak, or paddle, get carried away by the silence and serenity provided by nature while you enjoy a trip to the heart of the mangroves in Yucatán. You can also tour around the mangrove in a small boat with a maximum capacity for 6 people and a tourist guide.

El Corchito

It is certainly the ideal place for nature lovers that want to find out cenotes and exotic animals. It is one of the most important ecologic reserves of the Yucatecan coast. When at the mangrove, you can watch the great amount of vegetation and animals that surrounds it, like birds and racoons. The cenotes of this reserve are of the ancient kind and serve as shelter and food source for different species. In this area, there are two springs in which visitors can swim to freshen up. The cenote called *Venado* is located to the left of the entrance, it is large and a little deeper than the springs.





YUCATÁN RIVIERA



To visit the Yucatán Riviera region is discovering a hidden treasure between the Caribbean Sea and the Gulf of Mexico. It is speaking about the immense natural richness and the great diversity of flora and fauna. Along the Riviera you can appreciate a wide variety of ecosystems like tropical forests, cenotes, and underwater caves that mix together to bring a memorable experience. In this region you can find places like Celestún, Sisal, Chuburná, Chelem, Progreso Port, Chicxulub, Xcambó and Xtampú, Telchac, until Dzilam de Bravo, where Dzilam state reserve starts. Moreover, you can enjoy a unique gastronomy, ancient recipes, and a mix of the particular flavor of the region's

seafood, creating a range of choices to indulge your palate.

PROGRESO

It is the port closest to Yucatán's capital city. It is located only 22.6 miles from Mérida, and there you can find the first deep-sea port, the most important in the Yucatecan coastline. Progreso Port has all natural elements to practice different activities, that is the reason why in recent years it has become an important tourist hotspot.

White sand beaches, shallow waters, soft waves without currents make of this place the ideal location to practice different water sports, such as: windsurfing, kayaking, sail boating, swimming, and paddle boarding, among many others. Visit Progreso's traditional boardwalk and discover restaurants with Yucatecan specialties, shops full of folk handcrafts, places with live music, and a panoramic view of the beach and the pier. At the international boardwalk you can walk around while the sun sets over the figures decorating this tourist alley that has a cinema screen and a merry-go-round.

CELESTÚN

It is undoubtedly the most valuable ecotourist paradise in the region. It is located in the western part of Yucatán, a little bit farther than one hour from Mérida. Celestún has several springs in which you can perform different activities. Baldiosera spring is ideal for swimming and diving, Cambay spring has a fresh water source, and Tambor is the sanctuary of the region's star bird: the pink flamingo or Caribbean flamingo. Approximately 400 migratory bird species have been identified in this area. Its exceptional landscape forms part of the world's heritage of the special reserve of Celestún biosphere, officially appointed as Wild Animal Refuge Zone since 1979.

PUEBLOS MÁGICOS

SISAL

A fishing port by tradition. Located in the municipality of *Hunucmá*, the freshness of its seafood provides an excellent flavor to all dishes prepared in restaurants and which tourists love. During the colonial era it was the port in which goods arrived to be distributed to the rest of the state, that is why the fortress and the lighthouse were built and today are part of the main attractions.

Guided tours in kayak through natural reserves are the best option for nature and ecotourism lovers. Birdwatching and the promenade through mangroves are activities you will enjoy a lot. In Sisal you will find the ease and serenity required to reconnect with your family and with nature.





