

# Club Med Cancun

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I have just returned from a week at the Cancun Club Med. My husband and I enjoyed the experience thoroughly. Club Med was one of the first hotels built in Cancun. It is in an ideal location with ocean on two sides and a lagoon on the third. The water in front of the Club is an amazing turquoise and is safe for swimming. As a contrast to the many other hotels along the beach, the grounds are extensive and the buildings are all low-rise. The pool and beach areas offer very comfortable and plentiful lounge opportunities. We never had a problem finding a perfect spot. And beach vendors apparently don't venture this far south.

This is an all-inclusive resort to include all meals, snacks and drinks. The food is buffet style and fantastic. I have never seen so much food – all beautifully prepared and unique. Each night was a different theme for the food... Asian, Mexican, seafood etc. But the amounts and quality were truly amazing. Around the buffet area are 5 different dining rooms, each with a different ambiance. You are seated at individual tables. (no family-style dining). We enjoyed gourmet meals with sushi, lobster and steaks. This club also has two restaurants with menus located right on the water. With the variety of foods and venues, you won't tire of the dining experience.

The club has about 4 different categories of rooms to fit all budgets. We stayed in an ocean view room with balcony overlooking the beautiful beach. I always love sleeping with the sound of the waves!

Activities include fitness classes, trapeze (we loved watching others try that - it was quite challenging), waterskiing, hobi cat sailing, snorkeling right off their beach on the south side, basketball, volleyball, boule, kids club and much more. This is a family club; I would definitely recommend Club Med for families. Strollers and high chairs are available for all to use. The Kids Club at this property is open to 4-year-olds and higher. The staff in charge of the kids is excellent. Despite the number of children at the club the week we were there, they were not intrusive, but kept very busy and happy. There are many places to find non-child space if you desire.

We rented a car at an office located right on premises and drove down to Tulum, which is 2 hours south. Tulum is a small and picturesque Mayan ruin right on a beautiful stretch of water. It takes about an hour to walk around the ruin, and most people bring bathing suits to then enjoy a spectacular little beach at the site.

We also took a half-day trip through Club Med to Chichen Itza and enjoyed that thoroughly. The Club Med guide and the park guide were excellent. We learned about the Mayan calendar, their number system, and discussed the meaning of 2012. There are two days in the year, at the solstice, where the shadows on the largest pyramid become a serpent...tens of thousands of people go to see this amazing phenomena twice a year.

There are about a dozen special tours you can sign up for to explore the Yucatan during your stay.

We found the staff to be very efficient, responsive and incredibly friendly and energetic. The week was most enjoyable and I highly recommend this club and Club Med in general for any singles, couples or families.