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SET ON MEXICO'S SUN-SOAKED RIVIERA MAYA, ROSEWOOD MAYAKOBA BLENDS LOCAL CULTURE AND THE REGION'S LUSH ECOSYSTEM INTO EVERY EXPERIENCE.

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The Rosewood features a mile of white-sand beach, but most of the luxe resort is set back in a forest of mangroves. Its suites are steps away from world-class restaurants and bars, but their subtle limestone and wood exteriors are tucked quietly into the verdant landscape. This destination is designed to be the ultimate secluded getaway without sacrificing a single amenity.

Upon arrival at Rosewood Mayakoba, guests are escorted in electric boats to spacious suites, where they're given a chilled mezcal cocktail and introduced to their personal butlers. The property's 129 rooms are all simply decorated with warm wood tones and floor-to-ceiling windows opening onto private docks featuring plunge pools overlooking the clear freshwater lagoon or the sparkling Caribbean.

After a \$20 million redesign by New York-based studio Bando x Seidel Meersseman, handcrafted furnishings and ceramics made by local artisans were incorporated throughout the resort. From the suites' open-air rain showers and oversized garden tubs to the colonial hacienda-inspired decor of Zapote, the resort's most popular restaurant, every aspect of Rosewood Mayakoba is designed to highlight the region's culture—both past and present.

There's no better place to see that blend than at its Sense spa, which was built into an island around a turquoise cenote. Paths wind through the jungle to tranquil treatment rooms and an authentic Mayan sweat lodge. Guests can request an energy healing session with the resort's resident shaman at this relaxing enclave or simply meditate by the palm-lined serenity pool.

With its eight restaurants, six pools, and hammock-dotted beach, there's plenty to explore at Rosewood Mayakoba, and each guest is provided a bicycle that's ideal for easy rides down the resort's 2.5 miles of trails and boardwalks.



Be sure to take at least one ride over to the adults-only beachside area, where three pools are surrounded by plush lounge chairs. Here, a vintage food truck serves impossibly fresh ceviche, and there's a daily Champagne O'Clock celebration featuring complimentary glasses for everyone. The truck is called *Aquí Me Quedo*—Spanish for “I’m Staying Here”—which is the perfect name because, after any time at Rosewood Mayakoba, that’s exactly what you’ll want to do. ♦