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Welcome to this enchanting city!

Find the best spots and places to eat during your
visit to Merida!

Merida

What to see, eat and discover in this beautiful city.

BARS & RESTAURANTS

Taqueria La Lupita

For taco lovers in San Miguel, La Lupita is a must-visit spot. Their tacos are the kind you crave long after you've left, with options like ribeye, shrimp, and their famous taco al pastor – packed with flavor and perfectly balanced. If you're a taco fanatic or just someone looking to enjoy a delicious meal in a vibrant spot, La Lupita will easily become a favorite!

Calle 57 Mercado de Santiago (Interior, Centro, 97000 Mérida, Yuc.

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Wayan'e

Wayan'e is a gem when it comes to variety. Their tacos and tortas feature fillings you won't see everywhere else, like Poc chuc (grilled pork in citrus) and pollo al cilantro, but the real standout is the castaken con queso (pork belly with cheese). Be sure to go early, as Wayan'e is quite popular and tends to sell out quickly at the multiple locations. Tacos are around \$20 MXN, with tortas for \$30 MXN, making this a great spot for affordable, authentic eats.

412, C. 59 408, Centro, 97000 Mérida, Yuc.

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Pancho Maiz

Pancho Maiz is a charming, rustic spot that focuses on local ingredients, especially native corn. The menu has plenty of options, but the huevos rancheros are a standout. Don't miss trying the Pinole, a delicious corn-based beverage mixed with cocoa, agave, and spices. It's not the cheapest, with two mains and drinks costing around \$500 MXN, but the quality of local ingredients makes it worth every peso.

C. 59 437a, Parque de la Mejorada, Centro, 97000 Mérida, Yuc.



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Cheen Cocina Yucateca

Cheen Cocina Yucateca is a bit off the main streets but well worth the 20-minute walk. It's a relaxed spot where families gather to enjoy traditional Yucatan dishes in a warm, welcoming atmosphere. Excellent value for the quality and quantity of food, with plenty of handmade tortillas, rice and beans.

C. 61 x 34, Centro, 97000 Mérida, Yuc.

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Taquería De La Unión

Taquería De La Unión is a lively little spot near the center, perfect for a late-night snack as they stay open until 11 pm. Their menu offers some unique starters like sikil pak, a smoky Mayan dip made from pumpkin seeds, and a variety of taco fillings, including cochinita pibil, campechano, and longaniza. Although they specialize in meat, there are a few vegan options available too. They also offer local craft beers, which go great with the food. Prices are reasonable, from \$25 to \$40 MXN depending on your base.

C. 55 488, Parque Santa Lucia, Centro, 97000 Centro, Yuc.

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Paletería Las Rellenas de la 60

An artistic spot for delicious, handcrafted ice lollies made from the freshest ingredients, with no artificial flavors or colors. The menu is full of creative combinations. Their signature filled paletas are a must-try, with options like coconut filled with cajeta, Mexican chocolate with rompopo, and mango with chamoy. There's a small seating area and a charming little garden at the back.

C. 60 399A, Centro, 97000 Centro, Yuc.



Chilakilez Morning Food & Treats



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Cuerno de Toro Taproom

Cuerno de Toro Taproom is a great spot for craft beer lovers. With around eight beers on tap from a local microbrewery, you can enjoy a variety of brews like IPAs, stouts, and Mexican lagers. For the adventurous, there's even a habanero ale! Alongside the drinks, they serve up some delicious pub food. The fun doesn't stop there; they have board and card games like Uno or Jenga to keep the night going.

C. 64 461, Parque Santa Lucia, Centro, 97000 Centro, Yuc.

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Chilakilez Morning Food & Treats

The right place to discover what real chilaquiles should taste like. Their chilaquiles have the perfect balance of crunch and softness. Their fresh fruit juices are also a must-try. The space is small but charming, with a clean and minimalist chic vibe.

Calle 57 Entre Calle 56 & Calle 58, Centro, 97000 Mérida, Yuc.



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La Chaya Maya

La Chaya Maya is a delightful spot known for its fantastic margaritas and traditional Yucatecan cuisine. The menu is filled with must-try dishes like poc-chuc, a deliciously grilled pork, and the refreshing lime soup, along with tikin xic, a flavorful fish dish. Don't forget to order some panuchos and salbutes to enjoy alongside your meal—those fresh tortillas are simply irresistible! The warm atmosphere makes it a great place to savor authentic local flavors.

C. 57 x 62, Parque Santa Lucia, Centro, 97000 Mérida, Yuc.

COFFEE & WORKSPACES

Sempere

Sempere is a cozy and tranquil cafeteria, ideal for enjoying a peaceful conversation, diving into a good book, or getting some work done without distractions. They offer a delightful breakfast and brunch menu, perfect for starting your day. Its location is a gem, making it easy to explore the historic center right after your visit. Nearby, you'll find charming museums, lovely parks, and shops filled with clothing and handmade souvenirs.

Cjon. de Loreto 48-A, Zona Centro, 37700 San Centro Second floor, Calle 62. 479 x 55 y 57, Santa Lucía, 97000 Mérida, Yuc.

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Rosas y Xocolate

Rosas y Xocolate is a stunning blend of European design and colonial charm, adorned in vibrant pink hues. It has a fantastic lunch menu, complemented by a rooftop bar and an impressive tequila library. You can savor fresh and flavorful salads paired with strong cocktails that perfectly captured the essence of the place. The location also boasts a boutique hotel and features lovely spa!

For the best experience, visit during lunch when the natural light fills the space, enhancing the already inviting atmosphere. It's a wonderful spot to unwind and indulge in a delicious meal while soaking up the unique ambiance.

P.º de Montejo 480, Zona Paseo Montejo, Centro, 97000 Mérida, Yuc..

COFFEE & WORKSPACES

Kadus

Kadus has blossomed across two locations, one in Mérida and another in Progreso. This trendy coffee shop is known for its delightful hot and cold beverages, making it a perfect spot to relax. The laid-back atmosphere and friendly staff create an inviting space where you can easily spend hours studying or working.

What's even better? Kadus is pet-friendly, so you can bring your furry friends along for the visit. Whether you're looking for a cozy corner to sip your favorite brew or a vibrant spot to catch up with friends, Kadus delivers on all fronts!

C. 60 326 Col, Alcalá Martín, 97050 C. 60 326 Col, Alcalá Martín, 97050 Mérida, Yuc.

SHOPPING

Matilda Concept Store

Matilda Concept Store is a delightful blend of contemporary and vintage aesthetics, serving as both an art gallery and a shopping destination. This unique space showcases 100% Mexican-made art, crafts, and decor, providing visitors with a taste of the country's rich cultural heritage. Whether you're on the hunt for a unique gift or simply want to explore local artistry, Matilda is a must-visit destination.

P.º de Montejo 437, Zona Paseo Montejo, Centro, 97000 Mérida, Yuc.



COFFEE & WORKSPACES

Manifesto

Manifesto is more than just a coffee shop; it's a dedicated toasting house that invites you to experience quality coffee like never before. The moment you step inside, the aroma of freshly brewed coffee fills the air, making it hard to resist trying everything on the menu.

Calle 59 #538 por 66 y 68, Centro, 97000 Mérida, Yuc.

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Apoala

Apoala is undoubtedly one of the top dining destinations in Mérida, beautifully situated in Parque Santa Lucía with inviting outdoor seating. This restaurant takes a contemporary approach to Mexican cuisine, veering more towards Oaxacan influences. The cocktails are a highlight, and it's a fantastic spot for mezcal tastings as well. While it's not the cheapest option, Apoala is perfect for a romantic date or a special night out.

C. 60 471-Local 2, entre 55, Parque Santa Lucía, Portales de Santa Lucía, 97000 Mérida, Yuc.

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Picheta

Picheta is the ultimate rooftop bar and restaurant in Mérida, especially when the sun begins to set, with a breathtaking view of the Plaza Grande.

The menu offers a fresh take on traditional Yucatecan cuisine, crafted from local ingredients. Pair your meal with one of their creative cocktails, and you've got the perfect dining experience.

C. 61 501, Centro, 97000 Mérida, Yuc.

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POLA Gelato Shop

Pola offers excellent ice cream and sorbets, made with the freshest ingredients. But what really warrants the price of admission is how the shop brings you some of the most unique flavors and combinations of products out there. Orange peel ice cream combined with a scoop of almond, for example. A Must-try in Mérida!

C. 55 467D, entre 62 y 64, Parque Santa Lucía, Centro, 97000 Mérida, Yuc.



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JUSTO Bread Studio

Freshly ground coffee and warm bread straight from the oven are the perfect way to kickstart your day, and JUSTO Bread Studio, located near the “Monumento a la Patria,” delivers just that. This charming café specializes in artisan breads and offers a delightful selection of vegan foods, all with a unique twist. Time to relax, savor a delicious breakfast, and watch the world go by while enjoying the inviting aromas of baking bread and brewing coffee.

P.º de Montejo 433, Zona Paseo Montejo, Centro, 97000 Mérida, Yuc.

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Flamante

When it comes to the best burgers in Mérida, Flamante Burgers is the undisputed champion. Not to worry if you're not a meat-eater; they also offer tasty vegetarian and vegan burgers to cater to everyone's cravings.

C. 64 No. 403, Parque Santa Ana, Centro, 97000 Mérida, Yuc.

COFFEE & WORKSPACES

Marago Coffee

Marago is equipped with all the fancy coffee gadgets you could hope for, including a Chemex, Gem Dripper pour-over setup, and Japanese Siphon. The owners take pride in their craft, operating their own roasting plant to ensure that the beans are always freshly roasted for that perfect cup.

Digital nomads and anyone needing a productive workspace will find Café Marago to be an ideal spot, boasting comfy seating, strong Wi-Fi, and air conditioning to keep you cool while you work.

In addition to coffee, they offer a lovely selection of teas and a range of small plates and sweet treats. Don't miss their breakfast specials—it's the perfect way to start your day!

C. 60 491-x 55 y 57, Parque Santa Lucia, Centro, 97000 Mérida, Yuc.

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Nol

At Nol, the emerging talent of new Mexican cuisine shines brightly under the guidance of Chef Erick Bautista Chacón, winner of the San Pellegrino Young Chef Academy 2022. Here, traditional Oaxacan and Yucatecan dishes are reimagined with a contemporary flair.

You can savor regional classics such as longaniza from Valladolid, chilmore, and sikil pak, all presented with a creative twist that showcases the chef's innovative approach. Make sure to save room for the house dessert, Ya'ax. It's a unique finish to a remarkable dining experience!

C. 60 473, entre 55 y 53, Parque Santa Lucia, Centro, 97000 Mérida, Yuc.

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Pizza e Core

You can't go wrong with a pizza place that boasts a brick oven! Pizza e Core is a charming spot owned by an Italian chef who takes pride in importing high-quality ingredients directly from Italy.

Here, you can indulge in their Venetian-style margerita pizzas, which perfectly balance a crispy crust with rich tomato sauce and fresh buffalo mozzarella cheese.

C. 64 408a, Parque Santa Ana, Centro, 97000 Mérida, Yuc.

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Holoch

Holoch is a charming restaurant and patio that pays homage to corn in all its forms. The menu is a delightful tribute, featuring an esquites bar where you can enjoy toppings like ochinita, shrimp, or baked pibil-style corn.

Local flavors shine through in dishes like guacamole topped with castacán and salbutes accompanied by pickled cabbage salad and sour orange. Each bite is a celebration of Yucatecan cuisine.

C. 64 472, Parque Santa Lucia, Centro, 97000 Centro, Yuc.

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Micaela Mar & Leña

Quite possibly one of the very best seafood restaurants in Mérida, with an environmentally-conscious approach to its thoughtful dishes approach to boot. The cocktails are great and the staff knows tons of details about the food that is served.

Calle 47 458, Centro, 97000 Mérida, Yuc.



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K'u'uk

K'u'uk is a notable entry in the 50 Best Discovery list, recognized for its innovative approach to cuisine. Founded by creators Eduardo Rukos and Pedro Evia, this establishment masterfully blends traditional flavors with contemporary techniques.

The tasting menu showcases a delightful array of dishes, including papadzul fritters, sea tostadas, and dulce de papaya, each offering a unique twist on classic Yucatecan fare. The plating of each dish deserves special mention, as the visual presentation is as impressive as the flavors.

Av Rómulo Roza 488, Itzimná, 97100 Mérida, Yuc.

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ASAI Japanese Restaurant

ASAI Japanese Restaurant is a hidden gem located within the stylish Villa Mercedes Curio Collection by Hilton Hotel. Led by Chef Yasou Asai, originally from Nagoya, Japan, and with a rich background that includes running ASAI Kaiseki Cuisine in Mexico City, the restaurant brings authentic Japanese flavors to the Yucatán.

Av. Colón 500, Centro, 97000 Mérida, Yuc.





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