



JOURNEYMEXICO



PLAYA DEL CARMEN

RESTAURANTS RECOMMENDATIONS



INTRODUCTION

This city in the Mexican Caribbean, which until recently was a fishing village, is today a meeting place for young Europeans, South Americans, and Mexicans looking for fun and relaxation. Here, there are many good restaurants and bars, and you can stay at design hotels and participate in diving and water sports, as well as play golf on professional courses.

Visit Quinta Avenida (Fifth Avenue). It is Playa del Carmen's most famous street. On this pedestrian street, you will find souvenir shops, crafts and fine silver jewelry shops and stores offering luxury branded items. Playa del Carmen is one of the most important culinary destinations in the Riviera Maya. On the menu, you will find from simple tacos and Yucatan specialties to sophisticated lobster dinners and good vintage wines.

At night, Fifth Avenue resonates with echoes of reggae, rock, and salsa, while dozens of feet prepare to hit the dance floor. The party ends very late at night. A modern ferry connects Playa del Carmen to the Island of Cozumel, where you will be able to go diving, snorkeling, or visit the archaeological sites, the ecological parks, and the cenotes.

RESTAURANT RECOMENDATION

ALDEA CORAZON

Location: 5th Avenue, between 14th and 16th
Reservations: Recommended
Hours: Daily 8:00 am-10:00 pm

Mexican Contemporary

Phone: 984/ 803 1942
Credit Cards: AE, MC, V

This magical scenery of Mayan culture sets itself in a sacred garden located right on 5th avenue. Choose to enjoy the view of 5th avenue while savoring a frozen cocktail, be delighted by the greenery and hearts or find yourself in a magical environment surrounded by dream catchers, tropical greenery, old leaf trees, and underground cenotes. Pamper the most discerning palate by enjoying mouth-watering dishes as fresh local fish with hibiscus flower sauce or a tender beef fillet, filled with huitlacoche (Mexican corn fungus) covered with spicy poblano chile sauce. Aldea Corazon serves a fusion of Mexican cuisine with a Mayan twist.



IMPREVIST

Location: 1st Avenue between 14th and 16th
Reservations: Recommended
Hours: Monday through Saturday 7:00 am-2:00 pm & 6:00 pm-11:00 pm / Closed on Sunday

International

Phone: 984/ 168 70 25
Credit Cards: AE, MC, V

Imprevist, a Catalan word meaning “the unexpected” is a place where creativity and love combine to bring you something amazing. Imprevist features an International and Asian Fusion gourmet menu. They serve a causal Sunday style breakfast and brunch daily in their comfy home-style setting with a choice of seating in the dining room or out on the open-air patio, overlooking a quiet cobblestone street. At night they turn down the lights and set the scene for a cozy and intimate dining experience. Enjoy a relaxing evening out with friends, an elegant family dinner or a romantic night out as a couple.



LA CUEVA DEL CHANGO

Mexican Traditional

Location: 38th North Street, between 5th Avenue and beach

Phone: 984/ 147 0271

Reservations: Recommended

Credit Cards: AE, MC, V

Hours: Monday through Saturday 8:00 am-11:00 pm / Sunday 8:00 am-2:00 pm

La Cueva del Chango is a truly unique restaurant-bar, not only in the concept but also for the natural setting amongst abundant and wonderful vegetation and trees. The culinary concept is natural Mexican food; they serve breakfast, lunch, and dinner. All the juices are made with only fresh fruit, and they also have an awesome bar with an ample assortment of premium brands. The wines they serve are Mexican, thus offering an ample selection. In La Cueva del Chango they believe in the Mexican cuisine and offer a high-quality product at a reasonable price. This is a great place to enjoy a relaxed, casual environment.



OH LALA!

International

Location: 14th Street, between 10th Street & 5th Avenue

Phone: 984/ 127 4844

Reservations: Recommended

Credit Cards: AE, MC, V

Hours: Monday through Saturday 6:30 pm-11:30 pm / Closed on Sunday

The cuisine at Oh Lala! is a refreshing change from that of other, more conventional restaurants. Guests are treated like good old friends in a relaxing atmosphere coupled with personalized service and good food. Opened in January 2011, by co-owners George and Mikaela, Oh Lala! offers personalized experiences for its guests, ranging from a laidback sampling of hors-d'oeuvres and wines to a leisurely look at the full menu. With a total of 9 tables and an open kitchen, Chef George, Mikaela, and their staff make sure that every visit to Oh Lala, International Cuisine by George, is a unique and a delicious one.



PLANK**Location:** 16th Street between 1st. & 5th Avenue**Reservations:** Recommended**Hours:** Daily 6:00 pm-11:00 pm / Saturday & Sunday opened for breakfast 9:00 am-2:00 pm**International****Phone:** 984/ 803 0108**Credit Cards:** AE, MC, V

Traditional plank and smoked cooking meet the Chef's gourmet style in this restaurant, creating a delightful gastronomic experience never seen before in the Riviera Maya. Using the highest quality meats, prime seafood, fresh vegetables, and herbs, a special twist is given by cooking and serving every dish on Himalayan Salt Blocks, Cedar, Maple, Hickory and Mesquite wood planks to infuse each meal with its intricate flavors. After a day of exploring, head over to the bar and enjoy unique drinks the Mixologist has created to quench your thirst and delight your senses.

