

## Checklist: Merida, Mexico

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Merida is a photogenic town located on Mexico's Yucatan peninsula with buildings as colorful as a box of Crayola crayons. Its streets are no less lively thanks to constant impromptu music and dance.

This is the heart of the Mayan world, so it's a great base for exploring must-see archeological ruins from this mystical civilization.



Merida's steamy temperatures and sultry nights give it a seductive Caribbean flair. And while it's not undiscovered, you won't really notice the other travelers thanks to its generous size and abundance of narrow streets and wide plazas to get lost in. Think of it as Quintana Roo's super cool aunt who always has awesome stories to tell.

If you're looking for an authentic Mexican experience, this lively city should top your list.

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