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CHABLÉ RESORT & SPA

YUCATÁN





CHABLÉ EXTERIOR GROUNDS

In a unique setting, surrounded by the Mayan forest lies Chablé Resort & Spa in Yucatán, just 25 minutes from the historic city of Mérida. Completed in late 2016, the property spans 750 acres of Mexico's famed Yucatán Peninsula, and was once the site of a hacienda. Its remains have been restored and integrated into the design of this outstanding resort. Chablé features 38 spacious stand-alone casitas, each with their own private pool, as well as the 8,000sqft Presidential Villa, and the incredible Royal Villa.

Chablé's slogan is "redefining wellness", thus it is fitting that the retreat's crowning jewel is its world-class, innovative 32,000sqft spa. Chablé is the only hotel in the world that has its own cenote, which the spa is built around. This is a spring-fed cave system filled with fresh water and considered sacred by the Mayans, who believed cenotes to be the entrance to the Mayan underworld. Indeed, the preservation of the culture of the ancient Mayan community is at the heart of the hotel's philosophy. Many of the

treatments are inspired by Mayan rituals, harnessing the powers of the area's most ancient techniques and ingredients.

Chablé Spa boasts incredible facilities including a SPA suite with private room, fitness centre, outdoor wooden deck for Yoga & Meditation, Beauty Salon, Sauna, Steam Room, Sensation Showers, Infinity pool, Floatation room and Extensive hydrotherapy circuits.

In line with its wellness philosophy, Chablé's Spa Wellness Restaurant offers well balanced meals, with menus designed around the local, seasonal produce. At the heart of the resort is a traditional Mayan Garden. The garden consists of raised garden beds made from local woods, and no man-made elements, which were known as as 'Ka'anche's' to the Mayans. Chablé's resident horticulturist uses traditional harvesting techniques which have not been used in over a century. Guests also have the opportunity to partake in the gardening during their stay and enjoy the farm-to-table culinary experience that Chablé offers, which is centred around produce from the garden.



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In addition to the Wellness Restaurant, Chablé also offers Ki'ol and Ixi'im, with Chef Jorge Vallejo at the helm. Ixi'im is Vallejo's second project following the success of his debut, Quintonil. Quintonil was ranked #12 on Restaurant magazine's 'World's 50 Best Restaurants', whilst Vallejo himself was named Chef of the Year by GQ in 2015. It is under Vallejo's guidance that Executive Chef, Luis Ronzón has set about enhancing the gastronomic experience across all three of Chablé's restaurants.

Ixi'im, which translates to 'corn' in the Mayan language, offers a refined setting within the lush jungle. Its sophisticated menu

created by Vallejo showcases an innovative blend of local influences and wider Mexican flavours, integrating fresh produce from the Mayan Garden.

Meanwhile, honouring its name in Mayan, meaning 'healthy', Ki'ol serves delicious meals crafted with produce from the Mayan Garden. Within this tranquil oasis, guests can enjoy their breakfast whilst sunbathing, and for lunch and dinner can expect an eclectic array of dishes, from the local and traditional to the international and exuberant.

True to Chablé's word, this hotel is truly all about balance, and is an exceptional blend of hedonism and

wellbeing. The bar at Ixi'im is home to the largest Tequila collection in the world, with over 1000 bottles. Mixologists here, and at Ki'ol have been trained to masterfully create cocktails for every palate and recommend wines tailored to every dish. For those wishing to take this one step further, the hotel offers The Tequila & Chocolate Experience, as well as wine tasting. The spectacular wine cellar showcases the bottles in a stunningly unusual wooden wave-like pattern in the ceiling, whilst the Cigar Bar is every cigar-smokers dream, where guests can learn to create their own.

The exquisite menus are far from being the only hand-crafted, beautifully designed aspect of the hotel. In 2017, Chablé Resort & Spa was awarded with the Prix Versailles Award for 'Best Hotel in the World for Architecture and Design'. The property was designed by Paulina Moran, whose over 20 years of experience, has seen her design many notable luxury hotels, restaurants, private residences, luxury yachts and private jets, garnering her acclaim throughout Latin America and abroad.

Limestone walls throughout, contrasted with dark wooden features and pops of colour create a striking design. Each casita boasts its own indoor/outdoor rain showers allowing guests to feel truly at one with nature. Heated plunge pools, hammocks and cosy lounge chairs surround the casitas, and provide a private tropical oasis for every resident. The three-bedroom Royal Villa is particularly impressive, restored from the 19th century hacienda, it includes its own spa suite, gym, private bar, butler kitchen, and spacious pool, providing the pinnacle of luxury. In-room dining is available to all those who can't tear themselves away from their secluded spot of paradise.

Aside from the restaurants, expansive spa and casitas dotted around the property, the land is

also full of hidden treasures. The grounds harbour a restored chapel, that is still used for private mass, as well as a star-gazing pavilion. In the 19th century, the Yucatán region thrived with hacienda plantations, specialising in the production of the henequén plant and its products. As artificial fibres took over, the grand houses faded from splendour, but the features have now been restored where possible, with this heritage at the heart of Chablé's philosophy.

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