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Playa del Carmen Per-City Pack

The paid, printable companion to the free city profile

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The Riviera Maya's expat capital, a beach city that went from fishing village to 300,000+ people in a generation. It is walkable, international, endlessly convenient, and thirty minutes from Cancún's airport. It is also the most transient, touristic, and un-Mexican place the profile sends clients, and pretending otherwise would do you no favors.

How this pack was built

Every figure in this pack is taken from the free Playa del Carmen profile at mymexicomove.com/cities/playa-del-carmen/, verified November 2026. This edition goes beyond the free profile: it adds a fill-in budget worksheet built on the profile's own figures, a first-30-days plan sequenced from the profile's own sections, a rental viewing checklist, Spanish phrases for renting and for healthcare visits, and the consulate and canje steps from the site's residency guides. Where the profile states a gap, this pack states the same gap, honestly, in the Honest gaps section and in the worksheet.

What is in this pack

- The snapshot: monthly totals, rents, climate and healthcare at a glance.
- Costs and rents, with the profile's own monthly totals and rent ranges.
- Neighbourhoods, streets, markets, healthcare and IMSS, Spanish, expat life, retirement fit, work, families and schools, food, and safety.
- Climate by the month, from the profile's own published source.
- Honest gaps: what the profile does not verify, stated plainly.
- New in this edition: a fill-in budget worksheet, a first-30-days plan for this city, a rental viewing checklist, Spanish phrases for renting and healthcare, and the consulate and canje steps.
- A printable, dated checklist for this city: what to check before you sign, and your first 30 days.

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The snapshot

The profile's own headline figures, as the profile prints them.

Figure	Value	Basis
Monthly total, one person	$1,800–$2,500	Comfortable, per month
Monthly total, a couple	$2,500–$3,500	Condo-with-pool, eat-out lifestyle, per month
Rent, Centro (Quinta corridor), condos	$900–$1,600	Per month
Electricity, year-round air conditioning	$80–$180	Per month
Healthcare	Good and geared to foreigners	Hospiten, Costamed; Cancún 45 min adds Galenia and Amerimed

Travel advisory: Quintana Roo is at Level 2 (Exercise Increased Caution) in the US State Department Mexico advisory dated 11 August 2026.

Costs and rents

Monthly total, one person: $1,800–$2,500 (Comfortable, per month).

Monthly total, a couple: $2,500–$3,500 (Condo-with-pool, eat-out lifestyle, per month).

Rents

Rent	Range	Note
Centro (Quinta corridor), condos	$900–$1,600	Per month; short-term pricing pressure is intense
Playacar	$1,200–$2,500	Per month
Zazil-Ha and Colosio	$700–$1,200	Per month, the current value-with-location play
Ejido, west of the highway	$400–$700	Per month

High season, December to April, commonly pushes month-to-month and beach-adjacent rents 20 to 50 percent above shoulder-season prices, so the same apartment costs very different amounts depending on when you sign. A long-term lease signed outside peak season is the single best money decision in Playa.

Utilities and daily prices

Item	Figure	Basis
Electricity, year-round air conditioning	$80–$180	Per month

Neighbourhoods

Centro

The walkable heart around Quinta Avenida, dense with cafes, bars, restaurants and beach access, lively and sometimes loud. The default first landing, and the most expensive per square meter in the center.

Gonzalo Guerrero and Zazil-Ha

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Just north and inland of the center, the settled expat and nomad heart: quieter streets, cafes that double as offices, and rents a step below Centro.

Playacar

The gated community south of the center, with a golf course, controlled entry, green streets and its own quiet beach. Family-oriented and residential.

Colosio

Inland and north, the fast-growing, more local neighborhood west of the tourist core, with newer mid-rise stock and the best value in the city.

Ejidal and Villas del Sol

Further out, the most budget-friendly areas, with large supermarkets and a growing cafe scene, but a local feel, longer distances and the weakest ride-hailing coverage.

Streets and getting around

Playa del Carmen is built for walking in its center and for wheels beyond it. Centro, around pedestrian Quinta Avenida, is the most walkable stretch in the city: beach, cafes, supermarkets, banks and restaurants within a few blocks, and the colectivos and local buses run the main avenues for short money. Taxis are everywhere in Centro and pricey by local standards, and ride-hailing works in the central areas but drivers sometimes cancel pickups in the outer neighborhoods such as Villas del Sol. A bicycle or scooter covers the whole center and the beach road; a car becomes the default once you live in Colosio, Ejidal or Playacar. The Tren Maya station connects Playa to Cancún, Tulum and Mérida, and ADO buses run to Cancún airport, about an hour north, and to Tulum in about 45 minutes, plus the ferry terminal for Cozumel. Playa has no airport of its own, so every trip starts with the 45 to 70 minute run to Cancún.

Markets and daily shopping

Playa shops in two registers, like its neighborhoods. Centro has Walmart, Mega Soriana and Chedraui within walking distance of the center, plus the small fruit and vegetable shops, tortillerias and bakeries that make daily cooking easy, and the Mercado Municipal on Avenida 10 for produce, meat and local stalls. Colosio and Ejidal have their own markets and large supermarkets at local prices. The expat grocery habit is a split shop: the supermarkets for the weekly run, the market and the small shops for the daily fresh food, and the Quinta Avenida convenience stores only for emergencies, where prices are tourist prices.

Healthcare and IMSS

Good and geared to foreigners: Hospiten, Costamed, and clinics along the corridor handle most needs with English-speaking staff; Cancún (45 min) adds Galenia and Amerimed for bigger procedures. Specialist consults run $50 to $90. It is solid, just priced knowing its

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