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Your Free

Cenote Diving Guide

Everything You Need to Know
Before Your First Cenote Dive

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Playa del Carmen, Quintana Roo, Mexico

Welcome to Cenote Diving!

Cenote diving is one of the most unique underwater experiences on Earth. Mexico's Riviera Maya is home to thousands of cenotes – natural sinkholes filled with crystal-clear freshwater that connect to one of the world's largest underground river systems. This guide has everything you need to plan your unforgettable cenote diving adventure.

WHAT TO BRING

Essential Items

- Swimsuit (wear under clothes)
- Towel and change of dry clothes
- Biodegradable sunscreen only
- Waterproof bag for phone & valuables
- Certification card (physical or digital)
- Cash for tips (optional but appreciated)

Optional

- Underwater camera / GoPro
- Hat and sunglasses
- Light jacket (caverns are cooler)
- Your own mask or dive computer

WHAT WE PROVIDE

All Equipment Included

- BCD (Buoyancy Control Device)
- Regulator with alternate air source
- Wetsuit (3mm or 5mm)
- Fins, mask, and snorkel
- Weights and weight belt
- Primary and backup dive lights

Professional Services

- Certified cave diving guide (max 4 per guide)
- Free hotel pickup & drop-off (Cancun to Tulum)
- All cenote and park entrance fees
- Snacks and drinking water between dives
- Underwater photos and videos of your dive

Top 5 Cenotes for First-Time Divers

THE BEST CENOTE EXPERIENCES IN RIVIERA MAYA

1 **DOS OJOS** *"The Two Eyes"*

Crystal clear water with 100+ meters visibility. Perfect for beginners with stunning stalactites and stalagmites. One of the most famous cenotes in the world.

Depth: 10m / 33ft

Features: Bat cave, natural light beams

2 **CHIKIN HA** *"Little Water"*

Multiple connected caverns excellent for exploration. Beautiful rock formations and crystal-clear pools create an otherworldly experience. Perfect for first-time cenote divers.

Depth: 15m / 50ft

Features: Ancient stalactites, crystal-clear pools

3 **CASA CENOTE** *"The Mangrove Cenote"*

A unique open-air cenote where freshwater meets the ocean. Home to tropical fish and turtles among beautiful mangrove roots. Great visibility and easy conditions.

Depth: 8m / 26ft

Features: Mangrove roots, turtles, diverse marine life

4 **TAJMA HA** *"Deep Blue Wonder"*

Deep blue water with incredible visibility and dramatic light effects. Pristine cavern formations with stunning light columns penetrating from above.

Depth: 15m / 50ft

Features: Light columns, pristine cavern formations

5 **CENOTE EDEN** *"The Garden of Eden"*

Open-air cenote surrounded by jungle with crystal-clear water. Incredible visibility and abundant fish life make this a relaxing and beautiful first cenote experience.

Depth: 15m / 50ft

Features: Open-air swimming, jungle setting, fish life

Important Tips & Information

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW

CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

Open Water Certified – Can dive most cenotes with a certified cave guide

No Certification? – Try our Discover Scuba program – guided training session + cenote dive, no experience needed (from \$135)

Advanced Open Water – Required for The Pit, Angelita, and deep cenotes (25m+)

WHAT MAKES CENOTE DIVING SPECIAL

24–26°C / 75–79°F

Water Temperature
Year-round comfort

100+ meters

Visibility
Crystal clear water

No Current

Calm Dives
Relaxing experience

Millions of Years

Ancient Formations
Stalactites & stalagmites

Halocline

Visual Effect
Fresh & salt water mix

Endemic Species

Unique Ecosystem
Blind cave fish & turtles

TYPICAL DIVE DAY SCHEDULE

8:00–9:00 AM	Hotel pickup (time varies by location)
9:30 AM	Arrive at first cenote, gear up and briefing
10:00 AM	First dive (40–50 minutes)
11:00 AM	Surface interval, snacks, photos
11:45 AM	Travel to second cenote
12:15 PM	Second dive (40–50 minutes)
1:30–3:00 PM	Return to hotel

Total trip duration: 6–7 hours including hotel pickup and drop-off

Safety & Environmental Guidelines

PROTECTING THE CENOTES FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

- NO regular sunscreen – biodegradable only
- NO touching formations or cave walls
- NO kicking up sediment from the bottom
- NO feeding wildlife
- Follow your guide's instructions at all times

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

- Always dive with a certified cave diving guide
- Never go beyond the natural light zone
- Maintain excellent buoyancy control
- Follow the permanent guideline/rope
- Respect all depth and time limits
- Cavern diving (natural light) – not cave diving

MEDICAL REQUIREMENTS

- Must be in good physical health
- Cannot fly within 18–24 hours after diving
- Plan your last dive day accordingly
- Inform guide of any medical conditions

PHOTOGRAPHY TIPS

- GoPro works great (bring yours or use ours)
- Best light beams: mornings 9–11 AM
- Ask your guide for the best photo spots
- Photos & video included with every trip

PRO TIP

Regular sunscreen damages the delicate cenote ecosystem. Apply biodegradable sunscreen at least 15 minutes before your dive so it absorbs fully. Your guide will have some if you forget!

Choose Your Experience

CENOTE DIVING PACKAGES

MOST POPULAR

2-TANK CENOTE DIVE \$185–225

per person

- Two dives at two different cenotes
- 6–7 hours total trip time
- All equipment & transportation
- Max 4 divers per guide
- Perfect for certified divers
- Add \$100 for fully private

DISCOVER SCUBA From \$135

per person

- No certification needed
- Guided training + cenote dive
- All equipment included
- Max depth 12m with instructor
- \$135 from Playa del Carmen
- \$185 from Cancun area

ADVANCED CENOTE DIVING Custom

pricing

- The Pit (40m – light beams)
- Angelita (30m – underwater cloud)
- Specialized deep cenotes (25m+)
- Advanced Open Water required
- Small groups, expert guides

WHY DIVE WITH SETH?

Private Tours

Max 4 divers per guide, never grouped with strangers

Free Pickup

Anywhere from Cancun to Tulum, door to door

Multilingual

English, Spanish, French, German

All Included

Premium equipment + photos & video included

20+ Years

4.9 TripAdvisor, 5.0 Google, 8,000+ happy divers

Flexible

You choose the cenotes and dive schedule

Guest Reviews

WHAT OUR DIVERS SAY



"Seth made our first cenote dive unforgettable. The Pit and Dos Ojos were absolutely stunning. Can't wait to come back!"

— Sarah M.
New York



"Professional, friendly, and the best dive experience we've ever had. The equipment was top-notch and the cenotes were magical."

— James K.
London



"We did Discover Scuba with no experience and Seth made us feel completely safe. Now we're hooked on diving!"

— Maria & Carlos
Mexico City

Service Area

We provide free hotel pickup from:

Cancun • Puerto Morelos • Playa del Carmen • Puerto Aventuras • Akumal • Tulum

...and everywhere in between! Just tell us your hotel name or address.

4.9 TripAdvisor • 5.0 Google • TripAdvisor Travelers' Choice — 8 Years Running

Let's Dive!

The cenotes are waiting. Crystal-clear water, ancient formations, and the dive of a lifetime.

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WHEN YOU MESSAGE US, PLEASE INCLUDE:

- Your travel dates
- Where you're staying (hotel name or city)
- Number of divers in your group
- Certification level (or if you'd like Discover Scuba)
- Any special requests or questions

See you underwater!