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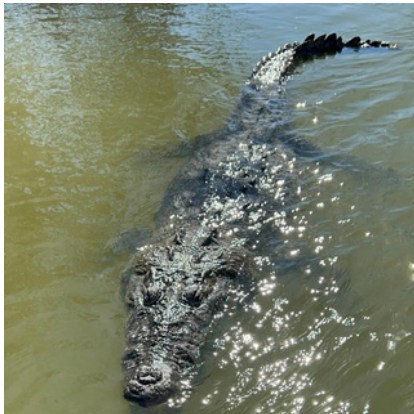
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Guided tour through the salt ponds, where you'll learn about the salt harvesting process.



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Home to pink flamingos, crocodiles, sea turtles, and over 300 bird species.



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Mayan Bath: A blend of tradition, wellness, and connection with nature.



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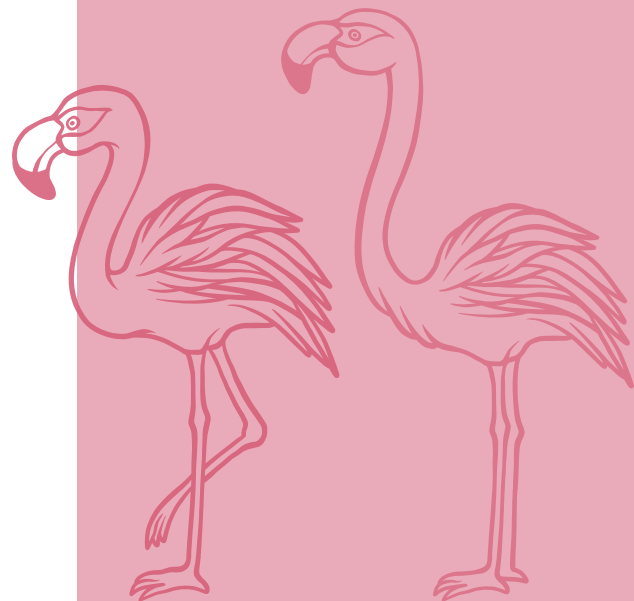
Perfect for sea lovers, freshness, and regional cuisine enthusiasts.



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LAS COLORADAS

Las Coloradas is a small port in Yucatán famous for its pink lakes, which are actually salt ponds that produce around 750,000 tons of salt per year.





SALT PONDS

LAS COLORADAS

The famous pink color of the lakes in Las Coloradas is due to the high concentration of salt and microorganisms called halobacteria, which release reddish pigments when activated by sunlight. The stronger the sun, the more intense the water's color becomes.

Although the landscape is tempting, swimming is not allowed for safety reasons and to protect the salt production process, as these waters are part of an important saltworks that produces hundreds of thousands of tons each year.

The tour of the saltworks is pleasant and educational: you'll learn about the salt harvesting process, the collection season (from April to September), and enjoy a panoramic viewpoint—perfect for admiring the scenery and taking unforgettable photos.



RÍO LAGARTOS

Territorial extension: 60,347 hectares

Home to over 900 species of wildlife, including mammals, amphibians, reptiles, fish, and birds. Its waters mark the intersection where the Gulf of Mexico and the Caribbean Sea meet.



RÍA LAGARTOS

Río Lagartos is a natural park of great ecological importance, declared a Protected Natural Area, Biosphere Reserve, and Sanctuary for the hawksbill and white turtles. It is the first Mexican wetland listed as a Wetland of International Importance due to its extraordinary biodiversity.

Among its notable phenomena is the banding of flamingos, a technique used to track young specimens to support their conservation. The name “Ría de los Lagartos” (River of the Lizards) comes from the first explorers who found numerous crocodiles in the area; today, both the river crocodile and the swamp crocodile can be observed, both protected for their vital role in the ecosystem.



MAYAN BATH

Another wonder of Río Lagartos is its incredible natural outdoor spa, where its soft white sand offers you a treatment worthy of the best spas in the world. But that's not all — after exfoliating, you'll have the opportunity to wash off the clay while swimming in a pristine beach with crystal-clear waters

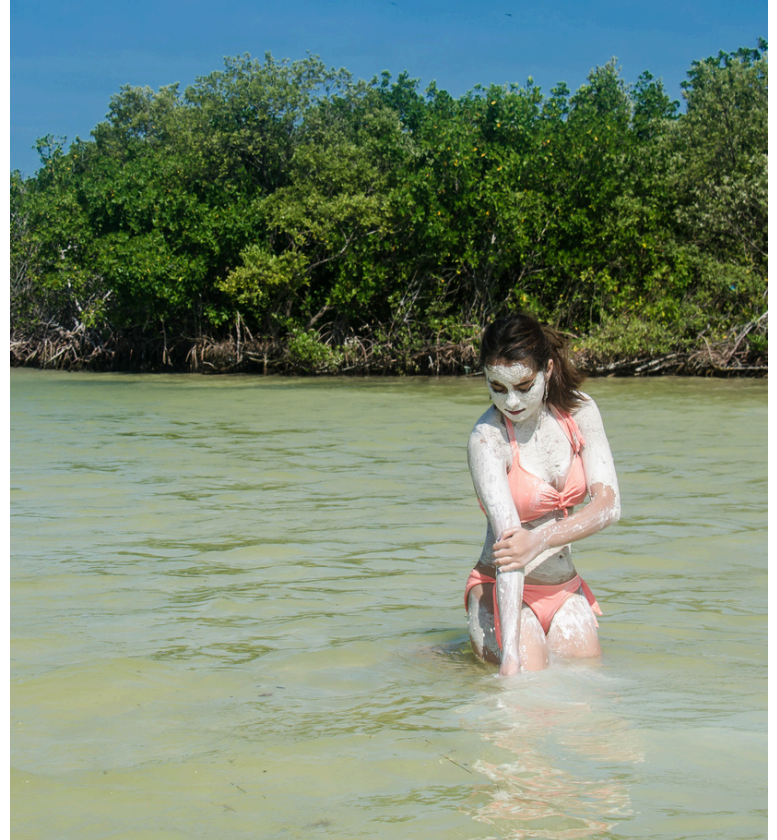




The sand acts like an exfoliant with a high natural concentration of sulfur, which can cleanse the skin of impurities and remove dead cells.

It also contains minerals that help care for the skin, salts that dissolve impurities and toxins, and algae that are believed to help protect the skin from damage caused by the environment and pollution.

The ancient Maya would cover their bodies with this same clay to protect themselves from the sun and insect bites, and it is said they also used it in some rituals and battles.



GASTRONOMY

Being a port town, one of Río Lagartos's main activities is fishing, so you'll find fresh seafood dishes and catch of the day in its restaurants and markets.

Some of the most common dishes are fried fish, ceviche (made with fish, shrimp, octopus, and/or conch), tostadas, seafood quesadillas, and seafood empanadas.

You'll also find elements of Yucatecan cuisine, with corn as the main ingredient. The most commonly used seasonings and spices include pumpkin seeds, oregano, red onion, bitter orange, sweet chili, lime, tomato, achiote, xkatik chili, and habanero chili.





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