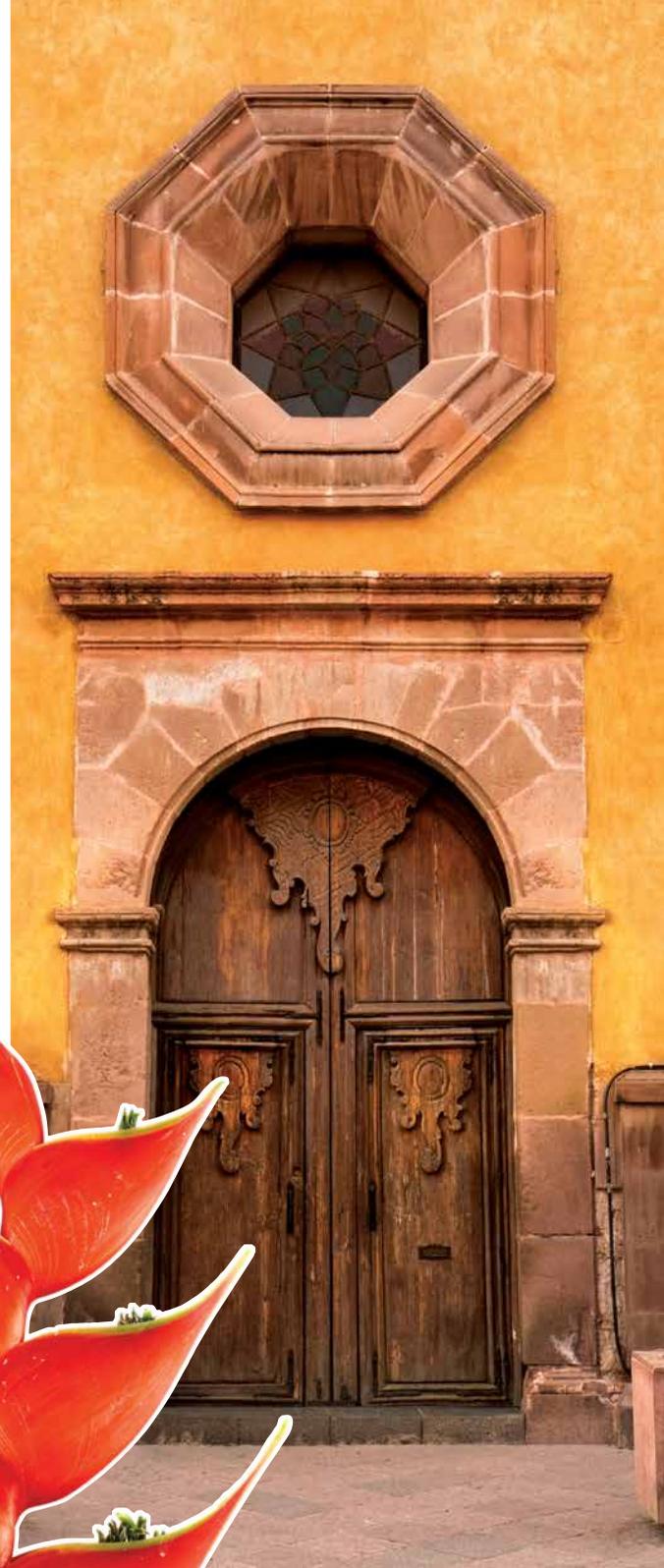




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*welcome to*  
**PARADISE**

BY CORI SUTTON

The Caribbean, in particular, is a prime vacation hot spot with loads of great beachfront resorts, offering everything from all-inclusive getaway packages to luxurious long vacations.

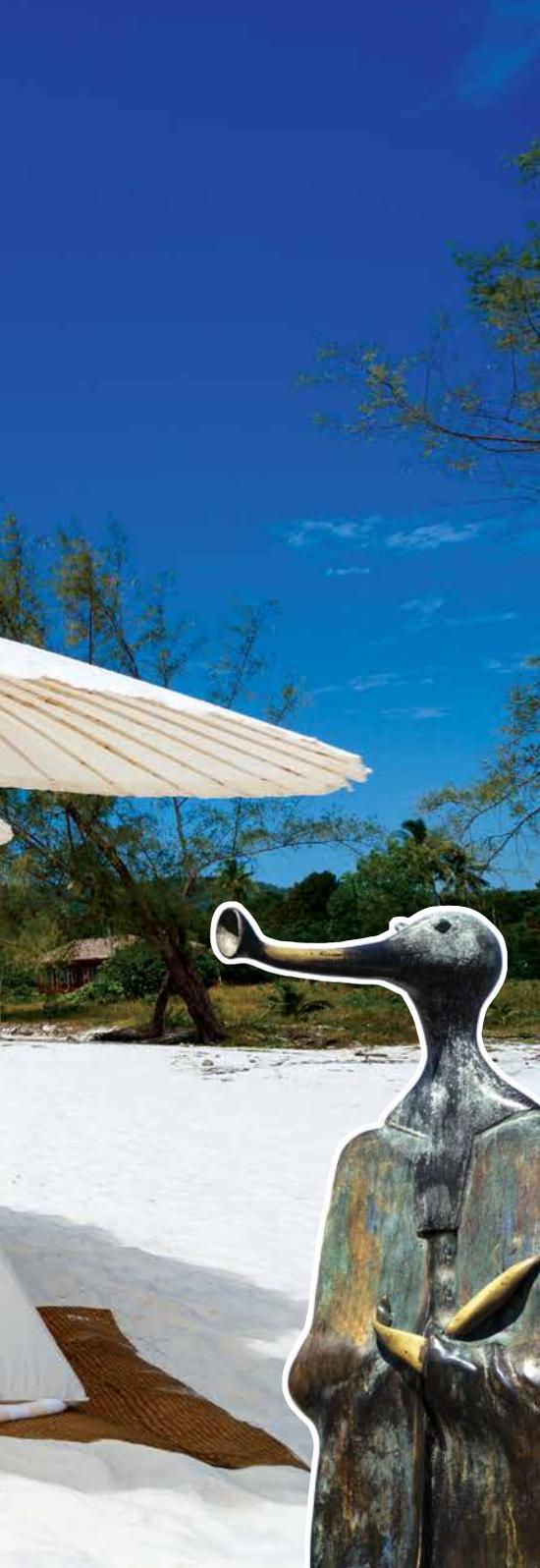
*Whether relaxing at an all-inclusive resort, travelling by cruise ship, or looking for the perfect destination wedding, there's a part of Mexico and the Caribbean that's fit for everyone.*

#### ¡MEXICO!

A country full of myths and legends, and the mysterious stone ruins guarding them, Mexico is a dazzling country loaded with nearly every imaginable vacation experience possible.

Stretching around the sparkling blue Bahía de Banderas and backed by lush palm-covered mountains, Puerto Vallarta is one of Mexico's most enticing destinations on the west coast. There are activities aplenty, including boat trips, horseback rides, diving trips, and day trips to the interior. The city offers numerous all-inclusive resort options. Cruises sailing from California make Puerto Vallarta a frequent port of call.





Once just a placid fishing village, Cabo San Lucas has blossomed into one of the world's most famous spots for celeb sightings, grand scenery, sunning and snorkeling. Here it is easy to find great surfing, secluded beaches, quaint art towns, pristine deserts, jagged mountains, and coral reefs. There is also an array of all-inclusive resorts that welcome everyone – individuals, couples, families, as well as weddings.

Cancun is a tale of two cities. Here you'll find glitzy hotels and resorts, famous white-sand beaches, an unabashed party scene, and sophisticated restaurants. Then there's the actual city itself, with incredible neighborhood taco joints and undeveloped beaches. Cancun offers plentiful options when looking for a place to stay.

Playa del Carmen ranks up there with Tulum as one of the Riviera Maya's trendiest cities with incredible all-inclusive resorts. Sitting coolly to the west of Cozumel, the town's beaches are filled with visitors seeking out a great tan. The reefs are excellent and offer diving and snorkeling close by.

### **ENDLESS WAVES OF BLUE**

Pristine, sugar-white beaches extend as far as the eye can see. Sparkling azure waters glisten, fragrant tropical gardens explode in dazzling colour, and vibrant sunsets ignite the sky. Welcome to the Caribbean!

If you love ever-changing views, a Caribbean cruise is a convenient way to visit multiple destinations all while



For those looking to quench their thirst for adventure during a visit to the Caribbean, the mountains in St. Lucia are a must-see. The island's most famous landmark is the Pitons — two volcanic mountains which are now hikeable.

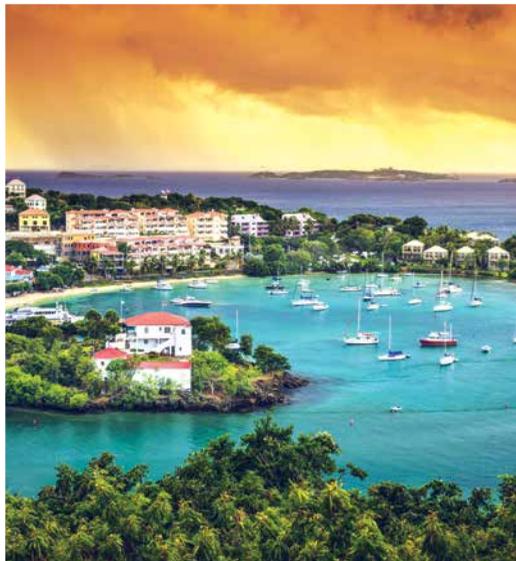
enjoying the convenience of a “floating hotel.” A cruise vacation allows you to unpack once and settle into your cabin without the hassle of having to move your belongings to each new destination.

For a taste of lush island life, Jamaica’s dramatic mountain scenery, beautiful beaches and one-of-a-kind vibe makes it an ideal stop on Caribbean cruises, as well as for all-inclusive resort stays. Located on the island’s north coast, Montego Bay’s many restaurants, bars, and shops are centered on the “Hip Strip,” and nearby is the famously beautiful, white-sand Doctors Cave Beach.

Should you prefer a seemingly magical destination rich in history and filled with natural wonders, Puerto Rico has it all: world-class resorts, championship golf, 300 miles of shoreline, fabulous shops, fine dining, and a nightlife that sizzles with nightclubs and casinos. Tour Old San Juan, the historic town of Ponce, and the 400-year-old forts at San Felipe del Morro and San Cristobal – you won’t be disappointed!

Travellers can also experience the unique culture of the Virgin Islands through their arts, crafts, music, and more during a variety of festivals and cultural events throughout the year. Both the U.S. and British Virgin Islands provide gorgeous beaches, world-class recreational activities, fine dining, casino action and golf.



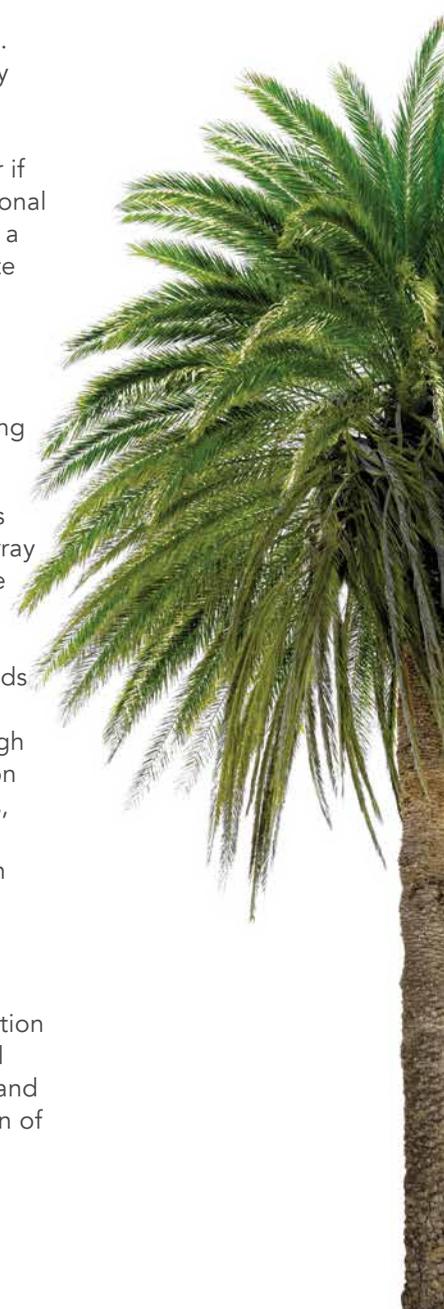


## TYING THE KNOT

If love is in the air and you're ready to say "I do" (or renew your vows), you can break away from the ordinary ceremony experience and opt for a destination wedding in Mexico or the Caribbean. Special wedding packages are widely available at all-inclusive resorts and are vastly less expensive than having your wedding back home. No matter if you're in search of the perfect traditional wedding, LGBTQ-friendly ceremony, a vow renewal, or just want to celebrate your love for one another, you'll find a welcoming home away from home here. And should you prefer to have your nuptials and celebration at sea, nearly every cruise ship offers wedding packages too.

When it comes to all-inclusive resorts in the Caribbean that offer a great array of wedding event options, two of the most highly recommended islands in the Caribbean are Jamaica and the Dominican Republic. These two islands are unmatched by others when it comes to their natural beauty and high levels of service. If your heart is set on Mexico, the Riviera Maya, Los Cabos, and Playa del Carmen are certain to provide a beautiful background to an unforgettable wedding.

Keep in mind that your local travel professional is your best source for helping you plan and book a destination wedding. Only an experienced travel professional will know which resorts and wedding packages best fit your vision of a romantic event and honeymoon.





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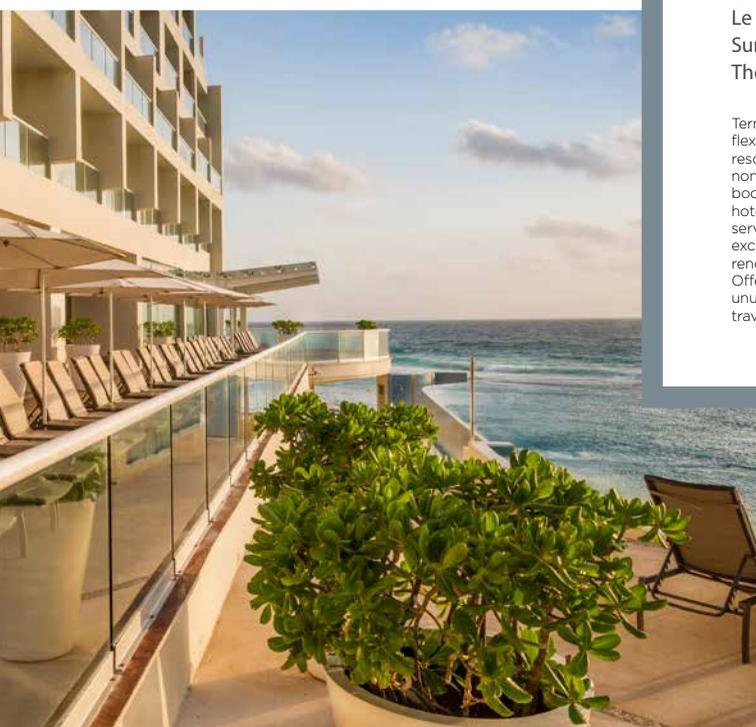
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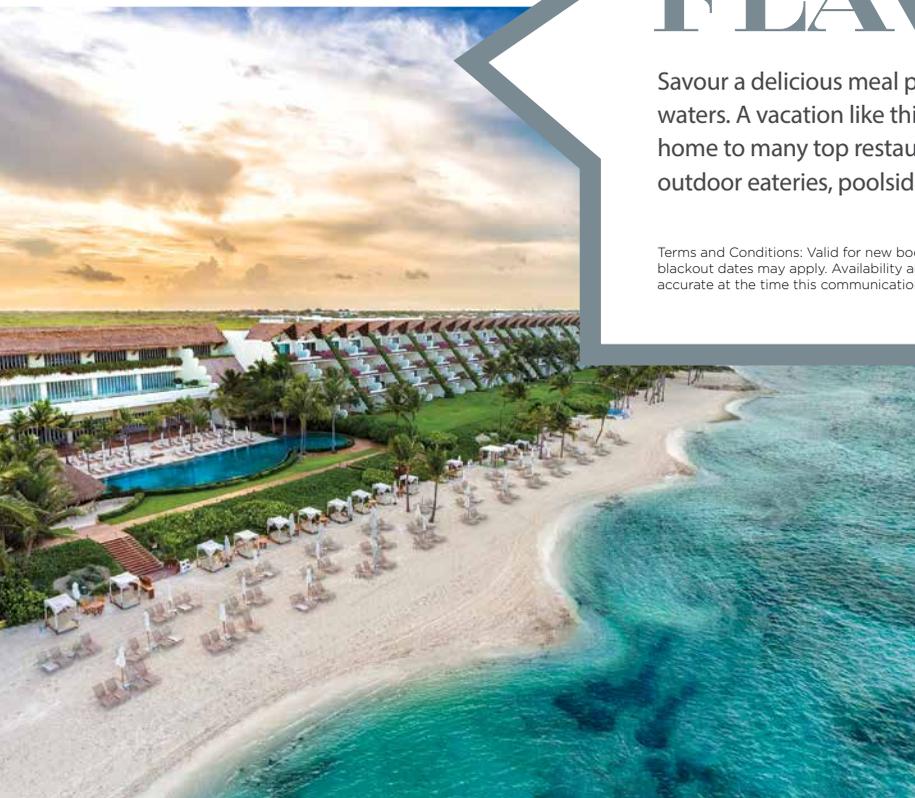
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*our 5 favourite getaways in*

# MEXICO & THE CARIBBEAN

## *Isla Mujeres*

Surrounded by the blue waters of the Caribbean Sea, just eight miles from Cancun, is Isla Mujeres. This trendy Mexican hotspot has everything from luxury resorts and scenic beaches to great scuba diving and snorkeling.

## *Jamaica*

Known fondly as "the land of wood and water," Jamaica's forests feature prime hiking and bird watching. History buffs can explore heritage sites like Trelawny, while Montego Bay is perfect for snorkeling and shopping, and the spas of Ocho Rios can make any stresses melt away.

## *St. Lucia*

Known for its towering Pitons, St. Lucia has grown into a vacation paradise that offers something for everyone who's craving a sun-filled getaway. From the St. Lucia Jazz & Arts Festival to unwinding on one of the island's beaches or resorts, the island is true paradise.

## *Chichen Itza*

Chichen Itza is the largest of the Maya cities in the Yucatan Peninsula and one of Mexico's most visited destinations. The most famous landmark of Chichen Itza is the temple-pyramid of El Castillo.

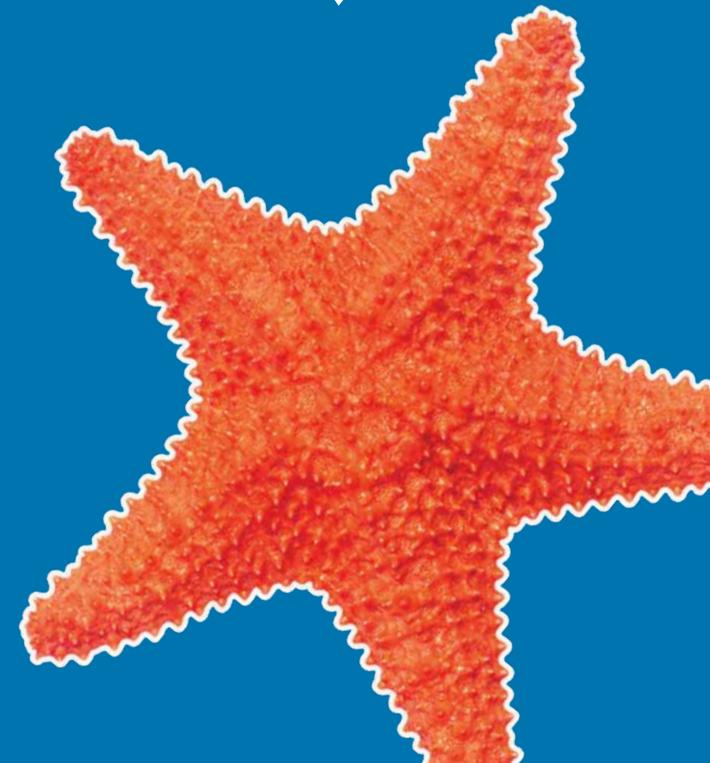
## *Aruba*

With an arid climate, little rain, gorgeous beaches and rugged landscape, Aruba has been attracting adventure and relaxation seekers for a long time. The island is perfect for diving with its shipwrecks and plentiful coral reefs.



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