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Items to pack for the Mayan Riviera

IDENTIFICATION / FINANCIAL

Certified Copy of Birth Certificate (with raised seal) OR Passport

Photocopy of Passport picture page (store in a separate place)

Driver's License

Major Credit card (Visa & Mastercard are the most widely accepted)

Traveler's Cheques

Small denomination U.S. currency (U.S. coins aren't accepted)

Leave expensive watches and jewelry at home

CLOTHES

Swim suits

Loose fitting, lightweight (and light colored) summer clothes (NO formal clothes required!)

Long pants---1 pair (hint: jeans feel scratchy and damp in this climate)

Sweater or light jacket---nylon jacket or light weight fleece (optional in May - September)

Tennis shoes and cotton socks for shopping or ruins excursions

Sandals and Aqua socks for everywhere else

T-shirt to snorkel or swim in (long sleeve, if possible)

"Waterproof" fanny pack (put wallet inside ziplock bags first, as none are completely waterproof)

Hat – wide brimmed is best (also available there – makes a good souvenir)

Sunglasses (also bring a floating strap, if you intend to wear them while body-surfing)

SUNDRIES

Beach towels (also good souvenirs, available locally) and Beach Blanket & Bag

Small binoculars

Sunblock---Banana Boat Sport SPF 30 Sweatproof (personal preference)

Aloe Vera gel with lidocaine---dark blue stuff found at Walgreens---for sunburn

Lip balm with sunblock

Bandaids (can be very hard to find in Mexico when you need them)

Mosquito repellent (spray around ankles at night, especially during the wetter months)

Pepto Bismol tablets---2 per day per person (think of it as preventive maintenance)

Soothing Eyedrops---Allergan preservative free lens plus wetting drops in individual vials (for rinsing salt water, sand or sunblock out of eyes)

Wash rag for face at the beach (same reason)

Glass cleaner for eyeglasses (to wash off the sea spray)

Kleenex travel pack

Plastic garbage bag for dirty clothes

Pack sundries in small ziplock bags (bring spares)

Laundry soap to rinse out swim suits or for the occasional salsa spill

Waterproof single-use camera(s) for beach and snorkeling

Small flashlight (for evening walks back from the restaurants)

Favorite CD's and/or Cassettes and Videotapes

Good book (or two or three...)

Consider bringing an empty duffel bag down inside another suitcase. Fill it with laundry or newly purchased treasures on your return trip.

SNACKS/SUPPLIES

Coffee (the local coffee has a different flavor. If you are hooked on your own brand, bring some)

Favorite individually wrapped snacks (FYI: Microwave popcorn is difficult to find in Mexico)

Favorite spices (if you plan on cooking)