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At some point in everyone's life, they wish they could run away to a real tropical paradise like Cancun, with its glinting clear blue water. Perched right on the tip of the Yucatan Peninsula, Cancun is a world-renowned beach vacation spot, and for good reason. The water is as clear as glass, the sand is pure white, and there is so much to do. If you are craving a trip to paradise, Cancun can deliver. You will just need a [pass port cards](#) or passport book before you leave, but that's easily taken care of online.

There's another perk to traveling to Cancun that many forget to consider. Travel to Mexico, Canada, Bermuda or the Caribbean means you can use a passport card instead of a passport book, and passport cards are much cheaper than the book. However, you can only travel to these places by boat or car. If you decide to take an airplane, then you'll need to get a passport book. Fill out a passport online application to get through the process quicker and more easily, and with expedited passport delivery, you can be in Cancun in just a few days.

Naturally people flock to Cancun for the gorgeous beaches. Sunbathing on the bleach-white sand and swimming in the clear blue water is something that can be done all day, every day. One interesting thing about Cancun beaches are the local vendors who walk around selling their handmade sarongs, jewelry, and seashells. Another interesting fact is that even though it can get pretty warm in Cancun, the sand stays cool because it's made of ground-up coral, as opposed to the silica-based sand we have on our beaches. The coral doesn't absorb heat, and therefore doesn't burn your feet.

Don't miss out on taking a ferry to Cozumel and Isla Mujeres, two very gorgeous places. Ultramar offers a very pleasant ferry service. While the beaches on these islands make for excellent day trips, they offer even more. Isla Mujeres has an ecological water park named Garrafon that is worth visiting. Cozumel has its own nature preserve, Chankanaab National Park.

The Mayan empire spread over much of what is Central America and Mexico, with the heart of the empire in the Yucatan Peninsula. This means that Cancun is near some breathtaking Mayan ruins that make for great ways to learn a little about the area's history and culture. One very close to the hotels along the beach is El Rey Ruins, where Mayans lived from around 900-1550 AD. The name - El Rey - means "The King," and it got this name from the large ceremonial mask, sculpture of a noble man, and a skull meant as a gift to the god associated with the sun. In this ruin, there are 47 structures in all, with two very impressive large ones, and be sure to look out for the population of iguanas and peacocks. If you are interested in seeing more Maya sites, there are plenty located a little outside the area, and they are certainly worth seeing.

If you need an escape to paradise, Cancun is only a short distance away. While these are some good suggestions, be sure to also check out the opportunity to swim with dolphins, take a horseback ride on the beach, and feed sharks and touch sea urchins at the Interactive Aquarium. Before you can escape, however, you need to get your pass port cards. Once you fill out a [United States passport online application](#), all that's left is to plan your trip in gorgeous Cancun.

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