



MEXICO TODAY

Thu 06 Oct 11 P6

Mexico On Sale

Escape has Mexico packages flying Air NZ and partner airlines for sales to 17 Oct. Five nights 3.5 star in Cancun plus two nights in LA is from \$2479; six nights 3.5 star all-inclusive in Puerto Vallarta plus a night in LA is from \$2649; six nights 3.5 star all-inclusive in Riviera Nayarit plus one night in LA is from \$2589; three nights five-star in Mexico City is from \$2065; and six nights 3.5 star all-inclusive in Cabo San Lucas plus a night in LA is from \$2669.



Enjoy Mexican MyTime

Holidays to Mexico with Escape became even better value for money last month with the launch of MyTime, which Escape's Sara Locke says gives Kiwis extra benefits—such as room upgrades, two-for-one deals and priority dining—at no extra cost. A whole host of resorts such as the Excellence Playa Mujeres (pictured) take part in the programme.

Perfect Timing For A Mexican Escape

Now may be the perfect time to book clients on a Mexican holiday, says Escape Holidays, thanks to the launch of its value-add MyTime offers and Air New Zealand's tactical deals offering 30% off flights to North Americas.

Escape Holidays' Mexico product manager Sara Locke has just returned from the destination and has tips to help agents booking clients on a Mexico holiday.

Locke visited Cancun, the Riviera Maya, Puerto Vallarta and Riviera Nayarit during her stay in Mexico. "Each destination has its own appeal but all are well worth visiting," she says. Cancun and the hotel zone feature 26km of sandy beaches, warm sea and a multitude of resorts to suit all budgets and travellers.

Suggest clients head to the Plaza la Isla shopping to shop in American stores or for local souvenirs, while the hotel zone itself has everything travellers need including a range of activities.

"The all-inclusive resort rates really are value for money, inclusions vary between hotels but clients can certainly over-indulge and not have to worry about a bill at the end," says Locke.

Just south is the Riviera Maya region, where resorts are generally large with more land space. The Riviera is a good base for day trips, says Locke – clients can visit Xcaret or Xplor adventure parks, take a tour to visit Mayan ruins or head out to Cozumel Island.



Around 10mins north of Puerto Vallarta airport is Riviera Nayarit (New Vallarta) region, at the foot of the Sierra Madre Mountain range and offering miles of beaches, resorts and attractions including golf courses, water sports, luxury spa and wellness programmes, zip lining and ATV excursions.



Traditional Mexico

The heart of the Mexican Pacific Coast, Puerto Vallarta, is a charming destination perfect for clients after a more traditional adventure. "They can enjoy a walk along the downtown seaside Malecón (boardwalk) to the romantic zone in Old Vallarta, where they will find shops, quaint restaurants and the flea market along cobbled streets," says Locke.



Day Trip Must In Cancun

For clients staying in Cancun, the Isla Mujeres (Island of Women) is definitely worth a day trip or short stay, says Locke. Just 30 minutes by ferry, the small island has a laid back, local feel and its clear water is perfect for snorkelling, diving and kayaking. Hire a golf cart, scooter or bike to explore the island, taxis are also readily available. In the middle of the island is the boutique Hotel Villa Rolandi Thalasso, which has a min age of 13. Escape has a six-hour tour from Cancun for \$79pp including a round boat-trip, lunch, snorkeling gear, towels, bicycle tour, water slide, downtown visit and tour guide.

WELCOME TO MEXICO

an exciting, vibrant holiday destination brimming with culture, beauty and attractions. An exciting fusion of modern and ancient, Mexico offers its visitors an exciting playground of diverse holiday adventures.



Escape HOLIDAYS

Talk to the Escape Holidays team today 0800 300 004