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## Private Experiences Across Mexico Featured in New \$500K 'Grand Velas Journey'

Velas Resorts and Air Partner Launch Once-in-a-Lifetime Adventure  
Inclusive of Private Jet Charters, 14 Days of Unique Travel Experiences, Presidential Suites  
& World's Most Expensive Taco at \$25K

**Puerto Vallarta, Mexico (December 15, 2020)** – In cooperation with Air Partner, a global leader in private aviation services, Mexico's award-winning Velas Resorts launches its *Grand Velas Journey* for travelers looking to take a once-in-a-lifetime trip in 2021. The two-week adventure features 15 unique travel experiences, such as microadventures to Mexico's natural wonders and spirited day trips to Tequila and Valle de Guadalupe; tasting of the World's Most Expensive Taco at \$25K; cooking with one of Mexico's only Maitre Cuisiniers de France; and much more. Accommodations will all be in Presidential Suites ranging in size from 2,793 - 5,451 sq. ft. at the AAA Five Diamond Grand Velas properties in Riviera Maya, Riviera Nayarit, and Los Cabos. For an ultra-premium and seamless experience, private jet transportation is coordinated for the entire trip by Air Partner, including to and from the U.S. as well as between each property. Pricing for the *Grand Velas Journey* starts at \$500,000 USD for 2 people. The full itinerary for the *Grand Velas Journey* can be found below or at <https://www.grandvelas.com/journey>. For reservations, email [dtobonh@velasresorts.com](mailto:dtobonh@velasresorts.com).



### Full Itinerary Details:



Travelers booking the *Grand Velas Journey* with Velas Resorts and Air Partner will kick off their trip in style with a personalized **private jet charter from anywhere in the U.S. to Cancun**. Upon arrival, travelers will take a private transfer to Grand Velas Riviera Maya in Playa del Carmen. During their visit, guests will stay for 4 nights in the resort's lavish 2,793 sq. ft. **Grand Class Presidential Suite**. A microadventure to **Chichen Itza**, visit to an underwater museum on an opulent *VanDutch 40*, **lunch 60ft underground** in one of the destination's relatively undiscovered cenotes, and an ancestral beverage tasting are just a few unique activities. Additional exclusive experiences included in the Mexican Caribbean are a cooking class with Velas Resorts' Culinary Director, Michel Mustiere, one of only ten Maitre Cuisiniers de France in Mexico as well as a **Mystic Mayan Spa** evening complete with a live

performance from dancers dressed in traditional Mayan garments with music by snail drums and copal auric cleansing by Mayan shamans.

Next on the journey is Mexico's Pacific Coast. Enroute, travelers will be whisked away by Air Partner again on a private jet for a daylong adventure to Tequila to visit Casa San Matías, one of Mexico's oldest tequila houses. Here, guests will learn about traditional and modern tequila making processes, indulge in a **Mexican picnic in the agave fields** and a tequila



tasting, create a bespoke tequila blend to take home in a Huichol-designed bottle, and more. Then, it's on to Grand Velas Riviera Nayarit where guests will check in to the resort's Presidential Suite, with spacious oceanfront terrace and 12-person Jacuzzi, for four nights. Special experiences from here range from the *Wixáritari Journey*, a private microadventure to visit the **ancient holy site of Altavista** in the hills of Nayarit, to **Sportfishing with the Chef**, where guests can fish with a resort chef and enjoy a personally prepared meal by the chef with the catches. A private cinema beachfront and **Huichol Massage** including copal cleansing to balance low energies and encourage self-reflection are also offered. The treatment is set in the spa's new Huichol Cabin, embellished with vibrant, authentic décor in homage to the native Huichol Indians, still known today as the last North American indigenous peoples to maintain their pre-Columbian traditions.

Before venturing to the last stop on the journey, Grand Velas Los Cabos in Cabo San Lucas, guests will travel to Ensenada, Mexico via private jet to experience the resort's *Over-The-Top Wine Lovers' Getaway*. While in the Valle de Guadalupe, travelers will visit three top wineries for private tastings before heading to the D' Poncelis vineyard to **make their own vintage**. Afterwards, guests will be pampered with an extra special dinner including a wine pairing in the middle of the vineyard from the resort's two-star-Michelin Chef Sidney Schutte.



Then, before heading back to the U.S., travelers will embark to Grand Velas Los Cabos. In Baja California Sur, travelers will enjoy an adventure to the Sierra de la Laguna Mountains to hike through the canyon, see endemic species, ancient rock formations, flora and fauna, and learn about the Pericúes, the first aboriginal inhabitants of the area. Following the hike, guests will enjoy a multi-course dining experience while witnessing a **one-of-a-kind rock mapping light show**. At the resort, travelers can enjoy an **Art to Table Dinner** where dishes on the plate are inspired by pieces from Mexico's leading artists displayed in the on-property art gallery, a **Damiana Massage** which employs the therapeutic effects of the native plant and the **World's Most Expensive Taco**. The normally \$25K culinary masterpiece showcases premium ingredients like

langoustine, Kobe beef, Almas Beluga caviar, and more in a creative way. Four nights' accommodation will be in the resort's ultra-luxurious Presidential Suite. The 5,451 sq. ft. suite features an expansive oceanfront terrace with spacious plunge pool and lounge area, master suite with king bed and master bathroom with two-person jacuzzi, shower and dressing area, separate living area with personal wine bar, and even a 127 mm Maksutov-Cassegrain telescope to spot whales and other marine life in the adjacent Sea of Cortez.

Pricing for the *Grand Velas Journey* starts at \$500,000 USD for 2 people based on city of departure and return. Prices may vary and are subject to availability during time of booking. For reservations, please contact Dinorah Tobon, *Tour & Travel Sales Manager of Velas Resorts* at [dtobonh@velasresorts.com](mailto:dtobonh@velasresorts.com) or 01-984-877-4418. For more information about Velas Resorts, visit <https://www.velasresorts.com>. For more information about Air Partner, visit [www.AirPartner.com](http://www.AirPartner.com).

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**About Velas Resorts:**

Velas Resorts in Riviera Maya, Puerto Vallarta, Riviera Nayarit, and Los Cabos have earned 56 AAA Diamonds, including the prestigious Five Diamond Award. Other esteemed international awards for services and facilities include Virtuoso's *Best Family Program*, Forbes Travel Guide *Five Star Award* for spa, and TripAdvisor's *Top Hotels in the World*, among others. Offering unparalleled all-inclusive experiences, properties include Grand Velas in Los Cabos, with dramatic ocean views and unique spaces infusing every area of the resort; Grand Velas Riviera Nayarit, which enjoys a long stretch of pristine beach and a dramatic backdrop of the Sierra Madre mountains; and Grand Velas Riviera Maya, offering a sophisticated resort experience in the Caribbean with jungle and beach settings. In Puerto Vallarta, Casa Velas is a boutique adults-only hotel and beach club located on the Marina Vallarta Golf Course, and Velas Vallarta, a family-friendly all suites resort and spa located on Banderas Bay. Mar del Cabo, a boutique hotel on Mexico's Baja Peninsula, opened in December 2018 as its only European Plan offering. Eduardo Vela Ruiz, founder and president of Velas Resorts, operates Velas Resorts with brother Juan Vela, vice president of Velas Resorts, by his side. **Explore tips, recipes, lifestyle and travel trends, and the latest news about Velas Resorts on the digital mag: [www.velasmagazine.com](http://www.velasmagazine.com).**



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