



**Clockwise from top:** the Casa del Adivino, Uxmal; one of the three Cenotes de Cuzama; carved masks adorn El Palacio de los Mascarones; the many carvings of Chac, the rain god or sky serpent, in Uxmal, underscore the belief that drought played a part in the demise of the Maya; El Palacio, in Sayil; a human figure carved by the Maya.

**Getting there:** Cathay Pacific ([www.cathaypacific.com](http://www.cathaypacific.com)) flies from Hong Kong to Los Angeles, from where Aeromexico ([aeromexico.com](http://aeromexico.com)) operates a service to Campeche, Mexico, with a stopover in Mexico City.