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GRAND VELAS RIVIERA MAYA DELIVERS AN UNPARALLELED FINE DINING EXPERIENCE

It is literally unheard of that an “all-inclusive” resort can truly deliver a gourmet dining experience. But it is alive and well at the Five Diamond Grand Velas Riviera Maya.

Not just one restaurant, but five, that stand alone from each other in every measure. French, Molecular Cuisine, Nuevo Mexican, Pan-Asian and Northern Italian menus set in their own elegant stylish décor and venues that rival free-standing restaurants in London, New York, Hong Kong, Bali or San Francisco.

Grand Velas Riviera Maya offers the most varied, fresh, gourmet, and sensory food and beverage program in the region, a virtual gastronomic voyage to all corners of the earth by way of its 15 food and beverage outlets.

Its abundant dining offerings allow guests to explore and savor a worldly fusion of flavors without leaving the comfort of the resort. World-renowned Spanish chefs create haute Spanish cuisine at the resort’s signature restaurant **Cocina de Autor** by Bruno Oteiza and Mikel Alonso. **Cocina De Autor** received the AAA Five Diamond Award in 2013 and 2014, making it the only restaurant in an all-inclusive resort to ever receive the award in 100 years of AAA.

Other on-property fine dining options include **Frida**, offering Mexican fine-dining in a contemporary and relaxing atmosphere by Chef Ricardo de la Vega, and **Piaf**, which serves gourmet French specialties from celebrated Chef Karl Gulotta. Similar to its French chanteuse namesake, **Piaf** is a bold and artistic dining experience.

At **Sen Lin Restaurant**, the resort’s tribute to upscale Asian dining, Chef Issac Esparza borrows from the most significant aspects of Thai, Japanese and Vietnamese cuisine to reinterpret the best of northeastern and southeastern Asian cuisine. **Lucca’s** menu of Northern Italian cuisine features specialty seafood, gourmet meats, and homemade pastas from Chef Aurelio Arista in an elegant fine dining atmosphere.

For guests seeking a casual dining experience, the mellow all-day dining restaurant Azul offers panoramic beach vistas and a relaxing, open-air, yet air conditioned, environment in which to indulge in international cuisine with menus designed by the resort’s Executive Chef Patrick Louis.

Azul is beachside and features a ceiling-high-half-moon all glass architecture bringing the best the Caribbean Sea has to offer in full view. The buffet breakfast display is comparable to the finest country club offering for a Sunday brunch. Bistro serves French brasserie favorites, while Chaká serves an array of organic all-day menu items with delicious desserts, wines and coffees in an ambiance embraced by mangroves and lush tropical jungle. **Gluten free, organic, vegetarian and children’s offerings complete the selection.**

The resort also features open-air gourmet snack bars situated around the property, 24-hour In-Suite Dining and five diverse bars, including the Sky Bar, Sen Lin Bar, Piano Bar, Karaoke Bar and Aqua Bar, that offer innovative libations and sensory ambiances for every mood. **Special features include renowned margarita trolley with roving mixologist, lively band, as well as menus of mescal and signature French cocktails.**

Opened in 2008, the luxurious All Inclusive Luxury Resort Grand Velas Riviera Maya is one of the newest resorts to distinguish Riviera Maya as a premier vacation destination. The uniquely Mexican world-class hospitality it provides is “Beyond All Inclusive, Beyond All Compare”. The resort’s Grand Class offers a dedicated adults only wing and **pool** tastefully separated from the rest of the property, **which includes services of a personal butler and a private plunge pool on every balcony.**

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