

Emerge from the luxurious privacy of Chablé Maroma's Stand Alone Villa to take a dip in the hotel's jewel-bright beachside pool (below)

CHABLÉ MAROMA

Playa del Carmen, Mexico

The Chablé group made a splash six years ago with this game-changing hacienda in the Yucatán wilds: a coastal outpost offering something altogether breezier than usual on the softest swathes of sand in Mexico. Mornings start with local Chiapas coffee, linseed pancakes and Hatha yoga on the beach, and then it's up to you: a plunge in a freshwater pond, or a scuttle over Mayan ruins, or simply basking in the sun. Mexico City's hottest designer, Paulina Morán, is responsible for the look and feel of the place, a soothing palette of aquamarine and opal hues contrasting with raw sandblasted walls, Parota wood floors and headboards woven from palm leaves. And the back-to-nature approach is even more pronounced in the spa, where Naturopathica facials and Temazcal ceremonies are conducted under swaying palms. Chef Jorge Vallejo brings zesty Mexi-Cali flavours to the fore in the two restaurants. (Try the octopus ceviche and watermelon and cactus leaf salad.) And if the tamarind-and-jalapeño margaritas don't get you dancing under the stars, ask for the Mezcal menu. New on the scene is Casa Chablé, a private-island eco-hideaway off the coast of Tulum, set to be the beach paradise hotspot of 2023. *Abercrombie & Kent* (abercrombiekent.co.uk) offers seven nights from £5,999, including breakfast, flights and transfers.

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