



Mexico Pottery Retreat

9 days - February 18 to 27, 2025



more than a
pottery retreat

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2025 Nine-day Mexico Pottery Retreat - Program description

Join us for this sweet nine-day retreat in the heat especially designed for pottery lovers of all levels! Make new friends or bring your own, and experience Merida, the capital city of Yucatan - a festive gem of a city, all with a perfect balance of planned activities and free time. We'll be staying in a gorgeous and comfortable downtown house, walking distance to Plaza Grande, museums, art galleries, shops, restaurants, cafés and bakeries, public markets, and the many weekly events and outdoor entertainment of downtown Merida. We will be walking our 10,000 steps a day for sure, so bring your best walking shoes!



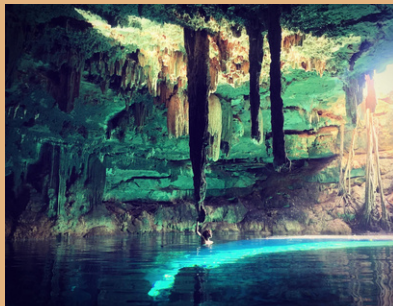
This nine-day program offers a very unique opportunity to learn about Yucatan clay and explore maya ancestral pottery techniques. We will go to the village where the clay is extracted, and learn the full process of preparing clay, hands-on, from raw stone to clay. We will also enjoy four studio sessions in the best pottery studio in town. And yes - our clay creations will be fired just in time for the last day of the retreat!



In the following days, while our clay creations dry and get fired, we will experience some Merida and Yucatan 'musts' such as a visit to a cenote and historical hacienda, a day at the beach in nearby Progreso, a market to table cooking class with a local chef, and Julie - your friendly Shaw Street Pottery Retreat host - will be your guide to many interesting sites, events and activities around downtown Merida.



Hacienda



Cenote

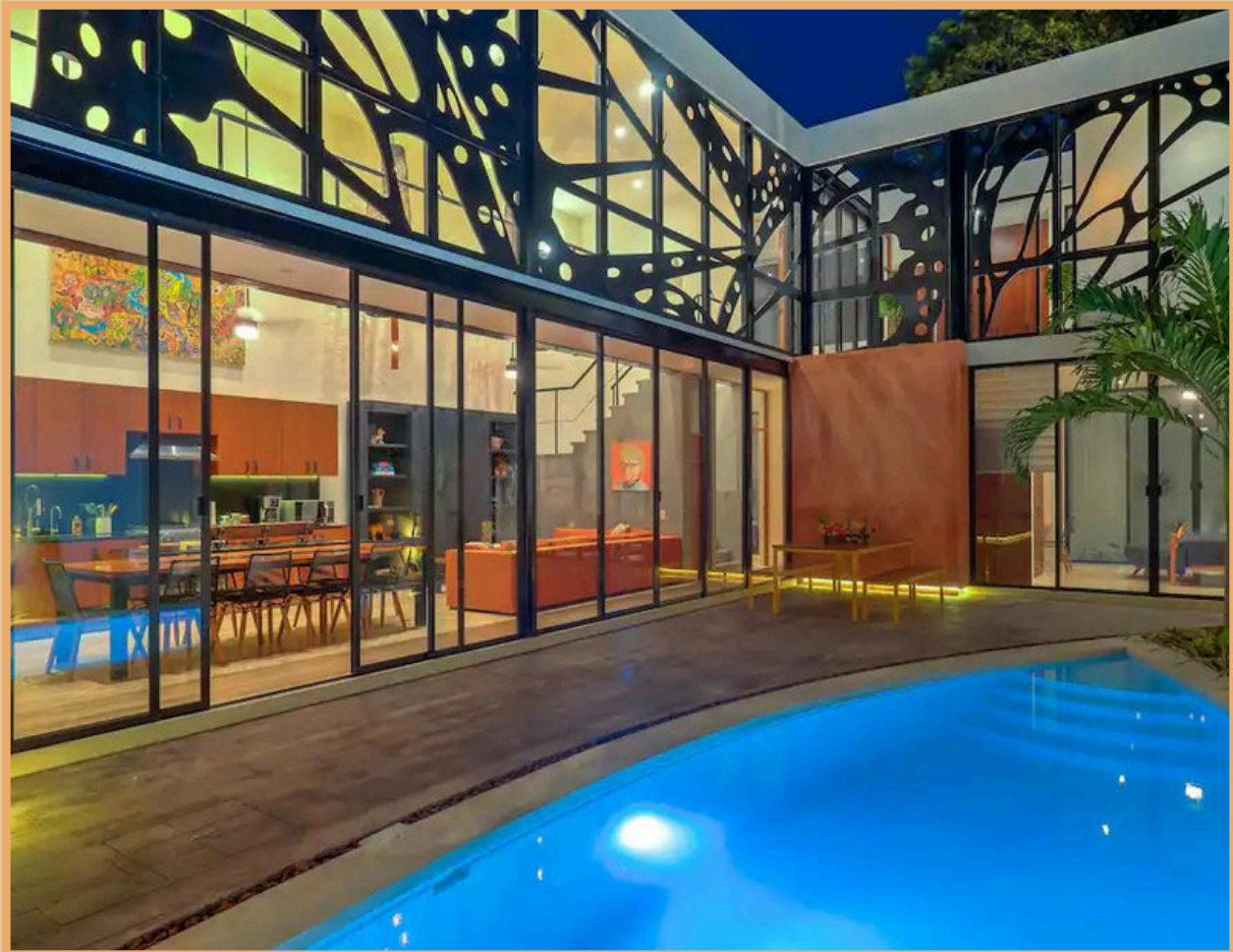


Progreso beach

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ACCOMMODATIONS

The house is outstanding with unique design, private pool, 5 super comfortable bedrooms, and a 20-minute walk to Merida's main square with many shops, markets, museums, restaurants and cafés. Purified water is included, so is a generous breakfast prepared by our house-cooks every morning, a refreshment and snacks every afternoon, and plenty of space and time to enjoy this beautiful property and the vibrant historic center of Merida.



DATES

ARRIVAL: Tuesday, February 18th - Check-in at 3pm

DEPARTURE: Thursday, February 27th - Check-out at 11am

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What is included:

- 9 nights accommodation
- Breakfast every morning
- A refreshment with snacks every afternoon
- 4 dinners
- A clay making workshop in a nearby village
- 4 pottery sessions in downtown Merida
- Admission to the Museum of Anthropology
- 1 Spanish class
- An excursion to a cenote and hacienda
- A day at the beach
- A 'Market to Table' cooking class
- Many guided outings in the city
- Purified water (please bring your bottle)

What is not included:

- Flights
- Airport transfers
- Travel insurance
- Lunches
- 3 dinners
- Beverages other than those served with breakfast, afternoon snacks, and the 4 dinners included
- Outings, excursions, classes or services not listed in the program schedule
- Tips/gratuities for the house staff (about \$250MX cash per room for the week)

RATES

Master bedroom - 2nd floor, very spacious, king bed, private balcony with pool view, large private bathroom, large windows, beautiful design and architectural accents.

- \$3,500 per person for double occupancy / \$4,500 for single occupancy

King room - ground floor, king bed, desk, private bathroom with pool access.

- \$3,300 per person for double occupancy / \$4,300 for single occupancy

Family suite: Main room - ground floor, king bed, desk, poolside patio door, shared bathroom with Family suite twin room.

- \$3,000 per person for double occupancy / \$3,800 for single occupancy

Family suite: Twin room - ground floor, 2 single beds, desk, shared bathroom with family suite main room.

- \$3,000 per person for double occupancy / \$3,800 for single occupancy

All prices are in Canadian Dollars and include all taxes and fees

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

\$1,200 per person upon booking

Balance payable on or before November 1st, 2024

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HOW TO MAKE YOUR BOOKING:

- Please proceed with your retreat registration on our website at shawstreetpottery.ca
- Note that the registration fee is to secure your spot in the Merida Pottery studio program, and that it will be deducted from your booking price.
- Once registered, to inquire about or book this Retreat, you will be directed to Movement Travel who will answer any questions you may have, process your reservation, and assist with other travel arrangements, if required. LM Movement Travel Ltd is affiliated with Nexion Travel Group - Canada, 380 Wellington St., Tower B, 6th Floor, London, ON, N6A 5B5, Email: retreatbooking@movementtravel.com , TICO #1549342."

PLEASE NOTE:

- This program is for adults only
- Each guest is required to fill two forms from Shaw Street Pottery upon registration
- Each guest is also required to fill two digital forms from Movement Travel
- Shipping of the pottery creations is not included (plan for some space in your suitcase)
- We recommend that all guests purchase travel medical, trip cancellation, and trip interruption insurance.

CANCELLATION POLICY

- If a booking is cancelled by the client before or on September 30th, 2024, a \$400 cancellation fee per booking will apply, and the balance paid will be refunded.
- If a booking is cancelled by the client between October 1st and November 15th, 2024, a \$400 cancellation fee per booking will apply, and 50% of the balance paid will be refunded.
- No refund will be issued if a client cancels their booking on or after November 16th, 2024.
- If a booking is cancelled by Shaw Street Pottery, a \$400 cancellation fee per booking will apply, and the balance paid will be refunded.

Each traveler is responsible to purchase their own travel medical, trip cancellation and trip interruption insurance.

If one or more of the scheduled activities must be cancelled for reasons out of our control, we will do our best to find a satisfactory replacement.

IF YOU PLAN ON TRAVELING IN THE REGION:

If you wish to extend your Mexico vacation before or after the retreat and need assistance with travel arrangements, please contact our Movement Travel partners. Email: info@movementtravel.com

-Note that guests can opt out of some planned activities, as specified on the Shaw Street Pottery guest information e-form provided upon registration. Guests can also specify their dietary restrictions on that same form.

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- Tues, Feb.18 3pm - Check-in / 4pm - Welcome cocktail and snacks
6pm - Dinner
8pm - Evening walk to Parque Santiago: Musical Memories/Danzon!
- Wed, Feb.19 7 to 8:15am - Breakfast
8:15am - Departure to Museum of Anthropology (2km/30 min. walk)
10am to 1pm - Pottery studio - Introduction to Yucatan clay and handbuilding
1pm - Lunch (not included - many restaurants in the neighbourhood)
3 to 5pm - Pottery studio - Handbuilding
6pm - Refreshment and snacks at the house, followed by dinner
8pm - Evening walk to Plaza Grande: Video mapping on Casa de Montejo (1.5km/20 min. walk)
- Thur, Feb.20 7:30 to 9am - Breakfast
9:30am - Departure to the village - Workshop: Making Yucatan clay
1pm - Lunch in a nearby restaurant (not included)
5pm - Refreshment and snacks at the house
8pm - Evening walk to Parque Santa Lucia: Serenata (1.6km walk)
- Fri, Feb.21 7:30 to 9am - Breakfast
9:15 am departure to pottery studio (2km walk)
10am to 1pm - Pottery studio - Introduction to surface finishing and decorating
1 to 3pm - Lunch (not included, many restaurants in the neighbourhood)
3pm to 5pm - Pottery studio - Surface finishing and decorating
6pm - Refreshment and snacks at the house, followed by dinner
8pm - Evening walk to Plaza Grande: Video mapping on the Cathedral (1.5km/20 min. walk)
- Sat, Feb.22 7:30 to 9:30am - Breakfast
Free day!
4pm - Refreshment and snacks at the house
8pm - Evening walk to Paseo de Montejo: Noche Mexicana (2km walk)
- Sun, Feb.23 7:30 to 9:30am - Breakfast
10am - Merida en Domingo: 'Biciruta' and craft market in Plaza Grande
4pm - Refreshment and snacks at the house
Free evening
- Mon, Feb.24 6:30 to 7:30am - Breakfast
8am - Departure - Cenote and Hacienda (food and beverages on site not included)
1:30pm - Departure from Hacienda (about 1 hour drive to the house)
4pm - Refreshment and snacks at the house
8pm - Evening walk to Plaza Grande: Ballet folkloric (1.5km walk)
- Tues, Feb.25 7:30 to 9am - Breakfast
10am - Departure: Day at the beach! (food and beverages on site not included)
4pm - Refreshment and snacks at the house
7pm - Evening walk to Olimpo Cultural Center: Noche de Trova (1.5km walk)
- Wed, Feb.26 7:30 to 9:30am - Breakfast
9:30am Departure to public market (2.4km walk)
4pm - In-house cooking class with local chef and dinner
8pm - Free evening
- Thur, Feb.27 7:30 to 9am - Breakfast
11am - Check-out