



Mexico Pottery Retreat

7 days - March 4 to 11, 2025



more than a
pottery retreat

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2025 Seven-day Pottery Retreat - Program description

Join us for this sweet seven-day retreat in the heat especially designed for potters! Make new friends or bring your own, and experience Merida, the capital city of Yucatan and a festive gem of a city, all with a perfect balance of planned activities and free time. We'll be staying in a spacious, comfortable and gorgeous downtown house, walking distance to Plaza Grande, museums, art galleries, 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!



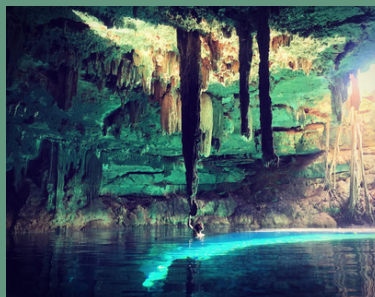
This special program is a unique opportunity to learn about Yucatan clay and explore maya ancestral pottery techniques. We will enjoy four sessions in the best pottery studio in town, and yes - our clay creations will be fired just in time to get our finished creations by the last day of the retreat!



While our pieces dry and get fired, we will experience some of Merida and Yucatan 'musts' such as a visit to a cenote and historical hacienda, a market to table cooking class with a local chef, a Spanish class, and many outings to noteworthy sites and traditional events around downtown Merida. So bring your camera too!



Hacienda



Cenote

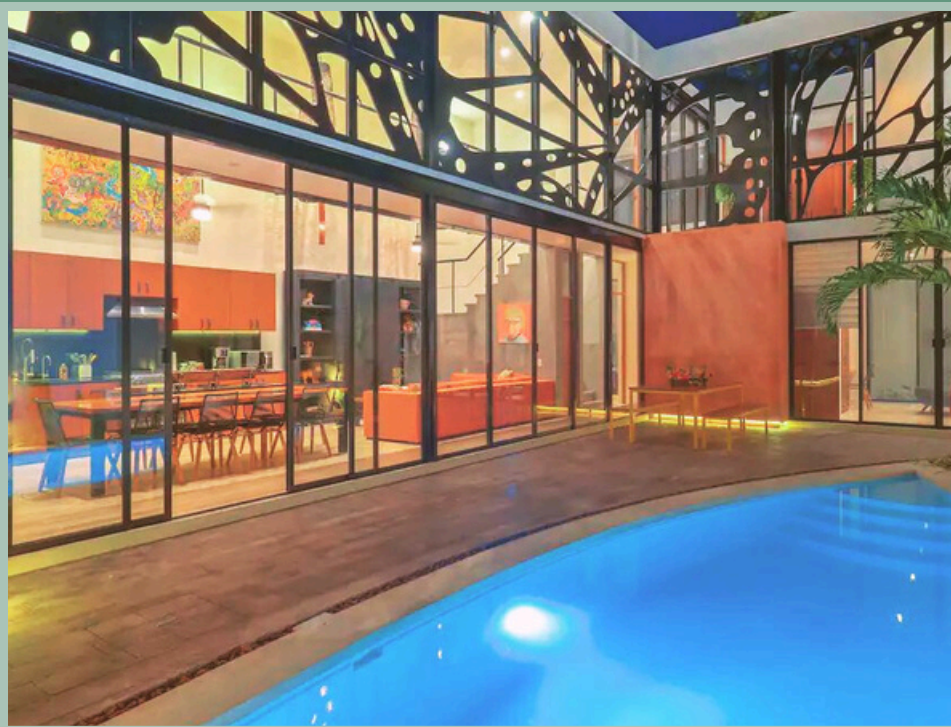


Cooking class

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ACCOMMODATIONS

The main house is outstanding, spacious and beautiful with unique design, private pool, five super comfortable bedrooms, and a twenty minute walk to Merida's main square with many shops, markets, museums, restaurants and cafés. For this seven-day retreat we also have a cozy two-bedroom house located right across the street (Annex house on price list), which is just as beautiful and comfortable. Purified water is included (please bring your refillable bottle), so is a generous and delicious breakfast prepared by our house-cooks every morning, in the main house. Guests will enjoy a refreshment and snacks served every afternoon, and there is plenty of space and time to enjoy the beautiful property and the vibrant historic center of Merida.



Main house: Casa Mariposa



Annex house: Casa Koala

DATES

ARRIVAL: Tuesday, March 4th - Check-in at 3pm

DEPARTURE: Tuesday, March 11th - Check-out at 11am

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What is included:

- 7 nights accommodation
- Breakfast every morning
- A refreshment with snacks every afternoon
- 4 dinners
- 4 pottery sessions
- Admission to the Museum of Anthropology
- 1 Spanish class
- An excursion to a cenote and hacienda
- 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

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

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

- \$3,100 per person for double occupancy / \$3,800 for single occupancy

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

- \$2,800 per person for double occupancy / \$3,600 for single occupancy

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

- \$2,600 per person for double occupancy / \$3,200 for single occupancy

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

- \$2,600 per person for double occupancy / \$3,200 for single occupancy

Annex house, Master Queen - 2nd floor, Queen size bed, balcony with pool view, private bathroom, private terrace.

- \$2,900 per person for double occupancy / \$3,700 for single occupancy

Annex house, Twin/King room - ground floor, 2 single beds or 1 king, pool side, private bathroom

- \$2,900 per person for double occupancy / \$3,700 for single occupancy

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

\$1,200 deposit 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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- Tue, March 4 3pm - Check-in / 4pm - Welcome cocktail and tapas
6:30pm - Dinner
8pm - Evening walk to calle 60 and Plaza Grande (1.5km/20 min.)
- Wed, March 5 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)
- Thu, March 6 7:30 to 9am - Breakfast
9:20am - Departure to pottery studio (2km/30 min. walk)
10am to 1pm - Pottery studio - Handbuilding and surface finishing
1pm - Lunch (not included, many restaurants in the neighbourhood)
3 to 5pm - Pottery studio - Surface finishing
6pm - Refreshment and snacks at the house, followed by dinner
8pm - Evening walk to Parque Santa Lucia : Serenata (1.3km)
- Fri, March 7 7 to 9am - Breakfast - with Spanish class at 8:30am
10:45am - Departure to Cenote and Hacienda (lunch on site not included)
3:30pm - Departure from Hacienda (about 1 hour drive to the house)
5pm - Refreshment and snacks at the house
8pm - Evening walk to Plaza Grande: Video mapping on the Cathedral (1.5km walk)
- Sat, March 8 7:30 to 9:30am - Breakfast
10am - Walk to Plaza Grande: Visit historic buildings and museums (1.5km)
4pm - Refreshment and snacks at the house
8pm - Evening walk to Paseo de Montejo: Noche Mexicana (2km)
- Sun, March 9 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, March 10 7:30 to 9:30am - Breakfast
9:30am - Departure to public market (for 'Market to Table' cooking class)
3pm - Pick-up fired pottery at the studio (time to be confirmed)
4pm - In-house cooking class with local chef, and celebratory dinner!
8pm - Evening walk to Plaza Grande: Folkloric Ballet (1.5km)
- Tue, March 11 7 to 9am - Breakfast
Check-out by 11am