



Chiapas & Tabasco

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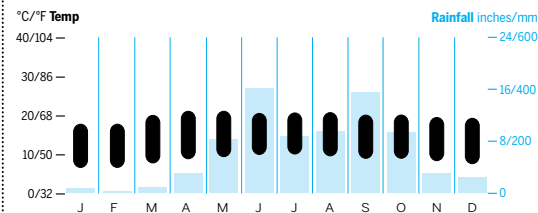
Why Go?

Chilly pine-forest highlands, sultry rainforest jungles and attractive colonial cities exist side by side within Mexico's southernmost states, a region awash with the legacy of Spanish rule and the remnants of ancient Maya civilization. Palenque and Yaxchilán are evocative vestiges of powerful Maya kingdoms, and the presence of modern Maya is a constant reminder of the region's rich and uninterrupted history. The colonial hubs of San Cristóbal de las Casas and Chiapa de Corzo give way to sandbar beaches and fertile plots of coffee and cacao in the Soconusco, and for outdoor adventurers, excursions to Laguna Miramar and the Cañón del Sumidero are unmissable.

Nature lovers willing to venture off the beaten track will swoon over the frothy cascades and exotic animals of the Lacandón Jungle and the El Triunfo reserve.

When to Go

San Cristóbal de las Casas



Jan Fiesta Grande de Enero in Chiapa de Corzo.

Jun–Nov Nesting season for sea turtles along the beaches of the Pacific coast.

Nov–Apr Driest months, though evenings in San Cristóbal are chilly November to February.

Chiapas & Tabasco Highlights

- 1 Scale the jungle hills and soaring Maya temples of **Palenque** (p377)
- 2 Stroll the high-altitude cobblestone streets of **San Cristóbal de las Casas** (p356)
- 3 Cruise through the waterway and sheer high rock cliffs of the spectacular **Cañón del Sumidero** (p353)
- 4 Spend a few splendid days hiking and relaxing at pristine mountain-ringed **Laguna Miramar** (p396)
- 5 Explore the towering mangroves and watch for nesting turtles at **Madre Sal** (p405)
- 6 Flit between the sapphire and emerald lakes of **Lagos de Montebello** (p402)
- 7 Wander amid the roar of howler monkeys at the riverside Maya ruins of **Yaxchilán** (p394)
- 8 Play under the spray of **El Aguacero** (p354) and cool off in a deep river canyon

