

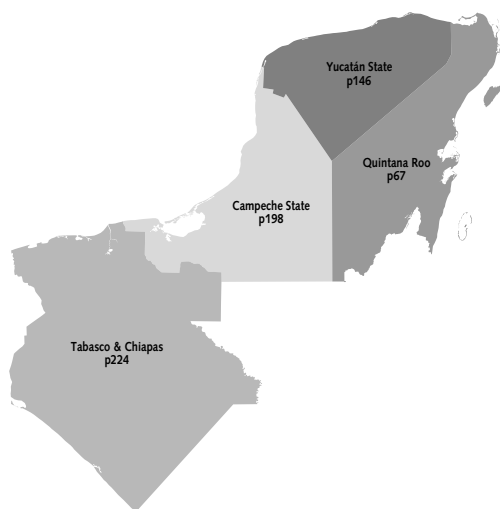
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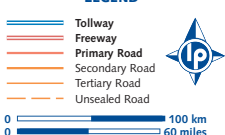
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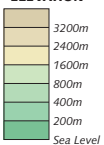
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LEGEND



ELEVATION



MÉRIDA (p145)
Stroll the colonial-era streets of the peninsula's cultural capital

CAMPECHE (p198)
Wander the cobblestone streets of this immaculately preserved colonial masterpiece

EDZNÁ (p210)
Get up early to visit the 2600-year-old House of the Itzáes and a handful of neighboring ruins

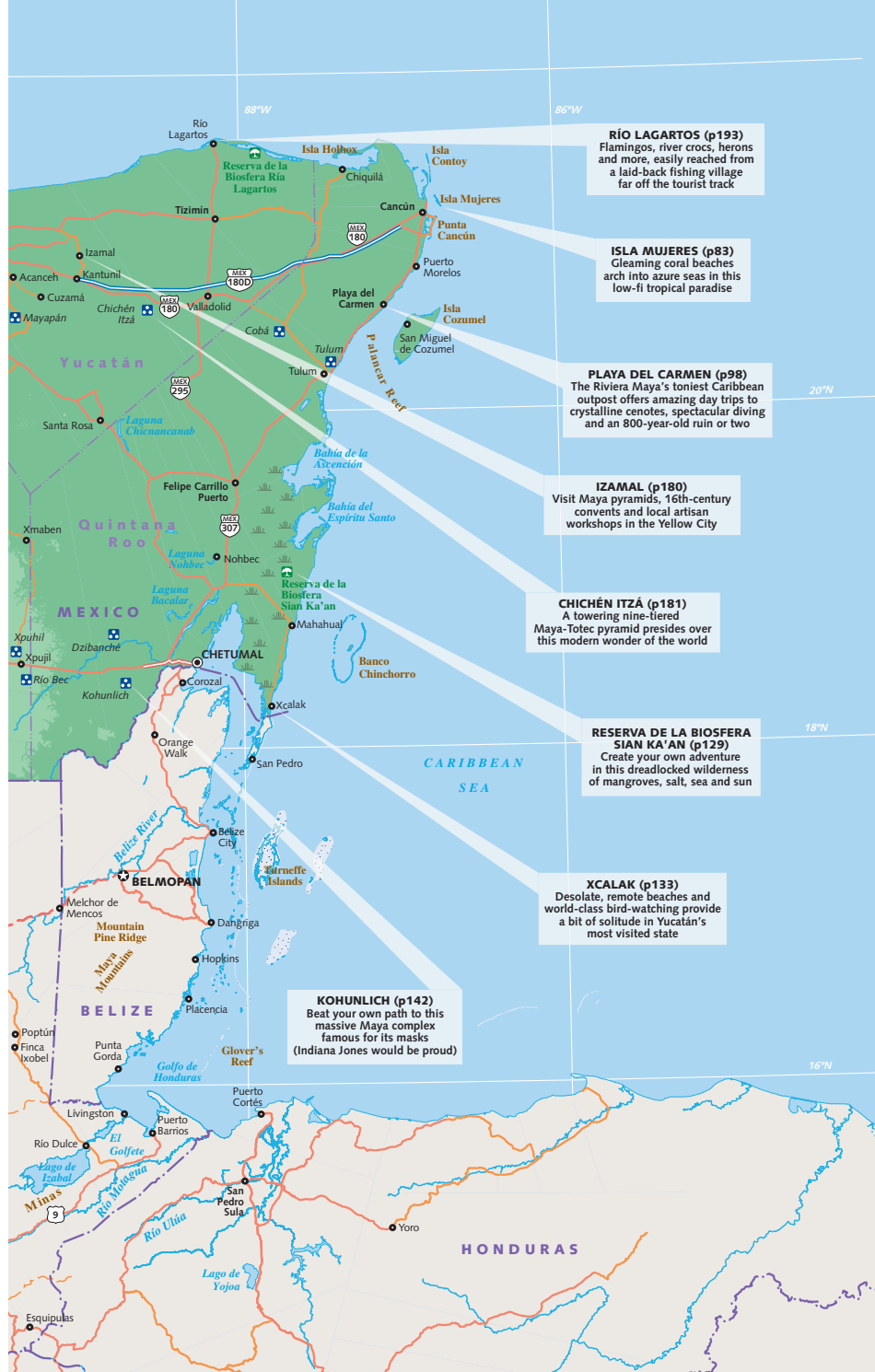
CALAKMUL (p217)
Explore this mysterious Maya complex ensconced in Mexico's largest wildlife reserve

LAGUNA DE TÉRMINOS (p214)
Kayak through the mangrove swamps of this vast coastal estuary, spotting birds and turtles on your way

PALENQUE (p236)
Discover the architectural marvels of the ancient jungle realm of King Pakal

SAN CRISTÓBAL DE LAS CASAS (p228)
Witness the modern Maya work and worship in this resplendent cultural crossroads





RIÓ LAGARTOS (p193)

Flamingos, river crocs, herons and more, easily reached from a laid-back fishing village far off the tourist track

ISLA MUJERES (p83)

Gleaming coral beaches arch into azure seas in this low-fi tropical paradise

PLAYA DEL CARMEN (p98)

The Riviera Maya's toniest Caribbean outpost offers amazing day trips to crystalline cenotes, spectacular diving and an 800-year-old ruin or two

IZAMAL (p180)

Visit Maya pyramids, 16th-century convents and local artisan workshops in the Yellow City

CHICHÉN ITZÁ (p181)

A towering nine-tiered Maya-Totec pyramid presides over this modern wonder of the world

RESERVA DE LA BIOSFERA SIAN KA'AN (p129)

Create your own adventure in this deadlocked wilderness of mangroves, salt, sea and sun

XCALAK (p133)

Desolate, remote beaches and world-class bird-watching provide a bit of solitude in Yucatán's most visited state

KOHUNLICH (p142)

Beat your own path to this massive Maya complex famous for its masks (Indiana Jones would be proud)

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