



# Chiapas & Tabasco

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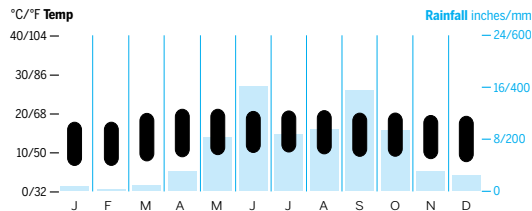
## Why Go?

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, and San Juan Chamula's change of cargo-holders.

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

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

## Chiapas & Tabasco Highlights

- 1 Scaling the jungly hills and soaring Maya temples of **Palenque** (p380).
- 2 Strolling the high-altitude cobblestone streets of **San Cristóbal de las Casas** (p358).
- 3 Cruising through the waterway and sheer high rock cliffs of the spectacular **Cañón del Sumidero** (p357).
- 4 Spending a few splendid days hiking and relaxing at pristine mountain-ringed **Laguna Miramar** (p399).
- 5 Exploring the towering mangroves and watching for nesting turtles at **Madre Sal** (p407).
- 6 Flitting between the sapphire and emerald lakes of **Lagos de Montebello** (p404).
- 7 Wandering amid the roar of howler monkeys at the riverside Maya ruins of **Yaxchilán** (p397).
- 8 Playing under the spray of **El Aguacero** (p355) and cooling off in a deep river canyon.

