



Hello, Mexico

Yes, you can have it all --at UNICO 20°87° Hotel Riviera Maya

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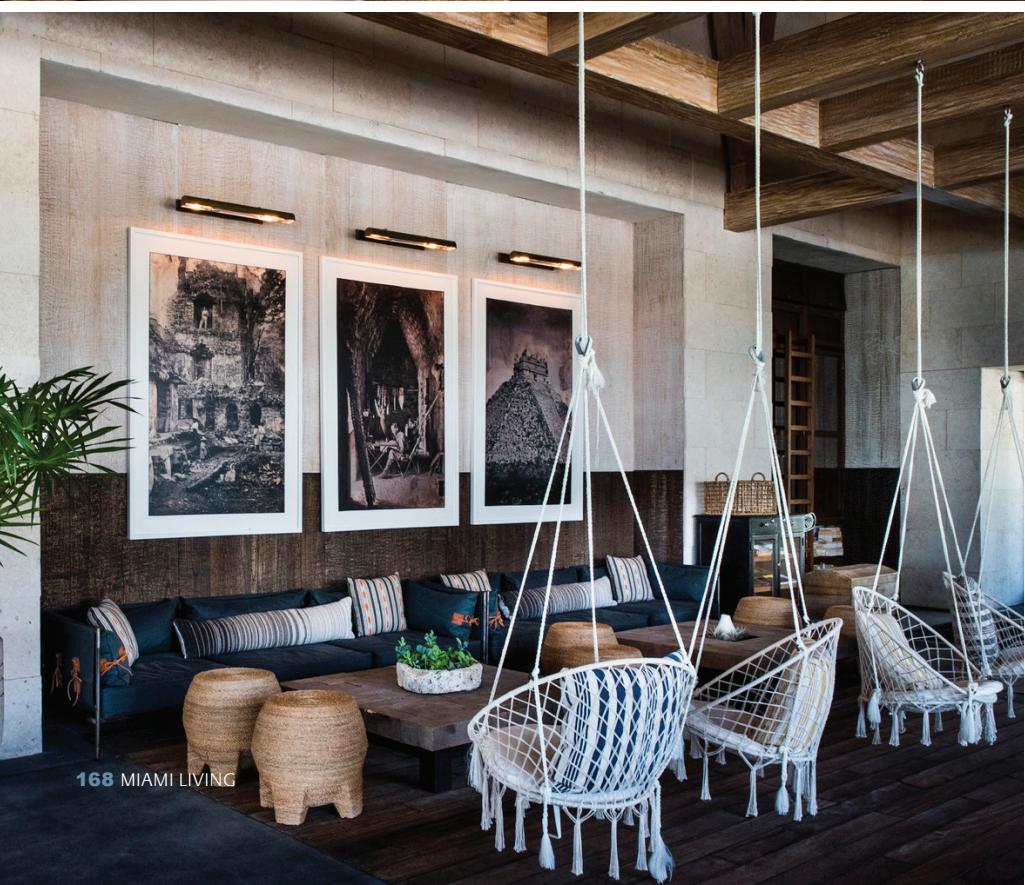
Are you in need of R&R, some fun, sun...? Preferably in a locale where you can wear less and eat/drink more? Me too! Escape to Mexico's UNICO 20°87° Hotel Riviera Maya. Brought to you by The Leading Hotels of the World, this all-inclusive, adults-only hotel offers guests everything their hearts desire: gorgeous hotel rooms, gourmet restaurants, land and water sports, pool and beachside service, 24-hour room service, daily/nightly events and classes, and unlimited inclusions (golf, scuba diving, spa treatments, beauty services, select tours and adventures) for a 25% service fee.





The property impresses upon arrival. The cavernous lobby boasts a soaring exposed beam ceiling from which a row of eye-catching large, hanging lanterns are secured. A chic water feature sits in the center of a space outfitted with relaxing seating areas, and flanked by tropical greenery. Inviting and luxurious, the lobby sets the tone for what we can further expect from UNICO 20°87°.

We lounge on a lobby couch as our Local Host (who is reachable throughout our trip via WhatsApp) checks us in. The walk to our suite is a scenic one --we go through the lounge/game room, then step outside, and walk passed two of the three pools and rows of hotel room patios with swim-up pools and hammocks (on the ground floor) and balconies with outdoor spa tubs. This is paradise.



Guests can enjoy a variety of cuisines made with locally-sourced ingredients throughout the property. Mi Carisa serves Italian in an intimate setting and offers alfresco dining. The ambiance on the terrace is romantic, I highly suggest dining out here. The menu features dishes like the truly unique Mushrooms and Truffle Cappuccino -a flavorful starter unlike anything I've ever tried before; Spaghetti Carbonara; Risotto Al Funghi, and Lamb Ribs with Black Quinoa.

Cueva Siete is their regionally-focused concept, helmed by Chef Xavier Perez Stone, with dishes rooted in Mexican traditions. And Inez Café is a casual, coffee shop that serves paninis, salads, sandwiches, fresh juice and coffee. My favorite restaurant was Mura House, which features Asian fare and fuses three different styles of Japanese cuisine: teppanyaki, yakitori, and sushi. Every dish we tried was excellent, from the Tuna Tataki, seared and served with avocado mousse and eel sauce to the Pad Thai with shrimp, and Grilled Duck Breast accompanied by wok-sautéed vegetables and gohan rice.

20°87° Restaurant, which, like the hotel, incorporates the property's longitude and latitude coordinates, is their casual, beachside concept that offers an appetizing breakfast and lunch buffet, then transforms into a grill at night, serving choice cuts of meat and fish. There's indoor and terrace seating. The breakfast and lunch buffet is a must. They have a crepe station, omelet station, pasta station, and serve a range of fare from sushi rolls and American to Mexican and seafood. Satisfy your sweet tooth and stop by the dessert counter loaded with treats, like Banana Strudel and Crème Brûlée.

UNICO 20°87° is located at Manzana 22 Carretera Federal 307, Km 260, 77710 Solidaridad Quintana Roo, Mexico.

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