

# MICHELLE

A woman with dark hair, wearing a black dress and a black leather motorcycle jacket, stands on a rocky, brown hillside. She is looking back over her shoulder towards the camera. The background is a clear blue sky. The overall mood is sophisticated and adventurous.

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## TULUM, MEXICO

Taking the place of Ibiza and Mykonos as *the* place to go for a bohemian beach break, Tulum is a place where new agers come to tune in and the style set come to tune out. Home to one of the most spectacular coastlines in Mexico thanks to its sugary white sands and turquoise waters, this pristine hotspot might be growing quickly in popularity of late, but there's still plenty of hidden-away boutique hotels perfect for couples looking to escape the crowds.

Go exploring in Tulum and you'll reap huge rewards. Not only is there a Mayan ruin close by, but for the more adventurous there's also cave and cavern dining plus fun cenotes in which to take a dip. The expansive Reserva de la Biosfera Sian Ka'an, secluded fishing village Punta Allen and the ruins of Cobá are also worth a visit.

Tulum's spiritual scene is also unrivalled, with many resorts offering beyond-your-average yoga classes, meditation practices and sacred cacao ceremonies. Mayan-influenced spa treatments also abound, making this sleepy Yucatán town the perfect destination for well-dressed couples looking for a slice of zen. What else could you ask for?

### WHERE TO STAY: LA VALISE

While this private oasis may offer easy access to Tulum's most important sites, La Valise offers an air of complete seclusion thanks to its peaceful beachfront location that also comes tucked away in the lush jungles of the town. When it comes to romantic escapes, few places deliver like this idyllic patch of paradise, and with just 11 rooms, privacy here is key.

Its interiors don't get much more typically 'Tulum' – think thatched roofs, wooden beams in polished concrete walls and decks crafted from local wood known as tzalam, or Mayan walnut. Although there's no spa massages can be arranged in-room, and there's also a small swimming pool just perfect for a refreshing dip.

Looking to up the ante on your break for two? Then book La Valise's master suite which comes with a king-size bed that rolls out on to the balcony, allowing guests to sleep under the stars and enjoy the sounds of waves crashing all night long. The suite also comes with its own private entrance and direct access to the beach, making it the ideal spot to escape from real life. The definition of bliss. [Tulum Beach, Mexico, lavalisetulum.com](http://Tulum Beach, Mexico, lavalisetulum.com) 📍

