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Grand Residences Riviera Cancun: the calm of the Caribbean without the crowds of Cancun

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The Pitch Cancun and Playa del Carmen have developed a reputation as the it place to go for partying on Mexico's Caribbean coast. But what if you want to enjoy the turquoise waters and Mayan influence without the noise and crowds? The answer is Puerto Morelos and a stay at Grand Residences Riviera Cancun. A sleepy fishing village between the two better-known resort towns, Puerto Morelos is only 25-minutes from the Cancun airport. Just offshore is the protected Puerto Morelos Reef National Park, which has an abundance of sea life and excellent diving and snorkelling opportunities.

A member of The Leading Hotels of the World, Grand Residences Riviera Cancun has thought of everything to make guests' stays ideal. All rooms are suites, equipped with kitchenette or full kitchen, and range from one- to four-bedrooms. Bathrooms have a hydro-massage tub big enough for two, as well as a walk-in shower. My suite had two tubs — one in the immense bathroom, and one on the balcony overlooking the pool and the sea. There's even laundry. Amenities are Bulgari, and evening turndown service comes with gifts of alebrijes folk art sculptures. The resort is very family-friendly with a kids club and protected sections of the main pool designed for the little ones.

What We Love Staff are always keeping their eye out for ways to make your stay more comfortable. Have a seat at one of the pools or at the beach, and within moments fresh towels, Evian mist and water will arrive. Fruit skewers and popsicles are delivered shortly thereafter. Swim in the adults-only infinity pool with swim-up bar, at the quiet lap pool that is nicely shaded in the afternoon, or in the grand infinity pool right next to the beach. There's a handful of hot tubs and some suites have their own private pools as well. And because Grand Residences is the last hotel in a string of three next to the marina, the beach south of the hotel is practically empty — a dream for those who like to walk in the sand and look for shells and unusual stones. I found a sea fan on one of my walks.

Don't Miss Grand Residences' restaurants are excellent. Servers are very knowledgeable and will guide you to the perfect selections, especially in El Faro Grill, which features authentic Mexican and Mayan dishes (try the seafood pozole and tikinxic fish). Dine with your feet in the sand at the Heaven Beach Bar, have afternoon tea with pastries on the shaded deck at the Lobby Cafe, or even have the chef come to your suite and cook for you there.

Rooms from US\$328

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