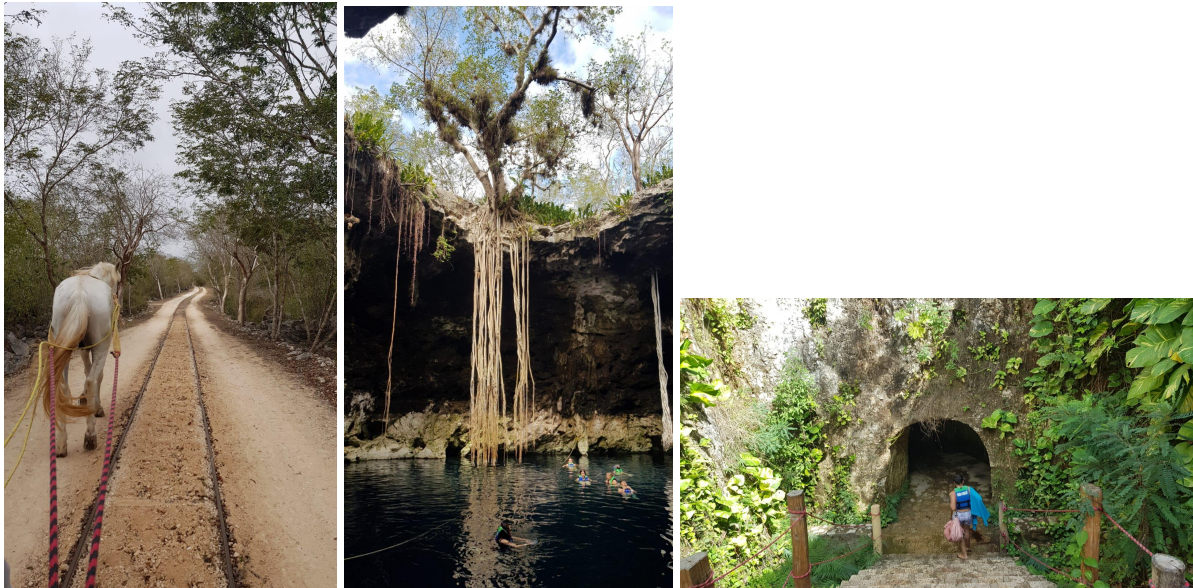


Day 7 Green

Activity→

- Snap three pictures of your surroundings. If you're adventuring virtually, take screenshots.



- What are you seeing?

Over Santa Barbara cenotes I could see three types of cenotes, the open, the semi open, and the closed or cave in the same place.

Once we got there, we had the option to be taken to the cenotes by horse ride and explore more of the flora in the place.

During the swimming, in the water, I could see and feel a lot of tiny fish going around my body and it was so much fun playing with them all the time.

I could also appreciate for the first time in my life the stalactites and it was shocking the amount there were.

- What animals, plants, and other species do you notice?

I saw two different colored horses, different types of tiny fishes, some butterflies, doves and hawks. Regarding plants, there were bushes, palm trees, mango trees, ceibas. I saw fungus too.

- How would you describe the environment?

The environment there feels very tropical and wet. Today there was not much solar light due to afterwards rained, but still, it was very hot the thermal sensation.

Despite the heat, the water was very very cold. The temperature of the water remains almost the same in the three cenotes due to the fact that they are all connected underground, so they don't receive too much sunlight during the day.

- Share the intention you expressed pre-adventure. How did it inform your journey?

The main intention of this journey was first, to explore the flora and fauna in this region in Mexico, because, as a foreigner student living in Mexico, it's fascinating to see the amount of beautiful places this country preserves. At the same time, I was really excited to swim in these natural waters, because they're known to be non-contaminated, so that made me even more excited. My goal was to live the whole experience of going to an unknown place and meet all the nature there.

- Were you able to stick to the plan? If not, how did you adapt?

Even though I wasn't ready for rain, I still could enjoy the cenotes most of the time and I was able to observe the speed of clouds in this area and the birds flying in the rain.



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- How did the experience make you feel? Has it strengthened your relationship to the Earth and our individual and collective responsibility towards the environment?

This experience made me realize the different types of flora y fauna in America. It made me appreciate the flora and fauna in my country too, El Salvador. Even though we are not too far from Mexico, there are a lot of different things, like the color of the water in the cenotes, the brightness in the green of the plants, the different kinds of rocks there and even soil.

I really loved this trip because it was a great opportunity to know more about the biodiversity in Mexico and also the people and culture during the roadtrip.