Come Stay with Me

I will take you on a journey; a journey to a magical place, crossing palm trees until I reach the Caribbean Sea and enjoy the soft breeze and the warming sun touching my skin. Turn around, see the incredible nature and places you would enjoy to stay. A wooden deck, velvet chukum walls, a big palapa - my eyes are everywhere to catch the eternal moment. Come stay with me at Papaya Playa Project.

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When you move your focus from competition to contribution, life becomes a celebration. Never try to defeat people, just win their hearts.

— Buddha

Star Collector

- Our Newest Art Installation

The Star Collector is a vibrant metaphor inspired by the tale of a young boy who discovers an artifact on a fishing trip.

At the entrance to the Star Collector is a dedication to Sai, the young boy depicted in the tale and reads:

Dear Sai,

During one of your fishing trips you found an artifact and discovered how to turn it on, filling Tulum with awe. You built a tower so its roots could continue to grow and filled this place with light. You showed us that we are all the same. We are all the dust of the stars.

Once the boy unlocks the secret of the mysterious ball it begins to shine. With the help of his father they build a tower for it. High on its tower this mysterious ball begins to grow roots as it draws in the light from the stars of the dark night sky.

The Star Collector is a visual metaphor based on unity in contrast. Concepts of light and dark are inside and all around us, one cannot exist without the other and together they are perfection. The tale that accompanies the installation is meant to touch our own inner sense of innocence and our quest for light in moments of “darkness”.

We too are Star Collectors in the night.

Star Collector: an art installation in collaboration with Cocolab - More info & visits at reception.
OUR STORY

In December 2011, Papaya Playa and Design Hotels™ ventured to conceive a pop up destination in paradise along the Mexican Caribbean coast on what we call now Papaya Playa Project. Together with Emilio Heredia, they created a space for like-minded, creative individuals to unwind and connect with self and nature. Since this pop up project, Papaya Playa Project has continued to be a member of Design Hotels and on its quest to discover a new form of hospitality, merging local culture and sustainability.

MOST IMPORTANTLY THE PROJECT IS A CORNERSTONE IN THE MANIFESTATION OF OUR VISION OF A SUSTAINABLE AND RESPONSIBLE TULUM THAT CAN BE AN EXAMPLE OF HOSPITALITY DEVELOPMENT AROUND THE WORLD.

OUR VISION

Dotted along the beach and nestled in the jungle, the simplicity of the rooms is what lends them their special charm. The resort’s restaurant overlooks the azure waters, where diners can enjoy locally sourced specialties; along the beach, drinks and snacks are served from late morning until late evening at the resort’s beach club. In addition to massages and beauty treatments, guests can also enjoy yoga, tai chi and meditation to complete the holistic circle.

Being linked to the best DJs in the world, Papaya Playa Project makes music a key component of the experience. All communal areas encourage creative collaboration – there’s an amphitheater on the beach, where guests can come together to perform, present or communicate in their chosen fashion with music, readings, inspiring lectures and more. Papaya Playa Project is a destination for those looking to merge nature, relaxation, and spirituality.

WE CELEBRATE

As the moon dances with the sun in an endless cycle, we dance to acknowledge life, wonder and joy. There is something amazing from all the coincidences that have taken place for us to find each other sheltered by the night in Tulum. We create a universe away from reality, a shared energy that fills the air, enhances our spirit and is based in joy, awe and gratitude. For gratitude is the wisest emotion of all.

We dance out of gratitude for all that is and is beyond words: a communion. Music is the perfect language. We are grateful out of the awareness of all possible alternatives and this crucial moment. Here and now.

As we celebrate, we revisit the simple pleasures in life, we enjoy luxury as wilderness and comfort: the night, the breeze, the sea, music, light, a shared heartbeat. A shared rhythm that becomes ritual, elevated and inspiring. This is a complete experience, we flow in it and become aware of our potential to act in the world, as we perceive the coherence and the satisfaction in everything we are and do. We understand past, present and future are one and we dissolve into the Everything. We are dance, music and passion.

ART AND MUSIC PLAY A CENTRAL ROLE IN CELEBRATIONS AT PAPAYA PLAYA PROJECT. WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS ARE A PATH OF REALIZATION AND AWE THAT PREPARE OUR MINDS AND BODIES FOR THE EXPERIENCE OF RECOGNITION IN OUR FULL MOON CELEBRATIONS, A NIGHT INSPIRED BY THE DEEP MEANING THAT THE MOON AND THE SEA HAVE IN THE DIVERSE CULTURES OF THE WORLD.

Jorge Machado is setting up the sacred fire for the night celebration at Papaya Playa Project
THE ROAD TO SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

ENERGY - Tulum has power through diesel generators, which are highly contaminant. Papaya Playa Project has built the infrastructure necessary to join the power provided by Mexico’s Federal Electricity Commission, avoiding the production of 1,164,070 tons of carbon dioxide per year. In the future Papaya Playa Project will focus on purchasing 100% solar energy.

WASTEWATER - We treat wastewater through an aerobic process treatment plant with a capacity of 96 cubic meters per day. This way, we avoid the transportation of the equivalent of 192 trucks of waste per month.

CLEAN WATER - We have on site a reverse osmosis plant. This prevents 9,000 trucks of water from moving annually, saving the environment around 140 tons of carbon emissions from transportation.

JUNGLE PRESERVATION - The land on which Papaya Playa Project is located would allow the building of a 1500-room hotel. However, the creators preferred to offer only 100 beach houses and conserve 93% of our jungle through responsible construction in both architecture and materials, which encourages interaction with nature and the conservation of the homes of various bird species such as toucans and chachalacas.

RECYCLING & CONSTRUCTION - Recycling and the reuse of wood and materials is at the core of our construction and work philosophy. We elevate walkways and hydraulic installations to not harm roots and burrows. For us in Papaya Playa Project, animals and plants are the first inhabitants of the area, and we strive to cohabit with respect and care.

LOCAL CONSUMPTION - We source locally all products used in the hotel, or we buy from Mexican manufacturers with fair trade.

ON JULY 2015 WE LAUNCHED OUR MISSION TO ACHIEVE A ZERO EMISSIONS AND ZERO CONTAMINATION COMMUNITY. AS 2020 BEGINS, WE HAVE ACCOMPLISHED IMPORTANT MILESTONES ON OUR JOURNEY.

We have workshops on site, producing 90% of the hotel furniture and linens. With these and other efforts, Papaya Playa Project is one of Tulum’s main sources of employment.

OTHER INITIATIVES INCLUDE:

MELIPONA BEE HIVE - These bees are wild flora pollinators, as well as agricultural pollinators. In Papaya Playa Project, we are creating a permanent Melipona bee hive, for this species resides permanently in one hive.

Read more about our turtle program on page 10.
**OUR FULL MOON WEEKENDS**

We invite you to celebrate the full moon together with a weekend full of holistic events and our already well-known Full moon evening celebration. Now it’s time to reflect on the lessons, progress and movement forward, making the changes needed in ourselves and our community. We have designed a holistic weekend to strengthen your mind and spirit, to dance and enjoy, and to gather and explore.

The event will start on Saturday with mind and body activities such as Yoga classes, among others. Enjoy our family style dinner at the beach on Saturday after sunset accompanied by relaxing live music. Taste our unique menu or ordering your favorite dish out of our restaurant menu while enjoying the view of the Caribbean Sea. At nightfall we will celebrate the the Full Moon with resident djs, world-renowned artists, and Café Bosna (live show and coffee ceremony) on the beach.

On Sunday enjoy the day with our holistic programming; theatre, yoga, live music, healers, talks, beach & water sports, kids activities and ayurvedic food. In the evening we will celebrate and end close the night with our ecstatic dance experience, MoonDance together with Love Academy.

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**THE BOUTIQUE AT PAPAYA PLAYA PROJECT**

Welcome to my shop. I have created a place of communion among designers seeking to transcend fashion through awareness, nature preservation and the integration of ancestral communities. Bath and body care, accessories for home, festival attire and local traditional clothing. I have selected natural fibers, vegan silk and handwoven fabrics.

Meet Basketcase, one of our featured brands. This collaborative platform promotes high quality traditional basketry with contemporary design. The group catalogues basketry in cultures around the world, and works with communities to learn their customs, to understand through their weaving how they live, is a journey to faraway places, to times long ago. Basketcase researches and gets involved with local communities and craftsmen. We honor their work as a means to preserve their cosmovision, culture and livelihood. Each piece is natural, handmade and has minimal ecological footprint. It is truly the only sustainable and eco container. To own a Basketcase is to celebrate the hands weaving it, the plants that made its material, the beauty of its form.

The boutique is open from 10 am to 8 pm and during special celebrations.

Write us: laboutique@papayaplayaproject.com

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**EXPERIENCES**

Come and join us on our curated adventures! Let us show you some unique places, introduce you to some local experts and create magical moments together.

**PUNTA LAGUNA**

Nature allows wonder, as it reveals itself gradually. Sights and sounds appear as a pajarero guide shares his passion for the wild with me, the birds, the trees, the sun through the leaves and the smallest insect, the monkeys and iguanas, all connect with me in a perfect equilibrium. Three worlds interact, the heavens, the earth and Xibalbá, the underground, in this sacred discovery walk in Punta Laguna.

**COBA**

The sun creates a golden glow that falls on the trees below. My bike is parked at the foot of the pyramid. Here, in Cobá, the building is so high that we rise above the jungle as we ascend it. Watching the sunset, we honor this perfect instant. It is gratitude, the recognition in ourselves of men and women past, an eternal civilization that allows us to stand here, now.

For more information and bookings please ask reception.
Sin as an indulgent and joyful search of growth, through celebration, connection and rituals that break the self free from chastising norms and habits. For as it is inside, so it is outside. The Papaya Way understands growth comes from experiencing gratitude and awareness of our deep connection with Earth, Universe, other beings and our own self.

**CELEBRATIONS**

| PPP FULL MOON CELEBRATION WITH STAVROZ (LIVE) | FULL MOON HOLISTIC DAY |
| SAT, 07 MAR | SUN, 08 MAR |

| PPP PRESENTS IVAN SMAGGHE B2B MANFREDDAS | PPP PRESENTS THE DRIFTER |
| SAT, 14 MAR | SAT, 21 MAR |

| SATURDAY NIGHT CELEBRATIONS WITH RESIDENT DJ’S | NEXT FULL MOON WEEKEND IN APRIL |
| EVERY SATURDAY | SAT/SUN, 11/12 APR |

**OUR CENOTE**

Only 15 minutes with the car from Tulum you can find peace and relaxation in our private cenote. Upcoming in the next months you can dive in the magical blue water and enjoy your time out in the jungle. For more information please ask our Guest Experience.

Follow us on Facebook to be always up to date with upcoming events.
CROSSWORD PUZZLE

ACROSS
3 The cozy small houses for the intimate Papaya Playa experience
7 The celebration that takes place each month in Papaya Playa Project
8 A collaborative platform that researches and honors traditional basketry
9 We care for their eggs as they nest in our beach
11 The sea in Tulum
12 The ancient civilization that inhabited Tulum

DOWN
1 A species of panther that inhabits the Yucatán jungle
2 Tulum is in the Yucatán ______
3 The archeological site with El Castillo pyramid, near Merida
4 The path full of art that welcomes you to Papaya Playa Project
5 A blue hole of fresh water found only in the Yucatán
6 A traditional herb used in Maya cooking
10 The juice bar at Papaya Playa Project
11 The archeological site famous for its high pyramids

OUR FIRST MEMBER
Meet Bonnie, the first member of Papaya Playa Project. You can find her on your way to the beach restaurant, enjoying the caribbean sun and looking for some delicious snacks to pilfer. Look after your salmon, it might be gone in a second without watching!

For 17 years Bonnie lives on the beach, wandering through the jungle - now with definitely more white hair than before, she loves to find a silent place to relish her well-needed siesta.
A WEDDING LIKE NO OTHER

“MARRIAGE SHOULD LEAD TO A PROFOUND FRIENDSHIP OF SPIRIT, WHICH WILL ENDURE IN THE NEXT WORLD. – SHOGHI EFFENDI

What will your soul cherish from the day you vow your love? Light, beauty, joy and awareness. A sacred experience deserves to be honored and celebrated in beauty.

Weddings at Papaya Playa Project are as much an affair of the heart as of beauty and pleasure. Here, the love that surrounds you vibrates in the air, entices your senses and inspires your guests, with wonderful food, music and the sea as your eternal witness. Embrace your lover in this day, be it with a civil or a spiritual ceremony. A resident wedding planner can see to every detail, from catering, to accommodations, spa treatments, a gorgeous Welcome Party, rehearsal and ceremonies in a chapel by the sea, a private cenote or in a beautiful beach front Casa.

Marriage allows the balance of the feminine and masculine energies within you. A sacred union gives the couple deeper fulfilment and purpose in their path to awareness. Thus, your relationship is sacred, is the path you have chosen to grow and cultivate your spirit.

A marriage in Papaya Playa Project is meant to celebrate the couple’s communion with friends and family, is a journey into the future and into each other. Stay at one of our Casas, with room for up to 12 guests, enjoy privacy and a personal butler.

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COME STAY WITH ME

I welcome you as you discover my art walk and step lightly in my earth. I am a fresh sip of water as you come up to the front desk, as you put a bracelet or a necklace on and start your way into me. I am soft breeze coming from the sea, I am a beautiful thatched roof and a unique rooftop pool. I am soft linens, organic amenities, cool rooms and high ceilings.

I hug you in a Cabaña, a beautiful Mayan small house with all you need to connect with comfort and Nature. I am the wooden deck that protects our animals’ burrows and allows them to move freely. I am the water flowing in an open space shower and the scent of organic amenities.

I want you to lie in a day bed in a Casita, to caress the velvet chukum walls, to allow your body to feel the water as you step into your own intimate dipping pool, be it on the roof or on your private deck. Walk a few steps and I’ll be waiting at the beach. Stay in a Casita Loft and I will show you what Tulum is really about, sit in the large terrace, walk up the stairs where a hidden bedroom is ready, like an embrace.

I love to have you and your family or all your friends over. Come to one of my beautiful Casas, private beachfront villas with independent access and personal butler. I will show you the ultimate Papaya Playa Project barefoot luxury experience, I will create the most intimate celebration for you or allow you to create your own eternal moment, where time does not pass. Come stay with me at Papaya Playa Project.
LIFE RE-INSPIRED

ART PROJECTS

The first thing I notice in Papaya Playa Project is art. Art is a way for my spirit to connect to its essence and be elevated. What amazes me is the creative exuberance of the Art Walk, the beauty of everyday objects when they have a new intention, the way an artist can provoke me, especially in this setting. This a creative hub, one that hosts residences for installation and visual artists, to allow for their creativity to flourish and be nurtured by the jungle and the sea. It is through these encounters, the unique conversations and bonds that develop here, that this Project nourishes my creative soul.

COCODRILLO RESTAURANT

Come discover my soul in the fresh local ingredients in Cocodrilo Restaurant. Food can cause pleasure, nourishment, health. I will touch you as I weave the ideal meal, one that inspires awe and an awakening. For it is indulgent, a cultural and wellness experience. The ingredients stand out: fresh, mostly local and organic; processes that respect the value of products, of taste and its properties: enzymes, nutrients and energy that emanates from contact with the sun, the earth and the sea. Simple preparation, I revel in the quality of the food and the presentation. For like art, culinary is an aesthetic experience, a link from my soul to yours.

PRANA

My body benefits from Prana Be Well, the juice bar at Papaya Playa Project. As I sit inside the cozy bar, I sip a cold pressed juice, that has all the enzymes, nutrients and fibers from fresh fruits and vegetables, with little oxidation. Through wholesome, organic, and local products, the juice bar simplifies the healthy choices I make to lead a lifestyle that cares for the soul through the purification of the body.

PPP SPA

A hand that cares for body and face softly moves the soul. My time in Papaya Playa Project creates a space for self-care that I relish. I had a treatment in my casita, and another by the beach. Each one healed my mind and body through local herbs, coconut, honey, aloe and clay, guided by the expert hands of a caring therapist. It is a perfect oasis to re-energize immersed in the jungle.
FULL MOON CELEBRATION AT PAPAYA PLAYA PROJECT

...IF I LOOK AT THE CRYSTAL MOON, IF I TOUCH IT... IT LEADS ME TO YOU
- PABLO NERUDA

Celebrating the full moon night in Papaya Playa Project is a tradition in Tulum. The silver light is the perfect setting to dive into a musical celebration by the beach. And as a celebration, it also implies an impact and the possibility of a personal transformation because of its influence. That’s why a full moon night is so attractive to humans.

Many traditions gave meaning to the moon as a symbol of fragility and fertility; an expiration or death of affairs. But they also took it as symbol of resurrection and hope.

The symbolism of the moon is complex and broad. It represents feminine power, the Mother Goddess, the queen of heaven and protection. However, it has other meanings such as the dark side and the invisible aspect of nature; the spiritual aspect of light in darkness; inner knowledge; the irrational, intuitive and subjective. It is the eye of the night, which sees everything that happens at a stage of the day considered forbidden. It has a regulatory role for the tide, rain, it affects waters, floods and seasons, so it becomes the mediator between heaven and earth. The moon is also related to the egg of the world, the womb and the ark. Its corresponding metal is silver, for its color and purity. The mystery of the moon is associated with fantasy and imagination. Of course, the moon represents the night.

The phases of new moon, waxing, half and full moon, its cycle of apparent growth and death, symbolize immortality and eternity, perpetual renewal; illumination. Time was initially measured by the phases of the moon. The Full Moon means totality, fullness, strength and spiritual power. The waxing gibbous is the funeral, the sinister and demonic aspect, while the crescent moon represents light, growth and regeneration.

The moon is the celestial sphere that predominate our Earth’s night sky, as it is so close to our planet. Its origin is still discussed by scientists, who have proposed different theories. Maybe it was attracted by Earth’s gravity or it was a piece of some other celestial body that broke off.

A last theory can be supported and argued in a valid way. Some consider that millions of years ago a day on Earth lasted 8 to 9 hours. When moon impacted Earth, it reduced its rotation speed and also altered its translation movement, so that the day remained in 24 hours as we know it today.

In Mayan cosmovision, the moon plays a significant role, as a sustaining and creative goddess of life. Ixchel, the moon goddess, has the power to control love, fertility, medicine and textile work. A dominant aspect of Ixchel is her ability to alter the sky and influence the life cycles of living beings. The moon plays a very important role, its gravity affects the tides and thus, all beings of the sea.
In collaboration with the Municipality of Tulum and Grupo Orígenes de Quintana Roo we have developed the most advanced Turtle Program in the area. Each night, from May to October, a full team of biologists patrols our beach to find new nests, assist turtles if they find any inconvenience during nesting and also to make sure and collaborate so that every newborn turtle will get safely to the water.

NESTS: 187
BABY TURTLES REACHING THE COAST: 14,726

1 OUT OF EACH 1,000 BABY TURTLES WILL REACH ADULTHOOD.

GREEN SEA TURTLE (Chelonia mydas)
NESTS 140
BIRTHS 11,549

LOGGERHEAD (Careta caretta)
NESTS 47
BIRTHS 3,177

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