

Adios Mexico!

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Unlike the majority of the vacationers here, we aren't returning to cold winter weather so we don't feel the need to bake in the sun in order to go home with a tan, proof of our vacation. However, since the forecast for Friday, our last full day in the Yucatán, was supposed to be for more rain, you can imagine our surprise to wake up to a mixture of sun and clouds. Needless to say, we spent the day resting, reading and people watching while sitting around the pool with some folks we met on Monday while on the tour to Chichen-Itza.

We just spent a week in an area of Mexico which only a little more than four months ago was devastated by a major hurricane and is trying desperately to recover. Despite their losses the people here have been extremely friendly, helpful and honest. Yes, there have been some hustlers, as there are in every country, but we have never once felt unsafe or unappreciated and we wouldn't hesitate to return to this area again in the future. Considering the damage the area has experienced and in the short time since, they have done a remarkable job of recovering and they are literally working around the clock to speed up the process.

The Yucatán Peninsula is beautiful, despite the twisted and uprooted trees and other than the result of a rough ferry ride, not once did we get close to being sick. (No bad water issues here!) In Playa Del Carmen there are great hotels, resorts, restaurants and shopping and it is there that we would probably head to in the future because there is so much to do. Sadly there is also a Wal-Mart Supercenter, Sam's Club, a Sub-Way, McDonald's and Burger King (typical American fixtures but evidence of progress?) which seem to blend into the area without being too obvious. It's been fun, educational and a nice change but we are looking forward to seeing Sam, the cat, and sleeping in our own bed again. Adios Mexico!