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## GUESTS EMBARK ON A CULINARY JOURNEY AROUND THE WORLD AT VALENTIN IMPERIAL MAYA

Riviera Maya, Mexico (February 24, 2009) – During a stay at the luxurious Valentin Imperial Maya resort, one of Riviera Maya's newest adult-only, all-inclusive resorts, guests are sure to enjoy impeccable service, deluxe [accommodations](#), rejuvenating [spa](#) treatments and above all else, a culinary trip around the globe. With seven à la carte and two buffet [restaurants](#) featuring international fare, Valentin Imperial Maya's executive chef, Jorge Hidalgo effectively transports guests from the white sand beaches of Playa del Secreto to explore the gastronomy of Italy, France, Japan and more via an unmatched selection of inspired signature dishes.

- [La Hacienda](#) – Combining traditional Mexican gastronomy with a contemporary touch, dishes such as shrimp tostada with coriander, chicken enchiladas and tres leches cake bring authenticity with a twist to the menu.
- [L'Alsace](#) – Inspired by traditional French cuisine and reinvented into health conscious, nutritional meals, this restaurant offers guests a spa menu featuring a vegetable ratatouille and mixed greens salad with Roquefort cheese and dried fruits in addition to classic dishes such as Chateaubriand, lamb ragout and chicken in a foie gras sauce. L'Alsace is also home to a well-stocked wine cellar, housing some of the finest wines from around the world.
- [Il Olivo](#) – The sumptuous Mediterranean flavors of this restaurant can be attributed to the authentic, prime-quality ingredients that are used. Cod chowder with shellfish and garlic croutons is an

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excellent choice to start, followed by an entrée of flavorful prime rib eye braised with red wine sauce and Portobello mushrooms or the fresh grilled red snapper, served with spinach and dried fruits. For an intimate dinner gathering or dinner for two, a private dining room within Il Olivio provides the perfect ambience for a delicious, personal dining experience.

- [\*Ginger\*](#) – Offering a mix of traditional and contemporary Japanese cuisine with Peruvian influences, guests can choose to dine a la carte, at the sushi bar or at hibachi tables. To satisfy one's sweet tooth, the tempura or lychee ice cream and sweet midori custard are recommended.
- *Taman Sari* – Indonesian-inspired cuisine, dishes at this restaurant include lamb, salmon, beef and chicken showcase classic Indonesian flavors including tandoori, coriander, saffron and mint. Guests will want to be sure to leave room for this restaurant's unique desserts including chai ice cream, lychee and mango cocktails or the cheese, strawberry and ginger tart.
- [\*Restaurant Mar & Tierra\*](#) – By day, this beachside restaurant offers guests a fresh selection of seafood, traditional Mexican dishes, salad bar, freshly squeezed fruit juices and more. At nightfall, [\*Restaurant Tierra\*](#) is transformed into classic American steakhouses featuring Northern Mexican Angus certified cuts of choice quality beef, including New York Strip, Ribeye, Fillet Steak and Skirt Steak, each prepared to perfection.
- [\*Lobster Pot\*](#) – Casual and relaxing, diners enjoy a variety of fresh seafood at this beachside restaurant. Lobster lovers looking to soak up the colorful flavors of Mexico will enjoy the Poblano style lobster, cooked in a butter, garlic and Poblano pepper sauce and topped with melted Chihuahua cheese.
- *Le MarchÉ* – A perfection combination of all Valentin Maya's gastronomic offerings, Le Marché is a wonderful choice to enjoy breakfast and lunch, offering an appetizing mix of traditional Mexican and American dishes to satisfy even the most discerning palate.

A popular dining option for couples staying at Valentin Imperial Maya Resort is a romantic beach dinner complete with a special menu and private wait staff. Special menu items include foie gras sushi with mango appetizer, corn mushroom cappuccino and surf and turf entrée with sumptuous pork chops and soy salmon with grilled jumbo shrimp. End the evening under the stars with a unique dessert of banana flambé with marshmallows.

Conveniently located 25 minutes from Cancun's International Airport (CUN) and 20 minutes from downtown Playa del Carmen, Valentin Imperial

Maya Resort offers an unparalleled vacation experience exclusive to adult guests. All-inclusive resort amenities include unlimited access to nine restaurants, eight bars including cigar lounge and sports bar, two tennis and two paddle ball courts, non-motorized water sport equipment such as kayaks and snorkel gear, air-conditioned fitness center, live entertainment nightly, fully equipped business center and complimentary high-speed internet access. State-of-the-art meeting facilities with a capacity of 300 and full-service spa can additionally be found on-site. The perfect place for destination weddings, honeymoons, girlfriend getaways, mancations, mature travel, meetings and more, Valentin Imperial Maya Resort is both Elite Meetings Certified and TAG approved. For more information on Valentin Imperial Maya Resort, please visit [www.valentinmaya.com](http://www.valentinmaya.com), follow us on Twitter [@valentinmaya](https://twitter.com/valentinmaya) or become a fan of our [Facebook](#) page.

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