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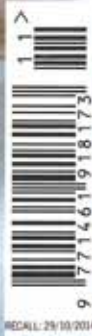
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CLOCKWISE FROM TOP La Semilla's Cuartos Terraza has a queen-size bed, sitting area and terrace; the welcoming hotel lobby;



**HOTEL LA SEMILLA,**  
*Playa del Carmen, Mexico*

**THE LOWDOWN** A rough-luxe oasis on Mexico's Riviera Maya.

**BEST FOR** Working off that post-beach margarita with a gentle jungle run.

Fancy swimming in the Caribbean before exploring some Mayan ruins? Then Playa del Carmen is the place for you. Once a fishing town, this spot on the Yucatán now has its own Fifth Avenue, filled with designer stores from the likes of Louis Vuitton, Hugo Boss and Christian Dior. But if shopping isn't your bag, just kick back and relax at this intimate B&B, located in the hip Calle 38 district. La Semilla's nine rooms are dressed in boho fashion, with beaten-leather suitcases used as chests and clothes rails suspended from the rafters. Above all, though, the hotel is beautiful, peaceful and quiet (it's child free and there are no TVs, although it has Wi-Fi). The in-house Cocina Loft serves a healthy, balanced breakfast and for dinner, La Semilla is right next door to one of the best restaurants in town, La Cueva Del Chango. Out at sea, the diving is to die for, while local spas specialise in Mayan treatments that use the healing energy of the sun. In other words, this place is *hot*...

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