








-  Luna Blue Hotel Calle 26, entre 5 y 10 Ave
-  Playa Palms Hotel 1st Avenue Bis, entre 12 and 14 North
-  ATMs
-  Bus Station to and from airport
-  Colectivos (white vans that drop off/pick up and down highway between Playa and Tulum, 20 pesos)

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## Restaurants

- 1. La Cueva del Chango**-located north of the Luna Blue on 38th just east of 5th. Great natural food in a very natural setting. A quiet place to enjoy fresh, made-from-scratch food with many healthy choices. They are known for their huevos rancheros.
- 2. Nativo**-three different locations! All of them are on 30th between Constituyentes and 28th. One is inside of DAC, another is directly across the street, and the other is a few blocks north. A very local, cheap place to eat all day. Sarah loves their juices, salads, and enchiladas.
- 3. Ah Cacao**-two locations, just off of 5th on Constituyentes and north of the Luna Blue on 5th. If you like chocolate or coffee this is the place to go to. Their brownies are fabulous (you might have had one by now). And for non-coffee drinkers, try the hot vanilla drink.
- 4. HC Carnes de Monterrey**-located on Constituyentes just west of 25th (across from Mega). This is Adam's favorite place to eat! Their special is arrachera and it's served with your choice of potato or onion, half an avocado, jalapeno pepper, salsas and tortillas — all the makings of a stellar taco. We suggest the national! Has been known to close early, so go for early dinner.
- 5. El Fagon**-located next to HC Monterrey and also on 30th ave and 30th. This is one of Sarah's all time favorite places. They are well know for their tacos al pastor and frijoles charros! Very cheap place to eat and open very late.
- 6. Pizza Pazza**-located a few places around town. Great pizza that cures hangovers late at night or the next morning. Buy by the slice and just never know what sort of concoctions they will have! Always open and always great.
- 7. La Pesca**-on 30th ave directly in front of Mega (across the street). Great seafood in a nice setting. One of Tony and Cheri's favorite places. They are well known for their cazuela de camarones (rich, cheesy soup with lots of shrimp). Off the beaten path, it is a gem out of the tourist area. Open for lunch and dinner.
- 8. El Oasis**-located on calle 12 between 5th and 10th. They are well known for their shrimp tacos and amazing mystery brown sauce (tamarind). They also serve all kinds of other seafood. Max loves this place! Open all day and late at night.

- 9. Food Carts on Juarez**-between the bus station on 5th and the beach, you have to get their early, they are only there for a couple of hours for breakfast. Great tortas (sandwiches) and assorted authentic Mexican food and fresh juices. Pull up, pick it out, and eat it. Most locals eat here which means it is really cheap and good!
- 10. La Tarraya**-on the beach at calle 2, it is Playa's oldest restaurant and Sarah says they have great fish entrees for about \$4. Adam isn't that fond of this place, but must admit the view is great. Open for lunch and early dinner.
- 11. Carboncitos**-on calle 4 between 5th and 10th. An all around good place to eat, they have a ton of different quality authentic Mexican dishes. They have a great salsa sampler and Sarah and I enjoy the chorizo con queso (sausage and cheese with tortillas). Can't go wrong here and the guy across the street make gourd lamps while you eat.
- 12. Chicago Don Jose**-located on calle 6 between 5th and 10th, you won't find a better quality, upscale food! They are spendy, but worth it. The blue cheese tenderloins are mouth-watering. They are only open for dinner and you might have to wait for a table, but it is worth it. Careful, one of the most expensive dinners in town.
- 13. El Pirata**-on the beach between 10th and 12th. Sarah loves the azteca soup and the tuna salad served in an avocado. This place is just nice to hang out at because of the beach. Also a good relaxed chill out bar with a great breeze! The restaurant closes after dinner, but the bar stays open really late.
- 14. Babes Noodle Bar**-located on calle 10th between 5th and 10th and on 5th between 28th and 30th, they have great Thai food for a nice change. Service is spotty, but the Swedish meatballs are great. Also they have options for half orders and have large margaritas in a variety of flavors!

## Stores

- 1. Mega**-located at intersection of 30th ave and Constituyentes. A very large, American feeling grocery store, they have pretty much everything you need. If you get a chance to just go and check it out, its worth a visit. Great place to stock up on snacks and alcohol and not far from the Luna Blue.

- 2. Wal-Mart**-calle 8th and 30 Avenue. Nice to know the long arm of Wal-Mart has reached the third world! Pretty much like back home without the selection and much cleaner. The locals love Wal-Mart for those hard to find items. Similar to Mega. Check out the bakery!

## Bars

- A. Pinche Gringos (cussing in Spanish is much cooler)**-located on calle 26 and 1st ave, just east of the Luna Blue 2 blocks. They have a large (whole wall) projection TV and they show everything. If you want to watch some sports, this is a good place to start! This will be the official Cubs game watching bar also (assuming they are still playing!)
- B. Blue Parrot**-located on 12th and the beach, this is a really popular bar. They have a dance area, a chill out area, fire dancers, and a new DJ every night. A good place to go and dance right on the beach.
- C. Tequila Barrel**-right on 5th ave between 10th and 12th. It is right in the middle of all the action. A great place to watch the game or watch the weirdos walking by. A good place to start the night off and head out from there. We'll be going here after the wedding.
- D. Bad Boys**-on the beach between 2nd and 4th. They have great live music on Thursdays and Saturdays during happy hour. Only way to get here is by the beach!
- E. El Pirata**-#13 on the restaurants.
- F. Captain Tequila**-on 5th between 2nd and 4th above Karen's. If you like to salsa dance or watch salsa dancing, then this is the place for you. Very local and very loud. There is also a cover so be prepared (I think 50 pesos).
- G. Bali**-on calle 12th between 5th and 10th. A very large dance club with a very large cover (sometimes!). About as close to a big city nightclub as you will get. Ask Sarah about the time she fell off the bar!
- H. Kixten**-on 5th and 20th. Funky place with usually good music. Close to the Luna Blue. Good people watching.