



GRANDES NAVEGANTES

GENERAL PROGRAM 2023
Xcaret • Cozumel • Riviera Maya

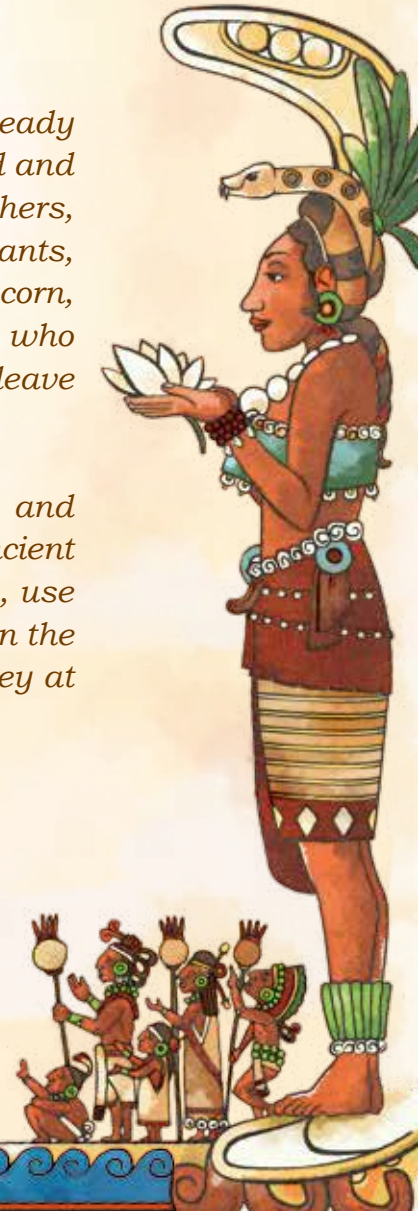
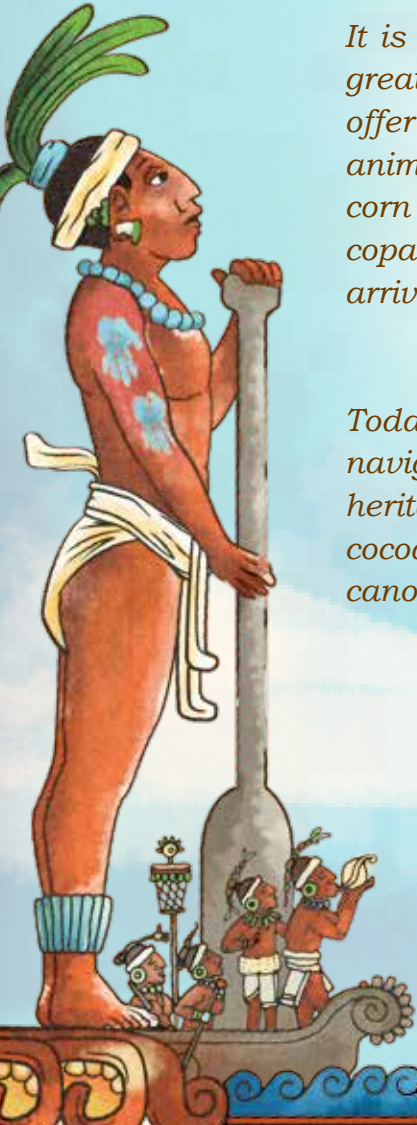
"We are the observers of the sky, the measurers of time, the ones who point out the phases of the white rabbit seated on the face of the moon. We are the Great Navigators".

Friday, May 19 - Xcaret

Early morning, from 4:15 to 5:15 a.m.
Av. Palmeras to Adoratorios

It is early morning, and in the port of Polé, there is already great activity in bartering products. Vendors walk around and offer their merchandise, such as vanilla, rubber, feathers, animals, skins, copper hatchets, ceramics, medicinal plants, corn food, wax, honey, cotton blankets, carved stones, corn, copal, salt, and fruits to the canoeists and their families who arrive on the beaches to say goodbye to the sailors who leave for the Island of Cozumel.

Today this ancient trade practice, linked to rituals and navigation, comes to life to rescue and revive this ancient heritage. Learn about bartering in the pre-Hispanic style, use cocoa as currency to buy some of these products, and join the canoeists on the Polé beach to see them off on this journey at the first ray of sun.



 **Friday, May 19 – Xcaret** 

“The Villa de Polé, is gathered under the celestial vault; to the north shines Xaman Ek, the star that will guide the canoes marked with infinite glyphs.”

Early morning, from 5:30 to 6:00 a.m. Two Beaches Bay

It is morning in the port of Polé, and the starry sky simulates the skin of the celestial jaguar. The neighboring towns of the Ekab1 have gathered on the beach to say goodbye to the Great Navigators. The rituals started by the Chilam Balam, who hand bears the divine seal ready to mark them as bearers of offerings to the goddess of the moon. Women of all ages offer their steps and hearts to Ixchel. Together They will raise their eyes to the sky and see the canoes carved out with infinite glyphs depart.

 **Cozumel** 

“Arrival of the Great Navigators to the Island of Cuzamil”

From 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. Chankanaab - Caleta

The sea has been favorable, and under the protection of the four Pahuantunes (guardians of the winds) and the blue entity. The sailors have reached the port, where they are received by the ancient deity, whose maidens pour perfumed waters like good reception. They drink, eat, and regain strength.



Saturday, May 20 - Cozumel



“The great Lady of the moon will guide the arms of her children: the Great Navigators.”

From 8:00 a.m. Chankanaab Park - Caleta

The sun rises and wraps itself in the towns of Cuzamil; Did you know words sprout from the mouth of the Chilam Cambal invoking their ancestors, those who left the Island in search of the well of tender water, to the place where they would measure time eternally. The inhabitants of the Island have gathered to bid them farewell and once again defeat the great sea, carrying the message on their lips and in their hearts. Canhel, the magic snake of Ixchebelyax, will take care of the canoes, and his eternal pahuantunes will guide them to a good port.



"Polé is the navel of the moon that celebrates the rebirth and the return of the great navigators."

From 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Xcaret Park

The people of the Ekab receive the Great Navigators with the message of the goddess: her gifts will be for them. The plowers of the waters and the white circles on their faces assure them abundant rains, fertility in their women, and harvests. His lunar face will rest in his hand, and there will be no lack of atole in the gourd. Today, Polé celebrates the return of his children, and the rebirth of his people, with music and dances to the sea in honor of Mother Ceiba, which are good omens to celebrate the new charge of the Katún, the new stone of the Sacred Journey.



Temporal exhibition "Chem, Navigator Among Us"
Open area - Ball game

The ancient inhabitants of the port Polé (Xcaret) had a link with the sea. Their trade and navigation were related to deities and trade routes. Their deities protected them from storms, gave good omens, and guided their canoes to a safe port.

Come and meet Chem, and discover the importance it had in pre-Hispanic culture as a means of transportation, its relevance in different commercial activities, navigation, and the sea voyages that made to meet the oracle of the lunar deity in the Cozumel island.

Live an immersive experience that will take you to the origins of the ancestral elaboration of the canoe, its uses, and its importance today.

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