

🌴 Fany & Ben's Bacalar Wedding FAQ 🌴

🕒 General Information

Where is Bacalar?

Bacalar is a beautiful lakeside town in southern Quintana Roo, Mexico — about 4 hours south of Cancun and 30–40 minutes north of Chetumal. It's famous for its stunning Laguna de los Siete Colores (Lagoon of Seven Colors), crystal-clear turquoise water, and a laid-back atmosphere.

When is the wedding?

April 10, 2026, at 4pm. Ceremony and reception will take place at Bakhalar Garden & Lagoon.

✈️ Getting There

What's the best airport to fly into?

You have two main options:

- Chetumal International Airport (CTM) – closest option, about 40 minutes from Bacalar. You can find national flights to Chetumal (CTM) from major Mexican cities like Mexico City (MEX) with airlines such as Viva Aerobus and Volaris. You can also fly from other cities, and check for flights to Chetumal International Airport on websites like VivaAerobus and Volaris. Please note only early flights arrive at CTM, which means an overnight stay in the connecting city is required.
- Cancun International Airport (CUN) – larger airport with more flights; about 4–5 hours by car or shuttle.

How do I get from the airport to Bacalar?

- From Chetumal: Take a taxi, private shuttle, or rental car.
- From Cancun: Rent a car, take a private transfer, the Mayan Train, or use the ADO bus (comfortable and affordable). Buses run several times daily to Bacalar. The Mayan Train runs from Cancun Airport to Bacalar, and the journey takes approximately 3 hours and 37 minutes. There are currently only a few daily departures between Cancun and Bacalar, so be sure to plan ahead. The scheduled arrival time in Bacalar is 1:38 PM. Tickets can be purchased online or at the station, and the train has different classes with varying amenities.

Tip: If you're traveling as a group, consider sharing a private shuttle from Cancun to Bacalar — it's cost-effective and scenic!

Where to Stay

Where do you recommend staying?

Bacalar offers a range of accommodations, from boutique hotels to eco-lodges and vacation rentals. Here are a few options:

- **Luxury:**
 - **Habitas Bacalar** - An adults-only, holistic sanctuary with eco-friendly private villas that blend into the natural surroundings.
 - **MÍA Bacalar Luxury Resort & Spa** - The 5- star resort features luxury rooms, a full-service spa, a marina, and access to the lake. Some guests praise its quiet, relaxing atmosphere, while others note inconsistent restaurant service and maintenance issues.
 - **Casa Bakal** - A boutique-style hotel offering a tranquil retreat with private access to the water. The hotel is known for its quiet, romantic atmosphere and offers a different type of experience than a large resort.
- **Mid-range:**
 - **Hotel Aires** - A tranquil, eco-friendly hotel located in the town of Bacalar, close to the lagoon. It is not situated directly on the water, but it is known for its peaceful atmosphere and excellent service.
 - **Azul 36** - Located in the town of Bacalar, Azul 36 Hotel is a three-star hotel known for its tranquil atmosphere and comfortable accommodations. It is a good choice for travelers who want to be close to the town center and within walking distance of the lagoon's public access point.
 - **Yak Lake House (chic hostel)** - A popular, adults-only hostel located directly on the shores of the Bacalar Lagoon in the town center. It is well-known for its social atmosphere, waterfront views, and extensive list of daily activities;
- **Budget:**
 - **Green Monkey Hostel** - Located in the heart of Bacalar, it is a budget-friendly option situated directly on the lagoon. This hostel is known for its relaxed and social "end of times hippy feeling" vibe, and it provides a more rustic experience than larger resorts.
 - **Blue Bird Hotel** - A tranquil, 3.5-star hotel in Bacalar with direct access to the lagoon. It is known for its peaceful atmosphere, lush gardens, and complimentary use of kayaks and paddleboards for guests.

Some vacation rentals, such as Airbnb, vary in accommodations. Options include luxury homes and eco-friendly lodges, often located away from busy areas, offering a unique jungle/lagoon experience.

Should I stay near the lagoon?

A: Yes! Staying by the lagoon gives you the best experience — most hotels and Airbnb's have docks where you can swim or kayak right from your doorstep.

When should I book? As soon as possible — Bacalar is small and books up quickly, especially on weekends.

Getting Around

Do I need a car?

Not necessarily. Bacalar is compact — you can get around by bike, taxi, or golf cart. But if you plan to explore nearby cenotes or attractions, renting a car for a day or two is helpful. You can rent a car from Cancun airport or Chetumal airport.

Things to Do in Bacalar

What can we do during our free time?

So much! Here are some highlights:

- Lagoon boat tour: Visit Pirate's Channel and the Cenote Negro.
- Cenote Azul: Swim in this deep natural pool near town.
- Kayaking or paddleboarding: Early morning is the best time — the water glows turquoise! Try catching a sunrise or sunset too.
- San Felipe Fort & Museum: Learn about Bacalar's pirate history.
- Los Rápidos: Float down a crystal-clear river surrounded by lush mangroves. There is a restaurant bar onsite with delicious food options. Good for families.
- Day trips: Explore Mahahual beach (1.5hr) or the Mayan ruins of Kohunlich (1hr).

Food & Drinks

Q: Any restaurant & bar recommendations?

- Seafood : Marisqueria Pueblo Chiclero, Hijos del Cocho, Navieros, Chiltepín Marisquillos Sede Bacalar.
- Upscale: Nao Bacalar, Macario, Costera 28, Nixtamal.
- Coffee & breakfast: Enamora, Ixchel Bacalar Café.
- Vegetarian friendly: Mistura, Mango & Chile, El Manati.

- La Playita: Fresh seafood and a great atmosphere.
- Beach Club Blu: A more luxurious experience on the lagoon.
- Sweet Child of Wine: A highly-regarded wine bar with good food.
- Paramo: A great spot to try artisanal mezcal.
- Bar La Veinte Bacalar: A popular Mexican bar that some describe as having the best nightlife in town.
- Sak-yá Resta/bar Terraza: An Italian bar that also serves great pizza.
- I Scream Bar: A fun and popular spot.

Tip: Bring cash — some restaurants are cash-only, and ATMs can be limited.

Local Tips

Is Bacalar safe?

Yes, Bacalar is known for being peaceful and welcoming. Just use standard travel precautions (don't leave valuables unattended, etc.).

What's the weather like?

Expect warm tropical weather — around 80–90°F (27–32°C) during the day. Light clothing, swimsuits, and sunscreen are a must.

Do I need pesos?

Yes! While some places take cards, cash is king in smaller shops and taxis. You can exchange money at the airport or withdraw pesos from ATMs in town.


Is the water safe to drink?

Drink bottled or filtered water. Most hotels provide filtered water for guests.

Eco-friendly Tips

- Stay on marked paths: Stick to designated trails when exploring natural areas to avoid damaging vegetation.
- Do not touch or stand on the stromatolites: These are living organisms that are crucial to the lagoon's ecosystem, so avoid touching or stepping on them.
- Use reef-safe sunscreen: Opt for sunscreens that are biodegradable and don't contain chemicals that are harmful to marine life

Questions? For any travel or accommodation questions, please reach out to: Bakhalar Weddings Assistance at (+52) 56 3640 3683

 We can't wait to celebrate with you in paradise! 