

Hotel's Valentine's Day Package Features Locally-Sourced Cacao

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Lots of resorts are featuring chocolate-themed packages for Valentine's Day but the package at the Esencia Estate in Playa del Carmen, Mexico gets you in touch with cacao right at the source.

Cacao was once referred to by the Mayans as the food of the gods. Esencia purchases the cacao seeds directly from the small town of Tizimin a few hours away from the hotel's Playa Xpu-Ha, Mexico location. It is used in Esencia's organic spa for its antioxidant properties. In the hotel's restaurant, Sal y Fuego, cacao is used in signature drinks and favorite dishes and the chef prepares the cacao in the estate's own garden kitchen using an all-natural process with no preservatives or additives.

Esencia has created a special Valentine's package "Chocolate for Two." Couples will have the opportunity to indulge and benefit from the local cacao in three different ways. The couples chocolate massage isn't just a massage, couples work along with the therapist to grind the cacao and prepare the ingredients for the delicious, invigorating massage. A cocktails class teaches guests how to create a variety of chocolate cocktails with a local twist. Chef Bernardo shows the couple how to incorporate the bittersweet taste of cacao in their favorite dishes. As a gift, couples will receive a bag of locally grown cacao to take home. The "Chocolate for Two" package can be incorporated to any Esencia rate. The cost per couple is \$250.00, rate does not include tax and service fee. The package is valid from January 20, 2011 – February 28, 2011. For reservations or information please visit www.hotelesencia.com or call 1-877-528-3490.

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