



High hats for sale on the Plaza Grande, and (right) a full-color street scene in Mérida.



## ON THE PENINSULA

Where to turn for an authentic Yucatán experience.

**STAY** Set on a former eighteenth-century sisal estate eight miles north of Mérida's historic center, **Hacienda Xcanatún** has 18 rooms and suites with marble floors and wood-beamed ceilings, and a spa with garden views. *Doubles from \$247, including breakfast daily and a 50-minute massage for two.*

Located 45 minutes south of Mérida, **Hacienda Temozon**

offers 28 guest rooms and suites (each outfitted with a sleeping hammock in addition to its bed) along with a formal garden. Perhaps the best pursuit of all here is swimming in the private cenote. *Doubles from \$166, including breakfast daily, a complimentary lunch or dinner for two, a signature drink at check-in, and a welcome amenity from the Haciendas Workshop.*

**GO National Geographic Expeditions'** nine-day Mesoamerica tour takes adventurers through Mayan jungles that are home to pyramids, temples, and long-hidden murals. Destinations range from colonial Mérida to ancient outposts such as Tikal, Palenque, and Chichén Itzá, ending in Guatemala City. *Departures: February 23, November 9, and December 29; from \$5,995.*

An eight-day private tour of the Yucatán Peninsula from **Artisans of Leisure** highlights Mayan ruins, beaches, local cuisine or cooking lessons, a visit to a flamingo sanctuary, snorkeling, and market explorations, from inland Mérida to beachside Tulum. Accommodation options include Hacienda Xcanatún and Rosewood Maya-koba. *Departures: Any day through 2017; from \$10,500. VI.*