



THE ESSENCE OF ESCAPE

Privacy is a priority at **Hotel Esencia**, a former villa estate turned hotel on Mexico's Riviera Maya. So, after the boutique resort acquired ten more acres (bringing its total to 50), owner Kevin Wendle decided to expand, adding 11 spacious, whitewashed suites: six directly on the beach, with double bathtubs facing the sea, and another five set in the jungle. The 40-room hideaway also opened a new outpost of chef and El Bulli alum Dimitris Katrivesis' **Peruvian restaurant, Mistura** – the original is located in Mykonos. The circular, open-air space is around the corner from the hotel's hammock garden, the ideal spot for a post-ceviche siesta. *Doubles from* \$840, *including breakfast daily and a* \$100 spa credit.