

# Cenote Dreamgate



## Stunning Stalagmites & Stalactites

Dreamgate is highly recommended for cavern divers because it offers some of the best underwater landscapes in Mexico. Here you can see stunning stalagmites and stalactites formations that are rock stars in the Yucatan Peninsula. Cavern divers from all over the world come here to experience Dreamgate.

The Yucatan land mass was created underwater over many centuries by coral polyps that eventually formed the limestone base. Raised from the ocean by a massive meteorite impact, the Yucatan peninsula was subjected to ages of rising and falling seas, and exposure to rain and carbon dioxide, which through chemical reactions created the caverns and cenotes that are now a defining feature of the land. The incredible stalagmites and stalactites are also a result of the same chemical process that created the caverns and cenotes.

Stalagmites and stalactites are formed when rain water infused with carbon dioxide becomes acidic, allowing it to seep

through cracks and fissures of limestone rock, collecting sediment, before dripping out into an empty air filled cavity where the rainwater releases its carbon dioxide, and the calcite sediment it collected gets redeposited. This sediment slowly builds up in the cavern, drip-drip-drip, over a very long time and forms amazing stalagmites and stalactites!

Dream Gate has been featured in many nature documentaries.

This site requires divers to be certified in cave diving and be experienced because navigating it requires excellent buoyancy and trim control. It is not recommended for people who experience Claustrophobia because it has some parts with very tight spaces and full darkness.

The site is located on private lands and requires an off road ride through the jungle to get to it. This jungle ride is great and can be considered part of the overall adventure experience of Dream Gate!

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