



## CHEF JOSE ALBERTO MENDEZ

Born in the city of Tampico, Tamaulipas, Chef Mendez' taste for cooking began in his childhood, at a seafood restaurant owned by his family in a town called Tamiahua, Veracruz. He is a graduate of the Instituto Culinario CUALTI and began his apprenticeship at the Club de Industriales at the Camino Real Hotel in Tampico.

He then moved to the Riviera Maya to develop his skills in various hotels.

He began at restaurant Frida at Grand Velas Riviera Maya resort working under Chef Ricardo de la Vega, rising through the ranks until he became the restaurant's Sous Chef. He has also contributed to various national and international culinary events alongside great chefs such as Mikel Alonso, Carlos Gaytan, Zahié Téllez and Alejandro Heredia.

Today, he is Executive Chef of Frida restaurant at sister resort Grand Velas Riviera Nayarit, under the guidance of Chefs Isaac Esparza, Guillaume Morancé and Michel Mustière.



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