MEXICO CITY

5 days





Day 1 Transfer in Airport Mexico City / Hotel

Meet and greet at Mexico City airport, pickup service with our agent displaying a handheld sign listing passengers' names just beyond customs: Transfer in van to the guests' hotel. Mexico City. Metropolis and capital of the United States of Mexico, located 2240m above sea level, with 20 million inhabitants within the valley proper, conquered by the Spaniards in 1521, and built upon the ruins of the former Aztec City of Mexico – Tenochtitlan. Several cultures have left their testimonies for almost 3 millennia and converted the city into a melting pot of modern Mexico. The pyramids of nearby Teotihuacan, the historic city center, and the Museum of Anthropology are "musts" when visiting Mexico City. The city is indeed an important cultural center with more than 150 museums and art galleries; classic and modern theatres, folklore shows, and stadiums such as the Azteca; but as well, the city is a shopping destination for leather goods, textiles, silver, ceramics and artwork. Last but not least Mexico City offers a wide variety of excellent restaurants; French, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Swiss, Latin-American among others, and of course you will find the best and finest Mexican restaurants.

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Day 2 City Tour + Anthropology Museum (Closed on Monday)

City Tour visiting the historical center of Mexico City, one of the largest UNESCO World Heritage Cities. The tour includes major attractions such as: the Zocalo (main square), the National Palace with the murals of Diego Rivera, the Metropolitan Cathedral, as well as a panoramic view of the Templo Mayor, the City of the Azteca culture, with over 2000 years of history. Continue the tour to Chapultepec Park, driving along Paseo de la Reforma, and at the end visit the National Museum of Anthropology and History. The Anthropology Museum is an obligatory visit in the capital. The range of exhibits is exceptional and the architecture is simply superb, making this visit an unexpected pleasure. You will find impressive masterpieces such as the famous Sun Stone, or Aztec Calendar, segments of several pyramids, and many original masterpieces of the ancient Mesoamerica Cultures. This museum is one of the largest

and most beautiful in the world; nevertheless it will be just a

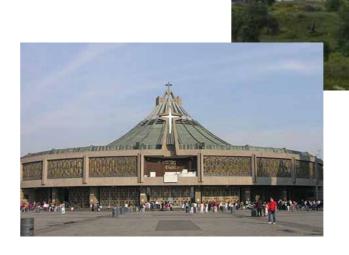
one hour visit. Guests will have the option of staying at the museum the rest of the day and returning to the hotel on

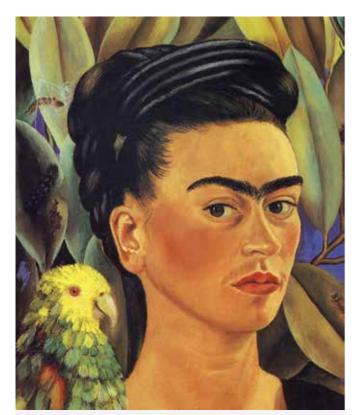
their own.

Day 3 Basilica de Guadalupe + Teotihuacan Archaeological Site (49 km.)

Visit to the "Basilica de Guadalupe". This modern basilica was built in order to replace the Spanish construction of the 17th century. The old church still exists, but every day it sinks further into the swampy ground. The devotion to the "Dark Virgin of Guadalupe", is so widespread that many Mexicans refer to themselves as "Guadalupanos". This devotion is witnessed daily, with pilgrimages made on their knees to the basilica entrances; the atmosphere of the site is uniquely characterized by fervor and prayers. Departure to Teotihuacan: This archaeological site was the most populated and dynamic city of the central valley in about 400 years AD. The Quetzalcoatl Temple, as well as the two impressive Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon, are immutable witnesses of Mexico's glorious past. At the top of the pyramids you can get a superb view that spans all the plain. On your way back to Mexico City you will try "Pulque" an ancient drink as well as visit an obsidian workshop.







Day 4 Frida Kalho + Coyoacan + Xochimilco Wednesday & Sunday Morning is dedicated to visiting one of the most popular museums in Mexico City, the Frida Kahlo or "Casa Azul" (Blue House) Museum in Coyoacan. Frida was an artist and reknowned woman of the last century. She was wife of Diego Rivera, one of Mexico's top muralists whose works of art are found around the world. Coyoacan is one of the most well preserved colonial areas of Mexico City, where you will visit the market and main buildings around the "Plaza of the Coyotes". Continue on to Xochimilco, known as the "floating gardens" for its extended series of canals. This area, has kept its ancient traditions, despite being part of Mexico City. Enjoy the folklore of Xochimilco, on the colorful trajineras -Xochimilco launches-, between chinampas; small "floating" islands, covered with flowers and gardens.

Day 5 Transfer out Hotel / Airport
Transfer out from the hotel to the airport, with assistance at the Mexico City Airport.







