

MEXICO CITY - CANCUN

12 days

Best Packages



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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Daily
Min. 2 pax
Private services



Day 2

Pick up at 08.30 am. City tour + Anthropology Museum.

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 Aztecs 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 two hours 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 site + Transfer to Puebla

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. Continue to Puebla, Unesco's World Heritage cities, 2 hrs. drive, check in at the hotel





Day 4
City Tour Puebla + Transfer to Oaxaca 4.5 hrs drive

Pick up at 08.00 am. City tour Puebla where the majority of its buildings are decorated with tiles and beautifully sculpted freestone; visit the Cathedral at the main Square, the chapel of the Rosary, considered the eighth wonder of the art world, around midday departure to Oaxaca, arrival to the hotel, check in and enjoy a walking tour in the historical center.

After the visit around midday, drive to Oaxaca, capital of the state of the same name. It is a city built in the middle of mountains of the Sierra del Sur, the city still conserves its provincial flavor. It is rich in crafts: such as black mud, looms and gold replicas of Mixtecas and Zapoteca jewels. Around the main Square are located the Cathedral constructed by the Dominican monks in the 16th century, the Church of Santo Domingo –that was part of a convent now transformed into one of the best museum of colonial and pre-colombian art, and where there are valuable gold and ceramic objects from Monte Albán: Visit the main market, one of the most typical in the region, where daily hundreds of people get together to offer their particular products, tradition that goes back to the pre-Hispanic times.

Day 5
Monte Alban + Tule + Mitla and Transfer to Tehuantepec
(Oaxaca – Tehuantepec 253 km. 4.40 hrs. drive)

After breakfast check out of the hotel and departure to Monte Alban the largest pre-Columbian center and archaeological site in Oaxaca, its name means “Sacred Mountain of Life”. Monte Alban is 10 km far from the city of Oaxaca, at a height of 2,000 meters, located in the mountains of the Sierra del Sur. This is the religious capital of the Zapoteca culture. There, you will visit the Great Square, the Ball Game, the Palace, the South Platform, the Dancers stelas, and the Grave 104, where the so-extended dead worship in Mesoamerican pre-Hispanic cultures is demonstrated.

Continue to the impressive Tule Tree is (14-kilometer drive). This is the oldest and biggest sauce ahuehuate tree of the world it is 40 meters tall and a circumference is 42 meters. An estimated life of more than 2000 years. Continue towards Mitla (about 38 kilometers, 45-minute drive). It is said that this archaeological site was the meeting point of the schools of thoughts and Indian philosophy among the Mixtecs and Zapotecs. In the buildings the wonderful geometric decorations. The main buildings are; the Group of the Columns, the Group of the Stream and the Group of the North will be visited. After the visit continue another 4 hrs. driving to the Itzmo of Tehuantepec, just a small town to overnight in the middle of the incredible Sierra Madre.



Day 6. Tehuantepec - Sumidero Canyon, San Juan Chamula + and San Cristobal de las Casas
(Tehuantepec – Sumidero Canyon 348 km. 4 hrs. Sumidero Canyon - San Cristóbal de las Casas 56 km. 1 hr. drive)

After breakfast, check out of the hotel, departure to Sumidero Canyon, where you will enjoy a motor boat cruise through the middle of this spectacular canyon. The road descends more than 1500 meters and reaches the Grijalva River where the Sumidero Canyon has cliffs from 100 to 1000 meters high. In this national park, it is very often possible to see local wildlife such as crocodiles, spider monkeys, and white and gray herons. After the river trip, we visit Chiapas' first Spanish settlement, founded by the conquistadors in the early 1500s; Chiapa de Corzo is known for its natural springs and lacquer artwork. Continue to San Cristobal.

Departure to the Indian village of San Juan Chamula. San Juan Chamula, 10 km from San Cristobal de las Casas, is a town steeped in history, and yet also allows a look into the Mayas of today This is the largest Maya township in Chiapas with a population over 40,000 Tzotzil speakers, one of the 31 Maya languages. This region is known for its agricultural and ceremonial lifestyles, which are a mixture of Catholic and Maya beliefs. The Catholic Church of St. John the Baptist, in fact, is not part of any Diocese because residents desire the freedom to perform various types of rituals. Drive to San Cristobal de las Casas, check in at the hotel and time to enjoy the afternoon in San Cristobal



Day 7

San Cristobal and Agua Azul Waterfalls + Palenque site + Transfer to Hotel in Palenque.

(San Cristóbal – Agua Azul 145 km. 3 hrs. drive & Agua Azul – Palenque 70 km. 1 hr. drive)

Early departure, breakfast will be en route or box lunch from the hotel. Drive to Agua Azul Falls and enjoy the beauty of the mountain landscapes, if weather permits, time will be made for swimming at the falls. Next stop Palenque after driving one more hour, arrival at the archaeological zone of Palenque. Located in the middle of lush vegetation, this is one of the most important ceremonial centers of the Mayan culture. We will visit the famous Temple of the Inscriptions where the tomb of Pakal was found, the Palace, and the Foliated Cross Temple, among others. After the visit, transfer to the hotel around 17:30. Hotel check in at the hotel in Palenque

Day 8

Pick up at 08.00 am. Transfer to Campeche + City tour (Palenque – Campeche 355 km. 4.30 hr. drive)

After breakfast departure to Campeche. Enjoying scenic views of the coastal highway of the Gulf of Mexico. arrival at the hotel for check in. City tour around the historical center (the only fortified colonial city in Mexico in front of the sea), designed with forts and ramparts from the seventeenth century due to the constant tensions of war. Nowadays the city is a nice quaint colonial city with historical monuments, museums and gardens to visit such as the Cathedral, The Baluarte of Nuestra Señora de la Soledad, the main square, the Church of San Francisco, and the Sea Gate and Land Gate, as well as taking a night stroll along the Malecon or boardwalk of Campeche.



Day 9

Pick up at 08.00 am. Uxmal site + Transfer to Mérida + City tour.

(Campeche – Uxmal 162 km. 2.20 hrs. drive & Uxmal – Mérida 82 km. 1.20 hr. drive)

30 AM After breakfast depart to Uxmal, this site is a spectacular example of classic Mayan architecture. Here the Mayans expressed their beliefs through their temple designs. The Temple of the Diviner, which according to legend was built by a Dwarf King, is the most striking construction, as is the Nun's quadrangle which illustrates the splendor of the Puuc style with its flat walls and decorated friezes. The Governor's Palace features over 20,000 stones and is one of the best examples of classic Mayan building. After the visit drive 1 hr. to Merida City named also the White City. Hotel check in.

At 16:00 depart for the city tour, visiting the Main Square of the city of Merida, capital of the State of Yucatán; walk through the Cathedral. Constructed in the 16th century, its sobriety recalls a fort. Then on to the Government Palace, where the murals of Fernando Pacheco explain the history of the region, inhabited by the Mayas when the Spaniards arrived. Continuing on to Paseo Montejo, along this avenue Spanish-French residences were constructed in the 1900's and at the end of this avenue is the monument to the Flag. Return to the hotel



Day 10

Pick up at 08.00 am. Chichen Itza site + Transfer to Cancun or Riviera Maya

(Mérida – Chichen Itza 129 km. 1.30 hrs. drive & Chichen Itza – Cancún 197 km. 2 hrs. drive)

Visit Chichen Itza with lunch + Drop off in Cancun or the Riviera Maya

Depart for the Chichen-Itza archaeological site. It is one of the new 7 wonders of the world. This place is known as the City of the Water Sorcerers, the imposing site of Chichen Itza was the most important city in Yucatan's northern lowlands, enjoying dominion over the surrounding areas and controlling the commerce of salt and other products. Buildings such as El Castillo are testimony to its past splendor. The Castillo is considered the masterpiece of Mayan architecture, due to its mathematic, astronomical and religious significance. The Ball Court of Chichen Itza is the biggest in the pre-Hispanic world. The observatory and the temple of the warriors make this archaeological site unique among all other Mayan sites.

After the visit, drive another 2 hrs. to Cancun, drop off at your selected hotel at Cancun or Riviera Maya

Day 11 Free day at Cancun

Day 12 Transfer out.

