

CHIAPAS-VILLA HERMOSA

4 days

Best Packages



DAY 1 Tuxtla Gutierrez Airport

Pickup + Sumidero Canyon Tour + Hotel Transfer to San Cristobal de las Casas
(68 kilometers, approximately 1 hour drive)

Meet and greet at Tuxtla Gutierrez airport, pickup service with our agent displaying a handheld sign listing passengers' names just beyond customs. Then, departure for the 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.

Note: In order to visit the Sumidero Canyon, flights must arrive at Tuxtla Gutierrez Airport by 1 p.m. at the latest. The national park closes at 4 p.m.

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DAY 2 Tour of San Juan Chamula, Zinacantan and San Cristobal de las Casas

(7 hr. tour)

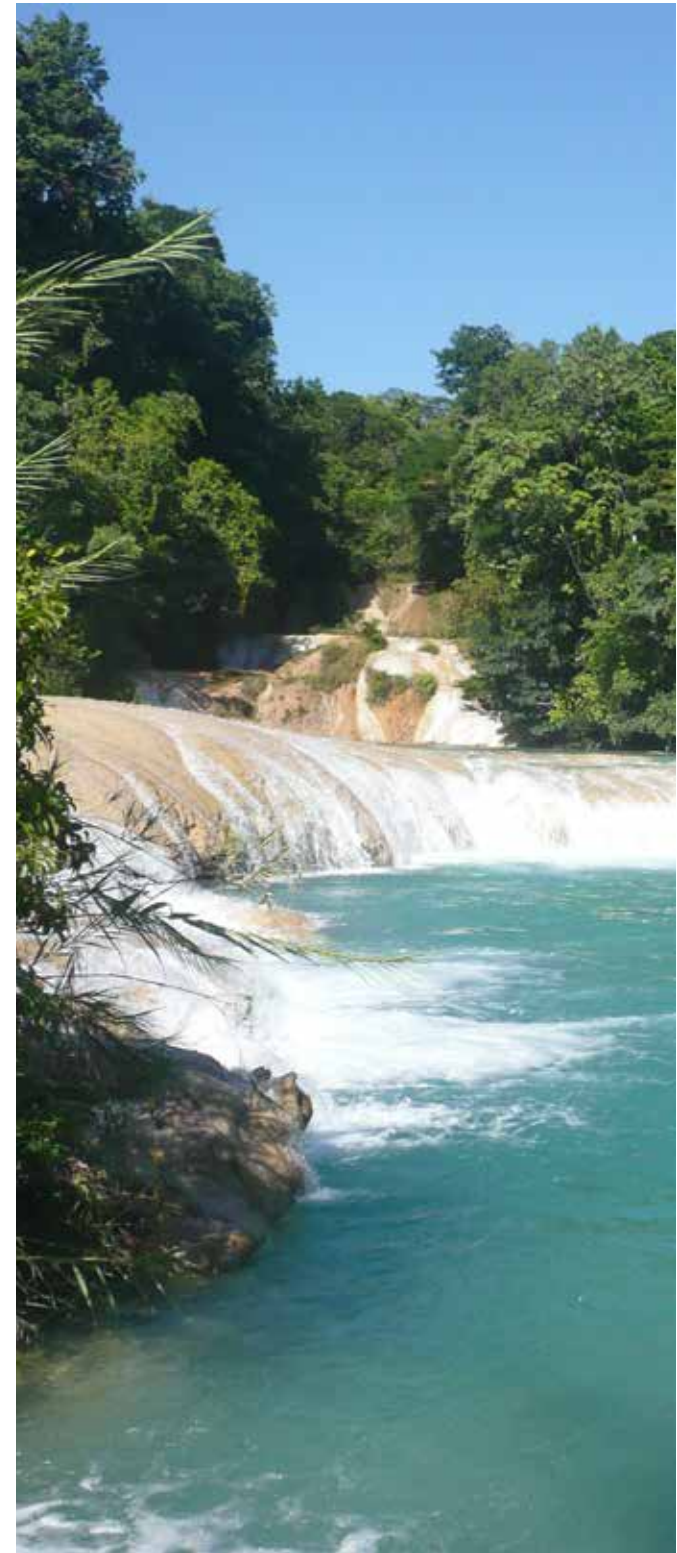
9:00 Departure to the Indian villages of San Juan Chamula and Zinacantan. San Juan Chamula, 10 km from San Cristobal de las Casas, is a town steeped in history, and yet also allows a look into the Mayas of today This is the largest Maya township in Chiapas with a population over 40,000 Tzotzil speakers, one of the 31 Mayan languages. This region is known for its agricultural and ceremonial lifestyles, which are a mixture of Catholic and Mayan 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. The road to the village of San Lorenzo Zinacantan is about 11 km. long. Zinacantán people are also Tzotzil Mayans and the predominant dress is in very distinctive costumes of pink and purple. Drive back to San Cristobal de las Casas.

At San Cristobal de Las Casas we shall visit the historical center including Zocalo (main plaza), the Cathedral, the Law Faculty, and other buildings rich in colonial architecture such as the Casa de las Artesanias, Casa de Cultura and the Arco del Carmen. The final part of the tour is the visit to the central market and Santo Domingo Church.

Day 3 Transfer to Palenque visiting Agua Azul Waterfalls and Misol

Ha Waterfalls + the Palenque Archaeological Site
(San Cristobal – Agua Azul 145 km. 3 hrs. drive & Agua Azul – Palenque 70 km. 1 hr. drive)

7:00 AM Early departure, breakfast will be en route or box lunch from the hotel. Drive to Agua Azul Falls and Misol Ha waterfalls. 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.



4. La Venta Museum Park at Villahermosa (145 km, approx. 2 hrs. drive)

Continue the tour to Villahermosa, capital of the State of Tabasco, in this city you will visit Museo Parque la Venta, La Venta archeological site was located on an Island in a swampy near the Golf of Mexico. Due to the construction of an oil refinery and an airport, big parts of this historical site were destroyed. The very impressive pieces found there have been moved to La Venta Park Museum in Villahermosa. The poet Carlos Pellicer Cámara initiated the foundation of this open-air Museum in 1952, 36 megalithic stone structures have been transported from La Venta archaeological site and have been erected here in the park in Villahermosa. The park museum is surrounded by a zoo, with local animals, such as spider monkey and Jaguars. After the visit of the park a walking tour at the historical center, and time free and return to Palenque town or drop off at Villahermosa hotel.

