



Discover Mexico

15 Days: Mexico City – Oaxaca – San Cristobal de las Casas – Palenque – Campeche –
Merida - Cancun

Itinerary:

DAY 01 MEXICO CITY | INC: -

Arrival in Mexico City. Reception at the Airport. Transfer to your Hotel. Rest of the day at leisure.

DAY 02: MEXICO CITY (City Tour) | INC: B.

Breakfast. Mexico City, one of the largest metropolitan areas in the world, is home to a wealth of history and beauty awaiting your discovery. We'll take you to the beautiful architectural monuments of the city, with elaborate styles and designs as unique as the times found represented in the historic city center. Visit the National Palace featuring beautiful murals painted by Diego Rivera (closed sometimes), Constitution Square (Central Plaza or "Zocalo") and the Metropolitan Cathedral.

Then we'll stop at an arts and crafts center followed by a tour of the Paseo de la Reforma. In addition to the main avenues, we'll

visit Chapultepec Park, one of the most important residential zones in the city.

DAY 03: MEXICO CITY (Tour to Guadalupe Shrine & Teotihuacan Pyramids) | INC: B

After breakfast, start with a visit to the incredible pyramids of Teotihuacan, "the place where the Gods were born," a place home to more than 2,500 years of history. This ceremonial center was vital in the development of textiles and natural fibers as well as the Obsidian Exchange. Visit the enigmatic archeological site, visiting the temples of "Quetzalpapalotl" (butterfly bird), the "Feathered Shells" and the Pyramid of the Moon, ending at the impressive Pyramid of the Sun.

Next we'll visit Guadalupe Shrine, Mexico's largest religious sanctuary that houses the venerated image in Mexico, the Virgin of Guadalupe. You will witness one of the most important religious and cultural expressions in Mexico as you visit the atrium and interior.

DAY 04: MEXICO CITY | INC: B

Breakfast. Day at leisure to enjoy the city, visit museums or take additional activities.

DAY 05: MEXICO CITY / (Tour to Puebla) / OAXACA | INC: B

Breakfast. Depart by land to visit first Santa Maria Tonantzintla, masterpiece of the Native baroque hand made church, the splendid Rosario chapel in Puebla, the Cathedral, the Main Plaza and the art and crafts market. Continue to Oaxaca. Arrival and accommodation.

DAY 06: OAXACA (Tour to Mitla, Tule & Montealban) | INC: B

Breakfast. In the morning visit to Monte Alban, archeological area built in top of a mountain. There are Olmec, Zapotec and Mixtec culture vestiges, Grand Plaza, the Observatory, the Steele of Dancers and the tomb number 7 (the latest discoveries). In the afternoon visit to Mitla, the city of the death. This is a beautiful place all made in grecas with a special symbolism to the death. See the largest Tule tree in America and visit the unique Oaxaca city, museum and Santo Domingo church and the Golden museum. Return to Oaxaca.

DAY 07: OAXACA / SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS | INC: B/L

Breakfast box and early departure to the sierra. By the mountain enjoy the landscape to arrive in Chiapa de Corzo and take a ride by the river into the Sumidero Canyon. Lunch included. Visit the fountain mudejar style and arrive in San Cristobal de las Casas. Accommodation.

DAY 08: SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS (Visit the Ancient Villages) | INC: B

Breakfast. Leave to visit the ancient villages of San Juan Chamula and Zinacantan. These small communities are very traditional and many of the villagers continue to follow ancient

religious practices within the Catholic churches. In the main church of Chamula, where a traditional Christian mass hasn't been held for 40 years, people sit on the pine needle covered floor and receive treatments from local shamans amid clouds of burning incense. Afternoon at leisure to walk by the cobblestone streets, see on your own the church of San Domingo and the Market place.

DAY 09: SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS / (Visit Agua Azul and Misolha Waterfalls) / PALENQUE | INC: B

After breakfast at your hotel transfer to Palenque, the Agua Azul and Misolha Waterfalls en route. Agua Azul is one of those places where the magic is real, and the real is magical. It is as if the aquamarine waters of the Caribbean had tunneled beneath the ground to burst forth in cascades amongst the rainforest. After descending from Tonina we will break our journey here and have time to explore and swim among this spectacular series of waterfalls. Refreshed and dried off, we will continue on to the secluded waterfall of Misol-Ha that cascades into a pool surrounded by tropical forest. Contact with nature is essential to an understanding of the Mayan world, for it was knowledge of the natural rhythms of life in the tropics, knowledge accumulated through centuries of village life, that underpinned the awesome power of the kings and spawned perhaps the greatest civilization of ancient America. Continue to Palenque for accommodation.

DAY 10: (Tour to Palenque) / CAMPECHE | INC: B

Breakfast. Today we will visit the archaeological site Palenque, considered one of the most beautiful sites in all Mexico. A UNESCO historical monument, Palenque is considered a world treasure. Ancient structures rise out of the lush rainforest on multiple terraces set against the mountains, many of them built by the great King Pacal in the 6th & 7th centuries AD. There are many major buildings to explore and new buildings are now being uncovered and studied. Many wonderful examples of Maya art and history are carved into the buildings' facades, some of them the most famous depictions from the ancient Maya world. Continue to Campeche for accommodation.

DAY 11: CAMPECHE / (Visit to Uxmal ruins) / MERIDA (City Tour Merida) | INC: B

After breakfast panoramic view of Campeche and continue to

In Chichen Itza you will also visit the Temple of the Thousand Columns, The Observatory, The Ball Court, other not at all less important buildings.

Then and after a long walk through the majestic Mayan city and new wonder of the world, you will enjoy a delicious Yucatecan food. After lunch we will transfer you to Cancun. Arrival, check in and accommodation.

visit Uxmal ruins, one of the most popular ancient mayan cities. "Uxmal" in maya means "three times built". Here the guide will explain in depth the Puuc architect style of buildings such as the Nun's Quadrangle, the Ball court, the Turtle House and the Governor Palace. This Puuc style stand as a highly decorative and detailed one. It own its name to the Puuc hills located in the region. The Governor Palace is the most famous structure in Uxmal because it is the best example of the Puuc Style. It had been renewed as the most beautiful building in Mesoamerica After lunch continue to Merida. Arrive and panoramic view of Merida, the white city. See the Montejo boulevard, the Patriots monument, the main plaza with the Cathedral and Palace of Government.

DAY 12: MERIDA / (Tour to Chichen Itza archeological park) / CANCUN | INC: B/L/D

Breakfast. Today we will pick you up early in the morning and drive 1.5 hrs southeast of the city of Merida to the ruins of the ancient Mayan city of Chichen Itza. The name of Chichen Itza comes from the Mayan words: Chi (Mouth), Chen (hole or well) and Itza (Itza people). All together, these Mayan words means "At the mouth of the Well of the Itza people". The visit will be leaded by an expert and knowledgeable guide, who will explain in detail about the beautiful architecture of the buildings and the way of living of the Mayan people.

Explore the main buildings of this ceremonial city standing as the masterpiece the Pyramid of Kukulcan, the largest and most important ceremonial building in the ancient city.

Walk over a "Sac beh" or white path used for ceremonial purposes to get to the Sacred Cenote, used for the worship of Chaac, the Mayan god of rain. This cenote was also considered by the Mayans as an entrance to the underworld.

DAY 13-14: CANCUN | INC: ALL INCLUSIVE PLAN

Warm white powdery sand beaches and turquoise crystal clear waters together with the famous Mexican hospitality make this a place like no other. Enjoy 2 full days at leisure!

DAY 15: CANCUN - END OF THE TOUR | INC: B

Breakfast. Check out and transfer to the airport.