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## The Heartland of Colonial Mexico in 11 Days

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Pyramids of Teotihuacan



### Day 1 • Mexico City Arrival

Assistance, meet and greet upon arrival in Mexico City by your personal tour guide. Private transportation to your selected hotel in Mexico City for registration. We suggest visiting the famous Museum of Anthropology. 3-Nights hotel accommodation in Mexico City.

### Day 2 • City Tour • Pyramids Teotihuacan (B)

09:00 Full day guided city tour of Mexico City and Teotihuacan. We visit the Zocalo, the Metropolitan Cathedral and proceed along the most important avenues. Transfer to selected restaurant. Optional lunch (not included). We continue to Teotihuacan a UNESCO World Heritage Site located in the outskirts of town. As your driver handles

driving, enjoy the scenery. We visit the famous pyramids of the Sun and the Moon. Your tour guide will lead you around the pre-Columbian Mesoamerican city (admission included). See highlights including the Temple of the Feathered Serpent, the Temple of Quetzalcoatl, the Avenue of the Dead, and the various pyramids. Climb the Sun and the Moon pyramids for views of the entire complex. Learn about the history of the City of the Gods. Leave the Aztec city for the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, a Spanish Baroque work of art dating back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century. Listen as your tour guide sheds light on the history and importance of one of Latin America's most visited religious shrines. Transportation back to your hotel in the afternoon. **Optional** cultural music night tour (not included): Transportation to the Garibaldi Square, where you will sing and dance to lively Mariachi bands. Transportation to your hotel.

### Day 3 • Excursion to Cuernavaca and Taxco (B/L)

08:00 pickup from your hotel. Full day guided group excursion SIC to visit legendary Taxco 178 km SW of Mexico City. Visit two of Mexico's hidden gems, Cuernavaca, the City of the Eternal Spring, located just 80 km from Mexico City and Taxco, a Spanish colonial silver-mining town. Cuernavaca is a beautiful small town, famous throughout Mexico for its benign climate, lovely buildings and lush vegetation. Sit

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San Miguel de Allende



### Day 3 • Excursion to Cuernavaca and Taxco (continuation)

Back and enjoy the scenery as we continue on to Taxco. This beautiful little town with its cobbled streets, shady squares and vibrant marketplaces known as the City of Silver. Observe the making of different silver alloys. After lunch, there will be plenty of time to explore the towns on your own. Transfer back to your hotel.

### Day 4 • Mexico City • San Miguel Allende (B)

08:30 pickup from your hotel lobby and private transportation to the central Mexico City bus terminal, assistance included. 10.00 Departure by regular first class coach to San Miguel 1,862 meters.

14.00 Assistance, meet and greet by your personal tour guide upon arrival. Private transfer to your selected hotel for registration. After checking in enjoy a private city tour. San Miguel is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. With superb restaurants, numerous galleries and workshops, a fantastic spring-like climate and a surfeit of cultural activities including regular festivals, fireworks and parades, this

town is a must stop for anyone traveling to the northern Mexican colonial heartland.

3-Nights hotel accommodation in San Miguel de Allende.

### Day 5 • Queretaro City Excursion (B/L)

09:00 pickup from the hotel by your English-speaking tour guide. Enjoy a seven-hour guided round-trip tour. The drive from San Miguel to Queretaro takes one-hour. Wandering through the delightful colonial heart of Querétaro with its shady squares, grand fountains and historic mansions, you would never guess that this is one of the fastest-growing cities in the northern hemisphere. The town's historic heart has lovely pedestrian streets, gorgeous plazas and historic churches. Sophisticated restaurants serve up quality cuisine and the many museums reflect Querétaro's important role in Mexican history. After a tasty lunch, we return to San Miguel.

### Day 6 • San Miguel de Allende (B)

Free day. Stroll on your own through the picturesque streets of San Miguel or sign up for a guided tour to Dolores de Hidalgo, to Mineral de Pozos or join our Artisan's Workshop Tour.

### Day 7 • San Miguel de Allende • Guanajuato (B)

09:00 pickup from the hotel by your English-speaking driver-guide. Transportation to Guanajuato for a guided city tour. The extraordinary city of Guanajuato is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

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Mexican Fiesta in Guanajuato



### Day 7 • Guanajuato (continuation)

To the region's rich silver and gold deposits. Opulent colonial buildings, stunning tree-filled plazas and brightly colored houses are crammed together on to the steep slopes of a narrow ravine where excellent museums, handsome theaters and a fine marketplace punctuate cobblestone streets. The city's main roads twist around the hillsides and plunge into long dank subterranean tunnels, formerly rivers. Transportation to hotel. Registration. 2-nights hotel stay in Guanajuato.

### Day 8 • Guanajuato (B)

Free day. Explore this beautiful city on your own or sign up for any of the following optional tours:

**Mines of Guanajuato Tour** (not included): We welcome anyone who is interested in learning more about mining, history and nature of the region. **Urban Walking Tour** (not included): Immerse yourself in the magnificent buildings constructed during the Guanajuato mining bonanza mainly in the eighteenth centuries. **Guanajuato Mountain Biking Tour** (not included): This exiting mountain biking trip goes through picturesque villages and a beautiful oak forest. **Bird Watching Tour** (not included): Bird watching in Guanajuato is unique opportunity to observe over 190 different species of birds living in the spectacular Sierra de Santa Rosa Mountain Range.

For a tasty lunch, we suggest visiting restaurant [www.casamercedes.com.mx](http://www.casamercedes.com.mx) or go the central market where many different food stalls sell delicious Mexican food at low prices.

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Guadalajara Main Plaza

### Day 9 • Guanajuato • Guadalajara (B)

After breakfast pickup from your hotel and private transportation to the Guanajuato, bus terminal. 09:30 departure by first class coach to Guadalajara. Assistance, meet and greet by your personal driver-guide upon arrival. Private transfer to your selected hotel for registration. 2-Nights hotel in Guadalajara.

### Day 10 • Guadalajara City Tour • Tlaquepaque (B)

09:00 pickup from your hotel for a guided group tour SIC to explore Guadalajara and Tlaquepaque. Discover the astounding architecture of Guadalajara and the provincial charm of Tlaquepaque on a five-hour sightseeing tour. Admire legendary landmarks and historical monuments in Guadalajara's colonial downtown, marveling at the majesty of the cathedral and the theater. Embrace the vibrant atmosphere of the grand market before journeying to the quaint, cobbled streets of Tlaquepaque to explore bespoke boutiques bursting with artisan treasures. Balance of the afternoon at leisure.

### Day 11 • Guadalajara Departure (B)

Pickup from your hotel by your personal driver. Private transportation to the Guadalajara Airport (GDL). Drop off at the main entrance.

### The Heartland of Colonial Mexico in 11 Days. Package Includes:

Weekly departures • 10-Nights hotel accommodation • Assistance, meet and greet as per program • Private transportation and first class group coach transportation SIC as per program • Private and guided group sightseeing tours SIC as per program • Local English-speaking guides • 12-Meals: (B) 10 Breakfasts and (L) 2 Lunches • Admissions, entrance fees and taxes • Local assistance

### High Season (December to April)

The driest months across most of Mexico, bringing winter escapees from colder countries. Christmas and Easter are Mexican holiday times, with transportation and coastal accommodations very busy.

### Shoulder Season (July and August)

Vacation time for many Mexicans and foreigners. Accommodations prices go up in some popular areas.

### Low Season (May, June and September to November)

May and June see peak temperatures in many areas.

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Mexico Colors

### Category Superior Tourist and First Class Hotels (Room Type)

3-Nights Mexico City • **Hotel Royal Reforma** (Standard) [www.hotelroyalreforma.com](http://www.hotelroyalreforma.com)

3-Nights San Miguel • **Mision San Miguel de Allende** (Standard) [www.hotelesmision.com.mx](http://www.hotelesmision.com.mx)

2-Nights Guanajuato • **Holiday Inn Express Guanajuato** (Standard) [www.hiexpress.com](http://www.hiexpress.com)

2-Nights Guadalajara • **NH Guadalajara Centro Histórico** (Standard) [www.nh-collection.com](http://www.nh-collection.com)

### Category Superior First Class and Deluxe Hotels (Room Type)

3-Nights Mexico City • **Hilton Mexico City Reforma** (Standard) [www.hilton.com](http://www.hilton.com)

3-Nights San Miguel Allende • **Hotel Hacienda El Santuario** (Standard) [www.haciendaelsantuario.com](http://www.haciendaelsantuario.com)

2-Nights in Guanajuato • **Edelmira Hotel Boutique** (Standard) [www.edelmirahotel.com](http://www.edelmirahotel.com)

2 Nights in Guadalajara • **Hotel Morales Historical** (Standard) [www.hotelmorales.com.mx](http://www.hotelmorales.com.mx)

### Not Included

International and domestic flights. Optional meals, optional services and optional entrance fees.

Travel and medical insurance. Tips for tour guides USD \$8 pp/day and drivers USD \$2 pp/day.

Prices in CAD and/or USD available upon request. Terms and conditions apply as per our website.

Group quotations upon request. Many other hotels in all categories are available upon request.

Optional: Design your trip your way.

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