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Mexico's pre Colombian Civilizations in 10 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. 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 16th century. Listen as your tour guide sheds light on the history and importance of one of Latin Americas most visited religious shrines. Transportation back to your hotel in the afternoon.

Optional cultural music tour (not included): After dinner, transportation to the Garibaldi Square, where you will sing and dance to lively Mariachi bands. Transportation back to the hotel.

Day 3 • Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo Museum • Xochimilco • Museum of Anthropology (B)

After breakfast, we drive to pre-Colonial Coyoacan. Walk along cobblestone streets to Casa Azul, former residence of Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera www.museofridakahlo.org.mx. We continue on to Xochimilco www.trajinerasxochimilco.com.mx an ecological reserve renowned for its colorful boats and music. The guide ensures you avoid the hassle of navigating to the site on your own. Optional lunch (not included). Transportation back to the city center to visit the world-renowned www.mna.inah.gob.mx Museum of

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Cenote Ek Balam, Yucatan



Day 3 • Museum of Anthropology (continuation)

Anthropology. Enjoy a guided tour through this marvelous learning center. Museum admission included. Transfer to your hotel in the afternoon.

Day 4 • Mexico City • Cancun • Ik Kil Cenote • Chichen Itza Citadel • Sounds and Light Show (B/L)

After breakfast, early transportation to the Mexico City Airport. Departure to Cancun. Assistance, meet and greet upon arrival by your personal tour guide. Private guided transportation towards Chichen Itza. On-route to the Mayan Pyramids we stop over at Cenote Ik Kil. Cenotes are complexes of sinkholes and caves in the Karst geological landscape of the Yucatán. The perfectly circular open sinkhole boasts a width of 196 feet (60 meters) and a depth

of about 130 feet (40 meters), making it one of the largest cenotes on the Yucatán Peninsula. Bring your swimsuit and dive into its refreshing water! Enjoy a traditional buffet lunch at the Ik Kil restaurant before continuing to Chichen Itza. Private guided tour of the sanctuary. Walk with your tour guide to monumental structures such as the Pyramid of Kukulcan, Aka El Castillo (The Castle), and learn about the significance of the ancient Maya architecture. Admission included. Transfer to selected hotel for registration. After sunset, transportation back to Chichen Itza to experience the famous sounds and light Show. 1-Night hotel accommodation in Chichen Itza.

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Izamal, Yucatan

Day 5 • Chichen Itza • Colonial Izamal • Merida (B/L)

After breakfast, departure to Izamal, the City of Three Cultures or City of Hills. The Mayas founded Izamal as kingdom of the Itzaes, creating a sacred city and sanctuary in the Yucatan Peninsula. Admire the great Franciscan Convent of San Antonio de Padua, the most important reminder of the Spanish Conquest and domination of the New World and the initiation of the Maya to Catholicism. Learn from local natives, how to make traditional Mayan bread and try doing one yourself. After a tasty Yucatan lunch, we continue to Merida. Enjoy the best of Merida, founded by the Spanish Francisco de Montejo as you travel aboard a private bus and see its main landmarks. The tour starts at a central location from where we will head to visit the main sights. See the Cathedral, located in the main square, which is also Casa de Montejo, pass by the Government Palace and visit the Town Hall. Learn all about the white city of Merida as you drive through its main avenue Paseo de Montejo, which has its colonial buildings like the Palace and Canton, a beautiful monument to the country. Transfer to your selected hotel.

2-Nights hotel accommodation in Merida.

Day 6 • Merida • Ruta Puuc • Kabah • Uxmal • Merida (B/L)

Full day excursion. Depart from your Merida hotel in an air-conditioned bus to the first stop on your archeological adventure. Arrive at Kabah, a prosperous Mayan city that flourished around the year 800 AD, to discover more about the renowned Puuc architectural style. Follow your guide to a selection of noteworthy structures and listen as he explains the historical and cultural significance of their features. Admire Kabah's picturesque Palace and marvel at the impressive façade of the Palace of the Masks, famed for its 250 strong compilation of rain god depictions. Gaze at magnificent monuments of prominent Mayan figures as your guide directs your attention to the intricate stone carvings of the

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Coba Ruins, Ruta Puuc Yucatan



Day 6 • Kabah • Uxmal • Merida (continuation)

Statues. Wander beneath the dramatic Arch of Kabal as your guide leads you down the ancient and ambient path that connects Kabah to Uxmal. Return to your bus for the short drive to the UNESCO World Heritage site of Uxmal to enjoy a 3-hour exploration of the ancient Mayan city. Continue your cultural enlightenment with a visit to the Choco Story Museum, an enticing gallery in which the history and importance of cocoa is explained; gain insight into the cultivation and collection of cocoa before awakening your senses to the gorgeous sights and smells of Hacienda Uxmal

Hotel's botanical garden. Dine on a delicious lunch of regional and international specialties before relaxing on the return-trip to your Merida hotel. Ask your tour guide for the best restaurants in town!

Day 7 • Merida • Rio Lagartos Boat Tour • Cenote Ek Balam • Playa Del Carmen (B/L/All-Inclusive)

Early departure to Rio Lagartos. Explore the natural treasures of the Yucatan Peninsula, including a UNESCO-listed Biosphere Reserve. Bird lovers will delight in the birdlife. Ride on a motor boat around the wetlands of Rio Lagartos. Look for pink flamingos and salt-water crocodiles. Marvel at the vivid pink hues of Las Coloradas. Enjoy a fresh seafood lunch before continuing to the cenote at Ek Balam. Free time for swimming. We continue to Playa del Carmen. Hotel registration and dinner (all-inclusive). 3-nights all-inclusive beach resort accommodation on the Riviera Maya.

Day 8 • Tulum Castle of the Sea (All-Inclusive)

Free morning. After lunch, we visit Tulum the Mayan castle on the sea www.tulumruins.net Private guided tour of the Mayan sanctuary. Bring your swimsuit! Transfer back to the hotel in the afternoon.

Day 9 • Riviera Maya Beach (All-Inclusive)

Free day. Optional excursion to **Xcaret** www.xcaret.com

Description: Immerse yourself in the natural splendor of Xcaret Natural Park on a captivating full-day tour from Playa del Carmen. Naturalists and history enthusiasts are sure to adore the fascinating fauna and historical ruins of this enthralling eco-archeological site. Swim in the crystal-clear waters of a lagoon Discover the birds, butterflies and beasts of the wild at an underground river; visit ancient archeological Sites; then watch the sky burst into explosive color during an extravagant night show. As the sun begins

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Playa Del Carmen, Quintana Roo

Day 9 • Riviera Maya Beach (continuation)

To set, either return to your Playa del Carmen hotel or stay for the sparkling spectacle of the Xcaret Mexico Espectacular, an exuberant show in which over 300 performers depict Mexican and Mayan history throughout the ages. Admire traditional costumes and vivacious dances during this experience.

Day 10 • Playa Del Carmen • Cancun Airport (All-Inclusive)

Pickup from the hotel lobby. Transportation to the Cancun Airport (driver only). Departure from Cancun.

Mexico's Pre Colombian Civilizations in 10 Days. Our Program Includes:

9-Nights hotel accommodation • Assistance, meet and greet • Private transportation • Private and regular guided tours as per program • Motorboat group excursion to Colorado Sanctuary SIC • Local English-speaking tour guides • 18-Meals included: (B) 9 Breakfasts, (L) 6 Lunches & (D) 3 Dinners • Admissions, fees and taxes • Local assistance by Amigo Vacations Mexico.

Hotel Category STC. Superior Tourist and First Class.

3-Nights Mexico City • **Hotel Royal Reforma** www.hotelroyalreforma.com

1-Night Chichen Itza Yucatan • **Hotel Chichen Itza** www.mayaland.com

2-Nights Merida Yucatan • **Hotel Mision Merida** www.hotelesmision.com.mx

3-Nights Playa del Carmen, Riviera Maya • **Hotel Tukan & Beach Club** www.tukanhotels.com

Hotel Category SFX. Superior First Class and Deluxe.

3-Nights Mexico City • **Hilton Mexico City Reforma** www.hilton.com

1-Night Chichen Itza Yucatan • **Hotel Mayaland** www.mayaland.com

2-Nights Merida Yucatan • **Fiesta Americana Merida** www.fiestamericana.com

3-Nights Playa del Carmen, Riviera Maya • **Ocean Maya Royale** (Adult Resort) www.oceanhotels.net

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