

## TRIP DETAILS

9 days / 8 nts - Mexico

Departures Daily

Trip Ref 2429

## ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Mexico City 3nts

Teotihuacan Pyramids

Guadalupe Shrine

San Cristobal de las Casas 2nts

San Juan Chamela and Zinacatan

Agua Azul Waterfalls Palenque 1nt

Uxmal and Kabah

Merida 2nts



PRICES FROM \$1,376

## Mayan Ruins of Chiapas and Merida

This archaeological trip takes you through the center of the city, visiting the Cathedral, the National Palace and the Palace of Fine Arts. Visit the Anthropology Museum, get to know the fantastic archaeological site of Teotihuacan and visit the Guadalupe Shrine. Fly to Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas capital city and drive through Chiapa de Corzo to San Cristobal de las Casas. Visit this beautiful city and make a day trip to San Juan Chamela and Zinacatan. Next, drive to Palenque making a stop at the Agua Azul waterfalls. Visit this magnificent archaeological zone and drive to Merida through Villahermosa. Make a day trip to the archaeological zones of Uxmal and Kabah and Chichen Itza.

### Day 1: Arrive in Mexico

Arrival to Mexico City International airport. Reception and transfer to the hotel of your preference.

### Day 2: Mexico City - Cathedral - National Palace

Morning city sightseeing half day guided visit including the most important buildings in the historical centre located around the "The Zocalo", the Cathedral, National Palace, to admire the famous murals of Diego Rivera. Continue to the modern part of the City, ending at the Anthropology Museum (closed on Mondays), one of the World's 10 best museums. Return to your hotel. B

### Day 3: Mexico City - Teotihuacan Pyramids



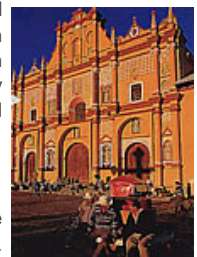
Morning guided excursion to the famous Teotihuacan Pyramids, five hours excursion starting with a visit to the Virgen De Guadalupe Shrine, place of peregrination of millions of Mexicans and around the world people. Return to your hotel. B

### Day 4: Mexico City - Tuxtla Gutierrez - San Cristobal

Leave Mexico, transfer to airport. Arrival Tuxtla Gutierrez. Reception at airport, state capital located in a warm and fertile valley 12 kilometers to the left of Grijalva River, it is a modern and quiet city. Its tropical environment encourages the growth of palm trees and flamboyant, which can be seen in its parks and plazas. Reception at airport and interesting stop through Chiapa de Corzo, founded in 1428 on the riverside of the Grijalva. In its plaza, surrounded by beautiful arcades, there is an exceptional brick colonial building: the Fountain of the Royal Crown, with an octagonal floor it evokes the profile of the royal crown. Continue to an exciting boat ride through Sumidero Canyon, a natural geological wonder formed by the waters of the Grijalva River. Continue to San Cristobal de las Casas. It was formerly the state's capital and used to be called Ciudad Real. B, L

### Day 5: San Cristobal De Las Casas

Walking tour including: the baroque Cathedral with a magnificent altarpiece and valuable paintings. The fine old Salomon styled Santo Domingo convent houses the Regional Museum and the Altos Cultural Center. Leave San Cristobal de las Casas for a visit to the Indian communities of San Juan Chamela and Zinacantan. These Indian towns allow us to observe traditional everyday life of its inhabitants. The atmosphere of its churches is particularly interesting as they illustrate the mixture of Indian and Christian religious customs. At afternoon return to San Cristobal de las Casas. B, L



### Day 6: San Cristobal De Las Casas – Agua Azul – Palenque

Leave San Cristobal de las Casas to the impressive and beautiful waterfalls situated among lush vegetation. The waters descend through hills, in a rapid succession of falls and pools of deep blue-turquoise. Continue to Palenque. Accommodation at hotel selected. B, BL

**Day 7: Palenque – Villahermosa – Merida**



Palenque, located on a natural balcony which opens up to the extraordinary jungle plains, this ancient Mayan city reached its peak from the sixth to the eighth centuries A.D. the most notable buildings are: the Temple of the Inscriptions, a majestic pyramid with a secret crypt; the fabulous royal tomb. Continue to Villahermosa, drop off at airport. Upon arrival in Merida reception at the airport and transfer to your hotel. B, L

**Day 8: Merida**

Excursion to the archaeological site of Uxmal, its architecture is considering one of the masterpieces of the old civilization. Then, visit the small but very interesting archaeological site of Kabah. Return to Merida. B, L

**Day 9: Merida - Cancun**

Today will be a fascinating day! Excursion to Chichen Itza, one of the largest and best-maintained sites in Mexico, a joy to visit! The visit included the most prominent buildings, like the Castillo, the Ball Court the Observatory, the Temple of the Warriors and the Nunnery. Departure to Cancun for a four hour bus ride to your hotel. B, L

Key: B: breakfast, L: lunch, BL: Box Lunch, D: dinner

**Price per person in USD dollars**

2009	Single	Double	Triple
5* hotels	\$2,144	\$1,625	\$1,556
4* hotels	\$1,733	\$1,411	\$1,384
3* hotels	\$1,495	\$1,268	\$1,229

Prices valid until Dec 15, 2009. Service charge apply from Dec 21 - Jan 06

2010	Single	Double	Triple
5* hotels	\$2,039	\$1,473	\$1,368
4* hotels	\$1,588	\$1,260	\$1,211
3* hotels	\$1,359	\$1,121	\$1,088

Prices valid until Dec 15, 2010. Service charge apply from Dec 21 - Jan 06  
Rates subject to change, without notice. Regular package (Min 2 people)

**Price includes:**

Welcome and transfer from airport upon arrival. Entrance fees on sightseeing, tours. Accommodations as noted in day-by-day itinerary (specific properties may be replaced others of same quality). Transfers and Meals as per detailed in itinerary. Official English / Spanish speaking local guide on tours.

**Price does not include:**


Accommodation in Cancun. Transfer out. International and domestic flights. International and domestic airport departure taxes. Meals not mentioned in the itinerary. Optional activities. Personal expenses (laundry, beverages, communications, etc).

**Notes:**

San Cristobal excursion to Chiapas is in SIB basis; you must arrive on a flight before noon (13:00 Hrs).  
Children up to 3 years old free of charge (without meals) when sharing room with parents and do not use seat.

**Local flights needed:**

Mexico - Tuxtla Gutierrez  
Villahermosa - Merida

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