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TRIP DETAILS

11 days / 10 nts - Mexico

Departures Daily

Trip Ref 2947

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

Mexico City

Puebla

Oaxaca

Tuxtla Gutierrez

San Cristobal

Palenque

Campeche

Merida

drop off Cancun



PRICES FROM \$1,631

Viva Mexico

Day 1: Arrival in Mexico (Monday)

Arrival to Mexico City International airport, reception and transfer to the hotel. Overnight at the hotel Plaza Florencia or Casa Blanca.

Day 2: Mexico City (Historical Center And Anthropology Museum, half-day tour)

The tour starts in the historical Center of Mexico City, visit "The Zocalo", the Cathedral, National Palace and the Palace of Fine Arts. Drive along the Reforma Avenue to Chapultepec Park, to the residential area of the City, to get a complete impression of one of the biggest cities in the World. Visit the Anthropology Museum, one of the World's 10 best museums. A guided tour for a general overview of the Pre-Hispanic history of Meso-America. Return to your hotel and rest of the day at leisure. B



Day 3: Mexico City (Shrine of Guadalupe and Pyramids of Teotihuacan, half day tour)

We will start with a stop at the Shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe, place of pilgrimage of millions of Mexicans and people from all around the world. Continue north of the city to the Pyramids in Teotihuacan, where we will visit the temple of Quetzalcoatl, the Citadel, the Avenue of the Dead and the amazing Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon. Free time – for those who like to climb to the top of the Pyramids (on their own risk!). Return to your hotel and rest of the day at leisure. B

Day 4: Mexico City - Puebla - Oaxaca (departure day must be Thursday)

Leave Mexico City to Puebla, the City of Angels, visit Santa Maria Tonantzintla, temple gorgeously decorated by indigenous hands. In Puebla we will visit the Rosary Chapel, the Cathedral, the Main Square and historical downtown. Lunch included. Continue to Oaxaca. Overnight at the hotel Fortin Plaza, Mision de los Angeles or Casa Conzatti. B, L

Day 5: Oaxaca - Monte Alban - Mitla - Tule

Visit Monte Alban, built on a mountaintop flattened by the Zapotecs. We will find different culture manifestations such as Olmecs, Mixtecs and Zapotecs. We will continue to Mitla, one of the most enigmatic sacred places. The village had a great importance as a burial site. In route we will find the Tule tree, perhaps one of the biggest living beings in the world. Return to Oaxaca and visit its beautiful city, including the Cathedral, the Magnificent Santo Domingo church and gold museum. Overnight. B

Day 6: Oaxaca - Sumidero Canyon - San Cristobal

Breakfast on route. Early morning, departure to Tuxtla Gutierrez, capital city of the state of Chiapas. You will enjoy the landscapes of the southern mountains. Lunch included on route. Boat ride through the Sumidero Canyon, with 1000 meters at its highest point. Passing through Chiapa de Corzo on our way to San Cristobal de las Casas. Overnight at hotel Casa Mexicana, Diego de Mariegos or Mansion del Valle. B, L

Day 7: San Cristobal De Las Casas - Native Communities

Visit to San Juan Chamula and Zinacantan, typical native towns, where people still keep their traditions, language, customs, beliefs as well as their social structures, the church temple, housing and clothing are very original. Afternoon free. We recommend you to visit this beautiful city, the market, the cathedral and the Jade museum. Overnight. B

Day 8: San Cristobal De Las Casas - Agua Azul – Palenque

We will leave to Agua Azul waterfalls to admire their turquoise colored waters, possibility of swimming if time permits it. Afterwards we will continue to Palenque. Dinner and overnight at the hotel Ciudad Real, Mision or Maya Tulipan. B, D

Day 9: Palenque - Campeche

Visit to the archaeological zone of Palenque, surrounded by jungle and one of the prime and most important sites of the Mayan World. Inside the pyramid of the Inscriptions, King Pakal's sarcophagus and its fascinating carved gravestone were found. We head for the coastal town of Campeche, where the Spanish first set foot on Mexican soil. Campeche's prosperity as a thriving port town made it a frequent target for attacks by English, French and Dutch pirates. Following the worst attack, in 1663, substantial defensive walls were built around the town. Panoramic view thru the city. Dinner and overnight at hotel Plaza Campeche, Del Mar, Plaza Colonial or Baluartes. B, D

Day 10: Campeche - Uxmal - Merida

Departure to Uxmal "Three times built! To know the Guesser Pyramids, the Quadrangle of the Nuns, Governor's palace and the ballgame court. Lunch included. Continue to Merida, "The white city" to enjoy a panoramic view of Montejo avenue, the monument to Motherland, the main square, the cathedral and government palace. Overnight at hotel El Castellano or El Conquistador. B, L

Day 11: Merida - Chichen Itza - Cancun

For many, today's guided excursion will be the highlight of the tour. Chichen Itza is undoubtedly the best-preserved Maya site on the peninsula, and recently declared one of the New Seven Wonders of the modern world. The ruins were built with such knowledge of cosmology and mathematics that astound scholars from around the world. Lunch included. Continue to Cancun, with wonderful talcum powdered turquoise beaches. Drop off at hotel of your choice, accommodation not included. B, L

Key: B: Breakfast, L: Lunch, D: Dinner

Price per person in USD dollars

| 2009 | Single | Double | Triple |
|-----------|---------|---------|---------|
| Hotels 4* | \$1,913 | \$1,496 | \$1,457 |

Prices valid until Dec. 15, 2009

| 2010 | Single | Double | Triple |
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| Hotels 4* | \$1,864 | \$1,465 | \$1,427 |

Prices valid until Dec. 15, 2010

Rates subject to change, without notice. Regular package (Min 2)

Hotels: 4 *

Mexico City: Plaza Florencia, or Casa Blanca / 3 nights

Oaxaca: Casa Conzatti, Misión de los Angeles or Fortín Plaza / 2 nights

San Cristobal de las Casas: Casa Mexicana, Diego de Mazariegos or Mansion del Valle / 2 nights

Palenque: Ciudad Real, Mision Palenque or Maya Tulipanes / 1 night

Campeche: Del Mar or Plaza Campeche / 1 night

Mérida: El Conquistador or El Castellano / 1 night

The above prices include:

Service transfers and excursions according to the itinerary, based on shared services.

10 nights accommodation in the suggested or similar hotels in standard rooms.

Bilingual (English-Spanish) local guides or driver-guide on tours.

Tickets to museums and archaeological sites mentioned in the itinerary.

10 breakfast buffet or American.

4 lunch (fixed menu), and 2 dinner (fixed menu) as mentioned in the itinerary.

Tips to waiters and taxes included.

Prices do not include:

Accommodation in Cancun or Playa del Carmen.

Moving out from hotels in Cancun or Playa del Carmen, to the airport in Cancun (transfer out).

Services, food and drinks not mentioned.

Personal expenses.

Tips to bellboys and maids in the hotels.

Personal extras/expenses in hotels.

Airfares.

Tips to guide and / or bus operators

Operation / Departures:

Monday (All year)

Monday and Friday (July & August)

Important:

Depending on the number of passengers, transport will be provided in shared service, based on a van (for up to 9 pax) or a sprinter (for up to 12 pax) or a bus (for up to 40 pax).

