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TRIP DETAILS
11 days / 10 nts - Mexico

Departures Daily
Trip Ref 2947

ITINERARY IN BRIEF

PRICES FROM $1,607

Viva Mexico

Day 1: Arrival in Mexico (Monday)
Arrival to Mexico City International airport, reception and transfer to the hotel. Overnight in Mexico City.

Day 2: Mexico City / City tour & Anthropology Museum
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. Overnight in Mexico City.

(Included meals: Breakfast)

Day 3: Mexico City /Shrine of Guadalupe & Teotihuacan
We will start with a stop at the Shrine to Our Lady of Guadalupe, place of peregrination 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). Return to your hotel and rest of the day at leisure. Overnight in Mexico City.

(Included meals: Breakfast)

Day 4: Mexico City - Puebla - Oaxaca (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 in Oaxaca.

(Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch)

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 on 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 in Oaxaca.

(Included meals: Breakfast)

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 in San Cristobal de las Casas.

(Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch).

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, believes 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 in San Cristobal de las Casas.

(Included meals: Breakfast)

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. Overnight in Palenque.

(Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner)

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. Overnight in Campeche.

(Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner)

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 in Merida.

(Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch)

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 your hotel. (hotel not included/arrival in Cancun around 8 pm).

(Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch)

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
Hotels 4*	$1,864	$1,465	$1,427

Prices valid until Dec. 15, 2010
Rates subject to change, without notice. Regular package (Min 2)

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.
10 breakfast buffet or American, 4 lunch (fixed menu), and 2 dinner (fixed menu).
Tickets to museums and archaeological sites mentioned in the itinerary.
Bilingual (English-Spanish) local guides or driver-guide on tours.
Tips to waiters and taxes included.

Prices do not include:
Moving out from hotels in Cancun or Playa del Carmen, to the airport in Cancun (transfer out).
Accommodation in Cancun or Playa del Carmen.
Services, food and drinks not mentioned.
Tips to bellboys and maids in the hotels.
Tips to guide and / or bus operators.
Personal extras/expenses in hotels.
Personal expenses.
Airfares.

Hotels: 4 *
Mexico City: Hampton Inn / Holiday Inn Zocalo / 3 nights
Oaxaca: Fortin Plaza / Mision de los Angeles / Casa Conzatti / 2 nights

San Cristobal: Casa Mexicana / Diego de Mazariegos / Mansion del Valle / 2 nights
Palenque: Ciudad Real / Mision Palenque / Villa Mercedes/ 1 night
Campeche: Plaza Campeche / Del Mar / 1 night
Merida: El Conquistador / El Castellano / Gran Real Yucatan / 1 night
Or similar

Notes:
- Prices in USDollars, minimum 2 passenger/s.
- A supplement will apply for solo travellers.
- Official English / Spanish speaking local guide on tours.
- Triple rooms with 2 beds only, hotels don´t guarantee 3 beds.
- Specific properties may be replaced for others of same quality.
- Check in at hotels is normally at 3pm. Check out at 12.00 (noon)
- The order of the itinerary may be altered according to flight schedules.
- All prices may vary on special holidays, Easter week and/or long Weekends.
- Services in shared basis (SIB) are only available from 7 am to 8 pm. Arrivals and departures out of this schedule will require private services.
- The itineraries are planned with great care, although, for operational and/or weather reasons, it may be necessary to change the sequence of activities in the itinerary or the specified route and visits, and though such cases are exceptional, in general the itinerary should be treated only as a basic guideline.
- Category of hotels is based on standards of the country (only to be used as a guide). One star being the most limited of services and, five stars having superior amenities and closer to international standards.
- Depending on the number of passengers, transport will be provided in shared service, based on a van (up to 9 pax) or a sprinter (up to 12 pax) or a bus (up to 40 pax). For operational reasons the Chichen Itza tour (with drop off in Cancun) might be operated in a bus.

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