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TRIP DETAILS

6 days / 5 nts - Mexico

Departures Daily

Trip Ref 3559

ITINERARY IN BRIEF



PRICES FROM \$988

Colonial Heritage

Day 1: Mexico City - Morelia - Patzcuaro (must be Sunday)

Departure from Mexico City to Morelia, beautiful city founded in 1541 by Viceroy Antonio de Mendoza, with the name of Valladolid. In 1828 its name was changed to Morelia, to honor Don Jose Maria Morelos y Pavon, hero of the Mexican independence. Morelia is known as the aristocrat of the colonial cities. Fine sculptured churches, a colorful plaza and numerous arcades, make this visit worthwhile. Continuation of the trip to arrive in Patzcuaro. Overnight.

(Included meals: NA)



Day 2: Patzcuaro - Guadalajara

Breakfast at the hotel. Morning visit of Patzcuaro, which means "place of stones", tiny fishing town where you will visit the the house of the eleven patios, the main plaza and the Basilica de la Salud. It is the oldest city of Purepechas, who up to date still observes their indigenous customs and speaks their dialects. Depart to Guadalajara, Mexico's second largest city and home of the famous tequila drink. Overnight.



(Included meals: Breakfast)

Day 3: Guadalajara / Tequila - Tlaquepaque

Breakfast at the hotel. Over the way to Tequila, we have a lovely view of maguey plantation. It is called Tequila Weber Blue Agave, because of its gray color, and it is the raw material for the national drink tequila. At Tequila town, we will visit the Hacienda San Jose del Refugio and we will learn about the modern process for making tequila in a new distillery. We will have the opportunity to taste the tequila. We will continue to the pottery village of Tlaquepaque, probably Mexico is largest and most important arts and crafts center, hosting wares from all over the country. At present days Tlaquepaque is still rich with local tradition and art. It attracts many of Jalisco is more talented artists, and has a reputation for the quality and diversity of its wares. Many summer homes have been converted into shops, which house various crafts, art and restaurants. The heart of Tlaquepaque is El Parian, a popular place to relax for people wishing to people watch or simply sit and watch the world go by, enjoying he steady pace of life in this small town. Lunch is included in a typical local restaurant. Return to Guadalajara. Overnight.

(Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch)



Day 4: Guadalajara - Guanajuato

Breakfast at the hotel. In the morning, sightseeing tour of the city, which includes the huge twin-towered cathedral surrounded by attractive plazas, the government palace, Degollado theater and Hospicio Cabañas. Guadalajara as it is now, first arose in 1560 after two failed attempts of raising the city in two other areas. It is the capital of Jalisco State, Western Mexico. The city itself is filled with numerous museums, historical buildings, galleries and outstanding restaurants.



We will continue our trip to Guanajuato. The town presents a highly unusual appearance, with its winding lanes, its plazuelas shaded by Indian laurels, its large variety of decorative style and, above all, its curious underground avenue that lies along the bottom of a ravine hollowed out by a torrent, the waters of which are now held back by a dam.

(Included meals: Breakfast)

Day 5: Guanajuato - San Miguel de Allende

Breakfast at the hotel. This visit, mainly on foot, includes the Hidalgo market, Juarez Theater, the university, the alley of the kiss and the monument of El Pipila, a hero of the Independence. The city is an authentic jewel among the colonial cities, was once an important mining center, which derived great wealth from its abundant silver deposits. After visit, we will depart to San Miguel de Allende. Overnight.

(Included meals: Breakfast)

Day 6: San Miguel de Allende - Queretaro - Mexico City

Breakfast at the hotel. Walking tour of the town San Miguel de Allende, taking you past by the famous church with pink, sugar-candy pointed towers of the parroquia dominating the building. These bizarre towers were designed by an untutored Indian, Zeferino Gutierrez in the late 19th century. In the main chapel is the much revered image of the Cristo de la Conquista, made by Indians in Patzcuaro from cornstalks and orchid bulbs in about the 16th century.



We will continue to Queretaro, attractive city which has been declared a national monument. It is situated at the bottom of a basin surrounded by hills from where you have some excellent views. Continuation of the trip to arrive in Mexico City. Drop of at hotel (not included).

(Included meals: Breakfast)

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Includes:

Welcome and transfer from airport upon arrival. Entrance fees on sightseeing, tours. Accommodations, transfers, meals and tour as noted in day-by-day itinerary. Official English / Spanish speaking local guide on tours. Services in group basis unless indicated otherwise.

Does not include:

Services in Mexico City. International and domestic airport departure taxes. Meals not mentioned in the itinerary. Optional activities. Personal expenses (laundry, beverages, communications, etc).

Local flights:

Not required.

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'll be provided in shared based on a van (up to 9 pax) , a sprinter (up to 12 pax) or a bus (up to 40 pax).
- Remember to contact directly the embassy or nearest consulate to reconfirm this and if there is any other special requirement to enter the country (ies).

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