



# Colonial Mexico

Sample Itinerary



The Alley of the Kiss



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*Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon*

### **Day 1 • Departure/Mexico City**

Our journey begins as we board our flight bound for Mexico City. Upon arrival we meet our tour guide and motor coach and transfer into the city. Located in a dry lake bed (elevation 7,400 feet) and surrounded by towering mountains, this is the oldest continuously inhabited city in the Western Hemisphere. We take a city tour which includes the **Zócalo**, the **Presidential Palace**, and the **Metropolitan Cathedral**. **D**

### **Day 2 • Mexico City**

Today we learn more about this unique and richly diverse city, whose origin dates back to 1325 when Aztecs chose to settle here. Legend says their gods ordered them to settle where they saw an eagle perched on a cactus devouring a serpent. We also visit the **Museum of Anthropology**, the **Shrine of Guadalupe**, and **Teotihuacan**. The sacred city and ceremonial center of Teotihuacan was once populated by 100,000 people and is home to the immense **Pyramid of the Sun** at 206 feet high, it is one of the best preserved archeological sites in the country. **B/D**

### **Day 3 • San Miguel de Allende**

We depart this morning for **Queretaro**, named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. As we walk along



*San Miguel de Allende*

Queretaro's cobblestone streets, we discover **Teatro de la Republica**, **Corregidora's House** and the **Aqueduct**. We then continue on to romantic **San Miguel de Allende** where we experience first-hand why San Miguel is one of the most appealing cities in Mexico. **B/D**

### **Day 4 • San Miguel de Allende**

After breakfast we embark on a full day excursion to **Guanajuato**, home of the renowned International Cervantes Festival. We explore Mexican history at the **Alhondiga de Granaditas** and the **Monumento al Pipila**, buildings which take us back to the time of the Mexican Independence movement. We can have our picture taken at **Callejon del Beso** (Alley of the Kiss) and walk through the underground tunnels of this beautiful city. **B/D**

### **Day 5 • Guadalajara**

We drive to **Guadalajara** today, one of the three most important cities in Mexico and home to some of the nation's most important cultural symbols: Maricahi, Tequila, "Sombreros" and Mexican Rodeos. We visit the historic center of Guadalajara with its landmarks: the **Cathedral**, the **Degollado Theater** and the **Regional Museum**. **B/D**



*Los Arcos (Aqueduct) in Queretaro*



*Assorted Mexican food dish*

*Blue Agave plants*



### **Day 6 • Guadalajara**

We start our day with a visit to nearby **San Pedro Tlaquepaque**, a center for the production of ceramics, glass, jewelry and many other crafts. Next we make an excursion to the town of **Tequila**, where the quintessentially Mexican liquor is produced. Along the way we see large fields of the cactus-like, blue agave plant, the main ingredient in Tequila. We visit a distillery, but –sorry! – no sampling allowed. **B/D**

### **Day 7 • Patzcuaro**

Early this morning we depart for Patzcuaro in the state of Michoacan. Patzcuaro is proud of its fine architecture and its rich indigenous culture. We take a walking tour of the town, which includes **Gertrudis Bocanegra Plaza**, the **House of the Eleven Patios** and **Vasco de Quiroga Plaza**. We also have time to visit some of the small lakeside villages around lovely **Lago de Patzcuaro**. **B/D**.

### **Day 8 • Mexico City**

We return to Mexico City today. En route we visit **Santa Clara del Cobre**, a small town renowned for its copper crafts. We also stop in the capital city of Michoacan, Morelia, which is home to many examples of beautiful, pink-stoned Colonial architecture. Of particular interest are the **Cathedral** and the **Government**



**Palace**. We also visit the **Mercado del Dulce**, where we will find nothing but candies! Arriving in Mexico City for the evening, we enjoy a farewell dinner. **B/D**

### **Day 9 • Return**

We transfer to the Mexico City airport and board our homebound flight. We return with lasting memories of colonial cities, ancient cultures, and a wealth of new friends! *Adiós Mexico!* **B**

#### **Abbreviations for Meals**

**B**=Breakfast **D**=Dinner

*Callejon del Romance (Romance Alley), Morelia*



*Mayan wooden handcrafted masks in a traditional Mexican market*

Prices vary according to season, group size, and customization of each tour.  
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### **Included**

#### **Transportation**

- Private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach

#### **Accommodations**

- Youth hostels and multi-bedded tourist class hotels

#### **Meals**

- As indicated in itinerary

#### **Sightseeing**

- Admission to all activities as indicated in itinerary

#### **Tour Guides**

- Teacher serves as tour leader (Professional tour director can be added upon request)
- Local guides for city tours and major attractions

#### **Taxes and Tips**

- All taxes and tips for provided services except end of tour tip for driver

#### **Complimentary Tours**

- One per 8 paying participants

### **Not included**

- Roundtrip air transportation (Included upon request)
- Professional tour director
- Meals not indicated in the itinerary
- Beverages, except with breakfast
- End of tour tip for driver
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees (*Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date*)
- Travel Insurance

*This tour can be customized to your specifications.*



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