



## **Mexico May 2024**

*Travel Dates: May 16-25, 2024*

### **DAY 1 - Thursday, May 16**

- Depart Home for Mexico City, Mexico
- Arrive in Mexico City, Mexico
- Airport Transfer - Private Bus
- **Orientation Walking Tour** - The group will become oriented with their neighborhood, the public transportation systems, nearby pharmacies, markets, ATMs, etc. Folk tales tour - Trolley bus tour through the city center discovering some of the most impressive and representative stories of Mexico.
- **Welcome Dinner** - The group will be taken for an authentic Mexican dinner with a wide variety of menu options to cater all diets.

### **DAY 2 – Friday, May 17**

#### **Mexico City**

- **La Llorona Myth**
- Breakfast & Day Briefing
- **Historical & Cultural Tour of Historical Centre** -
- Templo Mayor archaeological site, National Palace, Santo Domingo Plaza, Metropolitan Cathedral and more.
- Lunch Break at a historical place
- **Museo del Estanquillo** - Housed in a gorgeous neoclassical building in the historical city center, this museum contains the vast pop-culture collection amassed over the decades by Mexico City essayist and hoarder Carlos Monsivais. The museum illustrates various phases in the capital's development by means of the numerous photos, paintings, movie posters, comic strips and so on from the collection.

## **DAY 3 – Saturday, May 18**

### **Mexico City**

- **Alleys and Ghost Tales**
- Breakfast & Day Briefing
- **Visit Coyoacán** - Coyoacán, a former village and now one of the 16 boroughs of Mexico City, is a historic center.
- **La Casa Azul** - La Casa Azul is the Intimate Universe of Frida Kahlo. In this beautiful residence, the artist lived most of her life.
- Lunch Break
- Cultural Time
- **Evening folklore and legends ghost walking tour** - Cultural Immersion. Explore the mystical area of callejón del aguacate, narrow alley with street art & a shrine to the Virgin Mary, said to be haunted by a ghost.

## **DAY 4 – Sunday, May 19**

### **Mexico City**

- **The Virgin of Guadalupe Folktale**
- Breakfast & Day Briefing
- **Half- Day Trip to Teotihuacán** (approx. 1 hour) Teotihuacán Pyramids Excursion - The holy city of Teotihuacan ('the place where the gods were created') is situated some 30 miles north-east of Mexico City. Built between the 1st and 7th centuries A.D., it is characterized by the vast size of its monuments – in particular, the Temple of Quetzalcoatl and the Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon, laid out on geometric and symbolic principles. As one of the most powerful cultural centres in Mesoamerica, Teotihuacan extended its cultural and artistic influence throughout the region, and even beyond.
- Return to Mexico City (approx. 1 hour) Lunch Break
- **Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe** - The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe is a Roman Catholic church, basilica, and National shrine of Mexico which houses the cloak containing the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe

## **DAY 5 - Monday, May 20**

### **Mexico City**

- **Carlota Ghost Legend**
- Breakfast & Day Briefing

- **National History Museum in Chapultepec Castle** - The National Museum of History is the Chapultepec Castle that holds the memory of the history of Mexico, from the conquest of Tenochtitlan to the Mexican Revolution.
- **Museum of National Anthropology** - The Museo Nacional de Antropología in Mexico City contains the world's largest collection of ancient Mexican art and also has ethnographic exhibits about Mexico's present-day indigenous groups.
- Picnic in the park
- Cultural time in the afternoon

## **DAY 6 – Tuesday, May 21**

### **Puebla**

- **China Poblana Legend**
- Breakfast & Day Briefing
- Transfer to Puebla (approx. 2 hours)
- Hotel Check in
- **Tonantzintla Mexican Baroque Church** - This unique Church combines two religious interpretations that coexist (the indigenous and the Christian) and it is considered the most representative church of the indigenous baroque art.
- **City Tour of Puebla** - Artisan Market and Talavera Pot Factory

## **DAY 7 – Wednesday, May 22**

### **Puebla**

- **Legends of the Popocatepetl and Iztaccíhuatl volcanoes**
- Breakfast & Day Briefing
- **Popocatepetl and Iztaccíhuatl volcanoes** - Stop to admire breathtaking views and beautiful scenery of Popocatepetl and Iztaccíhuatl volcanoes and learn the legends that surround them. Cholula Pyramid - Mexico's largest pyramid is in Cholula, a structure so massive that there is a church literally built on top of it. This building was dedicated to Quetzalcoatl the Feathered Serpent God of the Aztec pantheon.

## **DAY 8 - Thursday, May 23**

### **Puebla**

- **Tepozteco Legend**
- Breakfast & Day Briefing

- Transfer to Tepoztlán (approx. 2 hours)
- **Tepoztlán Excursion** - Tepoztlán is a Mexican town south of Mexico City. It's known as the reputed birthplace of Quetzalcoatl, the Aztec feathered serpent god, and for its weekly craft market.
- Return to Mexico City (approx. 2 hours)

## **DAY 9 – Friday, May 24**

### **Mexico City**

- **Island of Dolls Legend**
- Breakfast & Day Briefing
- **Xochimilco Boat Tour:** Breakfast at trajineras, visit to the island of dolls with legend explanation.
- Lunch Break
- **Bellas Artes** - Attend the National Ballet of México featuring the folkloric dancing and tour of the building.  
Cultural time in the afternoon in Mexico City
- **Farewell Dinner & Program Closing**

## **DAY 10 - Return - Saturday, May 25**

- Breakfast & Day Briefing
- Airport Transfer
- Depart Mexico City, Mexico for Home