

# MT- 70071 CULTURAL DELIGHTS OF MEXICO CITY AND OAXACA

7 Days y 7 Nights

From 809 USD | Per person in a Triple Room



Land-only



## DEPARTURES

Daily Departures

## COUNTRY

México

## CITIES

Ciudad de México, Oaxaca, Monte Albán, Arrazola, Cuilapam de Guerrero, San Bartolo Coyotepec, Tule, Mitla, Teotitlán del Valle

## ITINERARY

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### DAY 1 ARRIVAL TO MEXICO CITY

Reception at the airport by your guide, transfer to the hotel. Free afternoon. Overnight stay.

### DAY 2 MÉXICO + MUSEUM OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Breakfast at the hotel. We'll begin the day with a tour of the Historic Center to visit the Zócalo, one of the largest squares in the world. We'll visit the Cathedral, the largest religious building on the continent since 1537, and the National Palace. Enjoy a panoramic view of the Central Post Office and the Palace of Fine Arts. We'll continue to the National Museum of Anthropology (closed Mondays). Spanning 40,000 m², it offers the opportunity to learn about the history and culture of all pre-Columbian civilizations, from the Olmecs to the Mayans and Aztecs, who occupied Tenochtitlán until the arrival of the Spanish. The remainder of the afternoon is free. Accommodation

### DAY 3 BASILICA + PYRAMIDS

Breakfast at the hotel. We begin with a visit to the Basilica of Guadalupe and the Teotihuacan Pyramids, a Catholic sanctuary dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Teotihuacan, which in Nahuatl means "City of the Gods" or "the place where the Gods are born," is the place where the spiritual and material knowledge of the Mesoamerican peoples is concentrated. It represents the richest architectural, urban, and artistic expression of the continent. You will visit the Pyramids of the Sun, the Pyramid of the Moon, and the Pyramid of Quetzalcoatl. We will cross the Avenue of the Dead, which was the most important avenue in this city. At the Temple of Quetzalpapalotl, we will observe murals from the period. Lunch will be served at a restaurant near the pyramids (food included/drinks not included). The rest of the afternoon is free. Accommodation is available.

### DAY 4 MÉXICO – OAXACA

Breakfast at the hotel. At a convenient time, transfer to Mexico City International Airport to board your flight to Oaxaca. Upon arrival in Oaxaca City, transfer to your hotel. Time to check in and get comfortable. At 3:00 PM, meet in the lobby to begin our visit to this beautiful Green Quarry City, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. A City Walk allows you to explore downtown Oaxaca on foot, accompanied at all times by a guide. Begin by visiting the two most famous markets, 20 de Noviembre and Benito Juárez, where you'll find a wide variety of typical foods and regional products that you won't be able to resist trying. We'll continue the tour by visiting the Zócalo and the Cathedral, and then reach the Temple of Soledad, Patron Saint of the City. Next to the Plaza de los Danzantes, we'll enjoy a delicious regional ice cream to refresh ourselves. We'll visit a chocolate factory to learn about the grinding process and the different ways it's prepared.

We'll finish the tour by walking along the tourist walkway, where you'll see several shops, restaurants, museums, and galleries, until we reach the Santo Domingo Church, a showcase of Mexican Baroque architecture built by the Dominican Order. Return to the hotel. Accommodation includes regional snow.

## **DAY 5 MONTE ALBAN, ARRAZOLA, CUILAPAM Y COYOTEPEC**

Meet at 7:30 a.m. in the hotel lobby to set out on our way to visit Monte Albán, the most important archaeological site in Oaxaca, located 30 minutes away. This architectural complex, where you can see the Central Plaza, constitutes the heart of Monte Albán. Surrounding it are the main buildings, such as the ball court, the southern platform, the dancers' plaza, the observatory, and others. We recommend wearing a cap, scarf, and tennis shoes. We will continue our journey to Arrazola, where you will be captivated by the wonderful figures carved and hand-painted by Oaxacan artisans. The alebrijes are a blend of color and strength in their figures.

We take some time to rest and enjoy a delicious buffet lunch featuring various regional dishes (food included/drinks not included). We continue our tour with a stop at a place steeped in legend and literally alive with its architecture: the former convent of Cuilapam de Guerrero, the site where the leader Vicente Guerrero was executed in 1831. It also holds countless stories to tell. Finally, we visit San Bartolo Coyotepec, where the famous "black clay" pottery is produced. The pieces are molded and decorated using burnishing and casting techniques, and then fired in an underground kiln. We return at approximately 5:00 PM. We return to our accommodations.

## **DAY 6 TULE – ZONA ARQUEOLÓGICA DE MITLA - CUEVAS DE MITLA –TALLER DE VELAS - TEOTITLÁN DEL VALLE – FÁBRICA DE MEZCAL**

Meet at 9:00 a.m. in the hotel lobby to begin our tour with a 25-minute drive to our first stop, the legendary Tule Tree, a marvelous example of Oaxaca's vast natural wonder. Our next stop, after a 1-hour drive, will be the Mitla Caves, a natural wonder that tells the story of the state's civilization. Among the treasures found during years of research are a series of burnt-red rock pictograms depicting humans, animals, hands, arrows, and what are believed to be maps of the night sky. To reach this incredible place, we will have to walk along the banks of a stream until we reach the beginning of the caves.

Just 20 minutes away is the town of Mitla, where we'll visit the archaeological site better known as the City of the Dead. Its main feature is its walls filled with fretwork placed under pressure without any glue. It also features a town that blends religious conquest with Aztec traditions and a handicraft market. On our way back, we'll stop for lunch at a restaurant with a buffet menu to sample regional dishes (food included/drinks not included).

We'll continue our tour to visit our first artisan, where she'll explain how to make candles used for important events like engagements, weddings, and wakes. We'll have the opportunity to make our own wax concha. We'll continue on to a mezcal distillery, a unique beverage in the state steeped in tradition in its production and consumption. You'll learn about the extraction and fermentation processes, and you'll be able to immerse yourself in the unparalleled work of the artisans who make this beverage.














Finally, we visit Teotitlán del Valle, a town renowned for its wool rug making. We'll see the wool carding, dyeing, and loom work, as well as how a rug of this quality can take anywhere from six months to a year to make. We'll return to the hotel.

## **DAY 7      OAXACA – MÉXICO**

Free day for personal activities. At the agreed time, transfer to the airport.







## **THE TRIP INCLUDES**


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-  Welcome arrival and assistance.
-  Airport/hotel/airport transfer
-  Accommodation at the hotel of your choice
-  All breakfasts, 1 lunch in Mexico City, and 2 lunches in Oaxaca
-  Entrance fees: Museum of Anthropology, Teotihuacan Pyramid
-  Excursions mentioned in the program
-  Air-conditioned sprinter throughout
-  Seasonal snowfall in Oaxaca
-  Oaxaca city tour with a visit to the chocolate factory
-  Visits to Monte Alban, Arrazola, Coyotepec, Tule, Mitla, and Teotitlán del Valle
-  Wax shell making in Oaxaca
-  Sectur-certified guide
-  Taxes

## **THE TRIP DOES NOT INCLUDE**

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-  Domestic and international flights
-  International airport taxes, border taxes upon departure or entry to Mexico, and issuance fees.
-  Dinners and meals not mentioned.
-  Drinks with meals
-  Tips for guides, drivers, and hotel staff.
-  Medical insurance, repatriation, and lost luggage. We offer different types of insurance if necessary or requested.

 Admission to the Oaxaca sites mentioned above is approximately \$19.00 USD

## RATES

CATEGORY	SGL	DBL	TPL
Tourist	\$1,099	\$879	\$809
Tourist Superior	\$1,499	\$1,019	\$969

- Net prices, non-commissionable, per person in US dollars
- Prices change constantly, so we suggest you check them and not use this document as definitive.
- From 2 passengers on, subject to availability
- ASK your travel agent advisor, about holiday, long weekend, and peak season supplements

Prices valid until 2025-12-15

## HOTELS

PLANNED HOTELS OR SIMILAR		
CITY	HOTELS	CATEGORY
Mexico City	Hotel Ibis Mexico City or similar	Tuorist
Oaxaca	Hotel City Express Oaxaca or similar	Tourist
Mexico City	Royal Reforma or similar	Tourist Superior
Oaxaca	Victoria or similar	Tourist Superior

This is a list of the most frequently used hotels for this tour. It is provided for information purposes only; passengers may be accommodated in similar or alternative establishments.