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What is Mexico?

Mexico is a pleasure for your senses and offers perfect scenarios to create original programs for any type of traveler: leisure, business or incentive.

- With an **extension of 1 964 375 km²** and more than **110,000,000 inhabitants** with **Spanish and indigenous influence**, Mexico breaths history, culture and flavors.
- Official language is Spanish; however, there are **68 different languages**.
- With a **Coastal area of 11,122 kms** you can relax on the most beautiful turquoise beaches
- México has more than **2000 archaeological sites** and **32 UNESCO world heritage sites**. Including the cuisine from Michoacán, declared as an Intangible Cultural Heritage by UNESCO since 2008.

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Travel Information

Location: Mexico is located at the southern end of North America. Its borders to the north are with the United States and to the south with Guatemala and Belize.



Weather: There are tropical forests, deserts, valleys and splendid mountains. The coasts are generally warm, although it is very rainy for some months.

Administrative Procedures (Customs): Foreigners who have a valid US visa or are residents of the countries of the Schengen area can enter Mexico without Visa. People from other countries should contact the Embassy of Mexico.

Quick facts

Official language: Spanish

Currency: Mexican Peso

International Code: +52

Internet domain: .mx

Time Zone: Downtown: UTC -6 | Southeast: UTC -5 Pacific:
UTC -7 | Northwest UTC -8

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Local cuisine

Markets in Mexico are a tradition an authentic reflection of Mexican culture and folklore.

Visiting them will take you to an unknown, exciting and exquisite world.

The best and most traditional markets of Mexico are in:

- **Mexico City**
- **Puebla**
- **Oaxaca**



Lush Markets



Recipes of ancestral tradition

The culinary scene in Mexico is definitely unique! Traditional chefs warmly welcome visitors and share the tradition.

The best cooking classes are in:

- **Mexico City**
- **Puebla**
- **Guadalajara**
- **Oaxaca**
- **Merida**

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Few things represent Mexico as well as tequila. However, a drink that has risen is the Mezcal, made of wild agaves and with a craft process, it is best to accompany it with chapulines and worm salt.

Where to know the process of tequila and mezcal:

- **Guadalajara and the tequila route**
- **Oaxaca and the Mezcal route**



Tequila and Mezcal



Mexican wines

Up north of Mexico, a culinary scene is developed very different to the one of the center and south of the country and that has caught the attention of international chefs.

Where to try the best Mexican wines:
Valle de Guadalupe (Baja California)

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Unique experiences



Swim with Whale Shark

Every year between July and August Mexico receives a gigantic visitor, the whale shark. These animals are fed by filtration, they are not hunters, and therefore swimming with the whale shark is very safe.

Location: Isla Holbox, Quintana Roo and La Paz BCS

Full of color for its masks, colorful costumes and spectacular tumbling, the fighters represent the eternal confrontation between good and evil.

Location: Mexico city



Lucha libre

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Migration of the Monarch Butterfly

Autumn is the beginning of one of the most beautiful events: the arrival of the Monarch butterflies to the Mexican forests after traveling from the northern United States and Canada.

Location: Zitácuaro, Michoacán and Estado de Mexico

One of the most amazing traditions in Mexico is the "Day of the Dead". In particular for the Purépechas is part of their rituals with more profound meaning. On November 1 and 2 of each year, altars and tombs are decorated profusely and the "arrival" of loved ones is expected.

Location: Pátzcuaro, Michoacán



Traditional Day of the Dead

Unique experiences

Discover the majestic pyramids of Teotihuacan from the heights in an unforgettable way, a hot air balloon flying over the pyramid of the sun and moon and the causeway of the dead.

Location: Teotihuacán, Estado de México



Hot air balloon in Teotihuacan



Temazcal (steam bath) ritual of physical and mental health

This pre-Hispanic ritual of traditional medicine consists of a steam bath inside a mud building, with hot stones being sprayed with water, producing steam with a temperature of almost 40 degrees Celsius.

Location: several locations

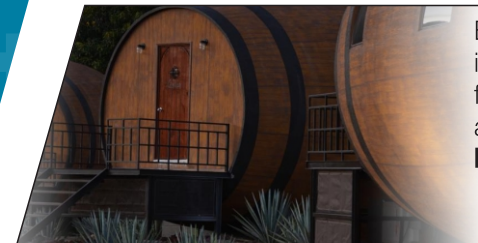
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The haciendas are part of the culture and history of Mexico. Not only do they keep architecture and tradition, they keep the secrets of our ancestors.

Location: Jalisco, Morelos, Yucatán



Haciendas



Hotel-Barrica

Boutique hotel nestled among agaves, in the heart of a tequila distillery dating from the late 17th century. Its rooms are inside an actual gigantic barrica.

Location: Tequila, Jalisco

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Tourist regions

North

Center

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Pacific

South/South east



Key routes

CENTER

The path of **FAITH | 7 DAYS**



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D1 / arrival - mexico city

Arrival at Mexico City airport, assistance and transfer to the hotel

D2 / mexico city - Guadalupe shrine - teotihuacan

Early visit to the Basilica of Guadalupe. Departure to visit the pyramids of Teotihuacán. Return to Mexico City.

D3 / mexico city - tlaxcala - cholula - Puebla - mexico city

Departure to visit the Sanctuary of our Lady of Ocotlán. Visit Santo Domingo with its beautiful Capilla del Rosario. Continuation to Cholula and visit of the church of Nuestra Señora de los Remedios built on top of a pyramid. Return to the city of Mexico.

D4 / mexico city - silao - guanajuato

Early in the morning, we begin to travel to Silao, and visit the Cubilete hill, with its monument to Christ the King. Apart from the beauty of this remarkable statue, your trip up to the mountain also allows you to enjoy phenomenal views. Night in Guanajuato.

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The path of **FAITH** | **7 DAYS**

D5 / guanajuato - dolores - san miguel de allende

Visit Guanajuato with the Museum of Mummies and then the viewpoint and the Monument of El Pípila. Departure to visit Dolores Hidalgo and San Miguel de Allende. The church where the country was declared independent and the mausoleum of José Alfredo Jiménez very famous singer. Night in San Miguel de Allende.

D6 / san miguel de allende – ciudad de mexico

Visit of San Miguel Arcángel Parish, San Francisco Temple, San Felipe Neri Oratory and visit of the Sanctuary of Atotonilco. Return to Mexico City.

D7 / ciudad de mexico – departure

Before going to the airport, you will enjoy a panoramic visit of the city center and visit the National Palace, the Metropolitan Cathedral and the Zócalo Square.

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South/south east

Only Yucatan | 7 days



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D1 / arrival – cancún – chichen itza

Arrival at Cancún airport, assistance and transfer to Chichen Itza. Overnight in Chichen

D2 / chichen-itza – ik kil – izamal – mérida

Visit Chichen Itza, discover the secrets of the Pyramid of Kukulcan and continue visiting Cenote Ik-Kil. Departure to Izamal, charming yellow village. Continue to Mérida and overnight at the hotel.

D3 / mérida – celestun – mérida

Departure to Celestún, habitat of pink flamingo. Return to Mérida and overnight at the hotel.

D4 / mérida – uxmal – campeche

Departure to the archaeological site of Uxmal. Accommodation in Campeche

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Only Yucatan | 7 days

D5 / campeche –calakmul– chetumal

Early departure to Calakmul, an important Mayan site located in the middle of the tropical forest. Continue towards Chetumal.

D6 / chetumal – bacalar – tulum – cancún

Departure towards the lagoon of Bacalar, also called 7 colors lagoon. Continue trip to Tulum, the only known archaeological site located by the sea. Night in Cancún.

D7 / cancún – departure

Transfer to Cancún airport to take flight at home.



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PACIFIC

Tequila with **MARIACHI SONGS** | 5 DAYS



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D1 / arrival - guadalajara

Arrival at Guadalajara city airport and transfer to the hotel

D2 / guadalajara - tlaquepaque - guadalajara

Visit of Guadalajara and Tlaquepaque, the Degollado Theater, the Metropolitan Cathedral, the Plaza de Armas and of course the market of San Juan de Dios. The tour continues in Tlaquepaque, with its cobbled streets and artisan markets.

D3 / guadalajara - chapala - tequila

In the morning we will visit the "caballito's factory" (caballito is the type of glass in which the tequila is served). Departure to Lake Chapala to visit the factory "Sangrita of the House Three Generations" and then the company "Products of the lake" processing of charales, unique product of the Chapala's riviera. Departure to the magical town of Tequila.

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Tequila with **MARIACHI SONGS** | **5 DAYS**

D4 / tequila - puerto vallarta

Visit of distillery and factory of barrels and take a unique horseback riding in the agave fields. Departure to Puerto Vallarta

D5 / puerto vallarta - departure

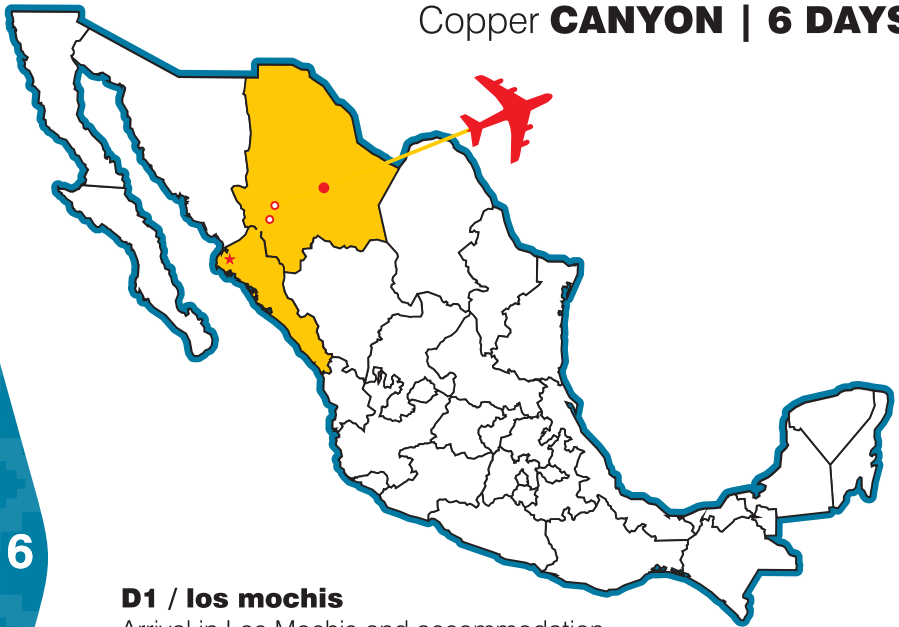
Transfer to Puerto Vallarta airport to take flight at home.



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NORTH

Copper **CANYON** | 6 DAYS



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D1 / los mochis

Arrival in Los Mochis and accommodation

D2 / los mochis - posada barrancas

5:00 am Departure to take the Chepe train to Posada Barrancas. Upon arrival, stroll through the canyon to visit the houses of the local people and magnificent places to take photos.

D3 / posada barrancas - creel

Departure for a trip to the flying stone. Or take the cable car ride through the canyon. Return to Barrancas and transfer to the train station to go to Creel.

Copper **CANYON** | **6 DAYS**

D4 / creel

In the morning, we will visit the stone of the elephant, Lake Arareko, the church of San Ignacio and the waterfalls of Cusárare.

D5 / creel - chihuahua

In the afternoon, departure to the train station to take the train to Chihuahua. Arrival in Chihuahua at 20:54.

D6 / chihuahua – departure

Departure to the airport to take flight home



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Multi destination Programs

Aztecs, Mayans and **CUBAN SON | 11 DAYS**

Departures on Tuesdays



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D1 / mexico city – arrival

Arrival at Mexico City airport, assistance and transfer to hotel.

D2 / mexico city – teotihuacán – mexico city

Departure to the Basilica of Guadalupe and Plaza de las Tres Culturas, and departure to Teotihuacán to visit the site. Return to Mexico City and accommodation at the Hotel

D3 / mexico city – mérida

Transfer to the airport to take flight to the City of Merida. Arrival in Merida, assistance and transfer to the Hotel.

D4 / mérida – celestun – mérida

Departure to the Ecological Reserve of Celestun, is the habitat of the pink Flamenco and several bird species. Return to the City of Merida and accommodation at the Hotel.

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Aztecs, Mayans and **CUBAN SON | 11 DAYS**

Departures on Tuesdays

D5 / mérida - chichen-itzá - cancún

Departure to Chichen-Itza and visit of the archaeological zone. Continue to Cancun, overnight facing the caribbean.

D6 / cancún - habana

Departure to the airport at the appropriate time to take the flight to Havana. Arrive and transfer to the hotel

D7 / habana - cienfuegos

Departure to Cienfuegos. Visit the Tomas Terry theater and the Valle Palace. In the afternoon, visit the beautiful Cienfueguera Bay. Dinner at the hotel in the area. Night at the hotel.

D8 / cienfuegos - trinidad - sancti spíritus

Departure to Trinidad, visit to the Romantic Museum and the Canchánchara Bar. Continuation of the trip to Sancti Spíritus. Accommodation and dinner in Sancti Spiritus

D9 / sancti spíritus - santa clara

Departure to Santa Clara. Panoramic tour of the mountains of the Escambray, passing through Manicaragua, in transit, you can observe the tobacco plantations of the area. Walk through Lake Hanabanilla. Overnight in Santa Clara.

D10 / santa clara - varadero

Tour of Santa Clara, visit the Carmen Park and Leoncio Vidal Park. Visit Ernesto Che Guevara Square, and the monument to the action against the Armored train. Lunch in a restaurant of the zone. Continue to Varadero and overnight at the hotel.

D11 / varadero - departure

Departure to Havana airport to take flight home

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Aztecs, Mayans and **CUBAN SON | 11 DAYS**
Departures on Tuesdays



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Discovering **MESOAMERICA** | **17 DAYS**

Departures on Wednesdays



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D1 / arrival - mexico city

Arrival in Mexico City and transfer to the Hotel

D2 / mexico city - teotihuacán - mexico city

Departure to the Basilica of Guadalupe and Plaza de las Tres Culturas. Continue to Teotihuacán, visit and return to Mexico City.

D3 / mexico city - puebla - mexico city

Departure to Puebla to visit Santa Maria Tonanzintla the town and its church. Afterwards visit of Cholula and finally, the city of Puebla with the Chapel of the Rosary that is in the church of Santo Domingo and the time of Santa Monica.

D4 / mexico city - guatemala

Departure to the airport to take flight to Guatemala, on arrival in Guatemala and transfer to hotel for accommodation.

Discovering **MESOAMERICA** | **17 DAYS**

Departures on Wednesdays

D5 / guatemala-chichicastenango-lake atitlan

Departure to the market of Chichicastenango, visit of the Church of Santo Tomás and exit towards Lake Atitlan. Panoramic tour of Panajachel.

D6 / santiago atitlan-panajachel-antigua

Stroll in boat by Lake Atitlan. In the afternoon transfer to Antigua Guatemala for lodging.

D7 / antigua-guatemala

Full day tour of Antigua, visit to San Antonio de Aguascalientes and Ciudad Vieja.

D8 / antigua guatemala-airport-flores-tikal-flores

04:00 transfer to the airport to board the flight to Flores, transfer to Tikal and visit. At convenient time transfer to your hotel for lodging.

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D9 / flores-rio dulce or mariscos

Transfer to Rio Dulce. Visit of the fort of San Felipe, refuge of the sailors before the harassment of pirates of the Caribbean. Arrival at Livingstone. A walk through its streets will fill us with the Caribbean flavor.

D10 / rio dulce or mariscos-quirigua-copan

Visit Quirigua, passing on the road through the banana plantations of Morales. Continue to the border of the Florido to reach Copan (Honduras). Accommodation.

D11 / copan

Visit of the archaeological site including the museum of murals. Free afternoon

D12 / copan-santa ana-joya de ceren-san salvador

Departure from Copan very early to San Salvador, visit in route of Santa Ana and Jewel of Ceren. Transfer to San Salvador.

Discovering **MESOAMERICA** | **17 DAYS**

Departures on Wednesdays

D13 / san salvador- joya –suchitoto-la union

Visit of San Salvador and the colonial town of Suchitoto. In the afternoon transfer to La Unión.

D14 / unión-golfo de fonseca-potosi-leon

Transfer to the municipal pier to navigate on the gulf of Fonseca, arrival in Potosí, immigration proceedings in the border of Nicaragua, continuation to Leon.

D15 / leon

Visit of the City where you will visit La Recolectión, El Calvario and the Cathedral. Free afternoon

D16 / leon-masaya-granada

Transfer in the afternoon to Granada. Morning visit of the Masaya volcano, and return to Granada to visit the colonial city.

D17 / granada-departure

Transfer to the airport for flight home.

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