

## Trip Info

**Group Size:** Min: 10 | Max: 28

**Transportation:** Coach, Plane

**Tips:** Pre-paid tips, \$140 AUD pp

**Destinations Visited:** Mexico City, Teotihuacan, Oaxaca, Monte Alban, Tuxtla, San Cristobal de las Casas, Palenque, Campeche, Merida, Chichen Itza & Playa del Carmen.

**Tequila, margaritas, music, nachos and the firey hot jalapeno peppers form the basis of the Mexican zest for life. Come join the party and admire the rich history, culture and traditions that make up this wonderful country.**



### **Welcome to Mexico**

Our Mexico tour starts in one of the largest cities in the world, Mexico City. Here we take a city tour and visit the Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe, arguably the most important Christian site in Latin America. From Mexico City our tour visits the nearby archaeological site of Teotihuacán which features several magnificent pyramids, before continuing south to Oaxaca. On the way we stop to admire the pyramids and tombs, at Monte Alban the spiritual capital of the Zapotecan people.

### **Bargain at the colourful Mexican markets**

From Oaxaca our Mexico tour flies to Tuxtla where we continue high into the Chipas Mountains to the charming town of San Cristobal de las Casas. On the way we stop to explore the Sumidero Canyon by boat. In the San Cristobal region we'll visit several of the small indigenous communities in the mountains. Here you can try out your bargaining skills at the colourful local markets full of authentic Mexican handicrafts.

### **Visit the most famous Mayan site**

From San Cristobal our Mexico tour continues to Palenque, stopping on the way to visit the beautiful Agua Azul waterfalls. Palenque is an ancient site and boasts several magnificent pyramids, and in parts is still covered by lush tropical jungle. Our next stop is Chichen Itza the most famous of all the Mayan sites and home to the huge Pyramid of Kukulcan, recently voted one of the new seven wonders of the world. We end our Mexico tour with two wonderfully relaxing nights at the beautiful beach resort of Playa Del Carmen – what could be more perfect!

## Itinerary

**Day 1 Australia to Mexico**

Welcome to Mexico City, the economic, industrial and cultural nerve centre of Mexico. The city is so complex, with incredible history and culture. On our arrival we will be met by our friendly guide and transferred to our hotel.

#### **Day 2 Mexico City**

Mexico City is North America's highest city and one of the world's most densely populated. The city has a long and fascinating history that runs from ancient native civilisations through to the European invasions. It is also one of only a few cities to have hosted both the Olympics and the soccer World Cup! Here we take a morning city tour where highlights include the Zocalo, which is the city's main square and features an impressive cathedral and the National Palace. Lunch today is served in a local restaurant followed by an afternoon at leisure before tonight's welcome dinner. [B,L,D]

#### **Day 3 Mexico City**

This morning we visit the archaeological site of Teotihuacan with its massive Temple of the Sun and the Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe - arguably the most important Christian pilgrimage site in Latin America. [B,L]

#### **Day 4 Mexico City - Oaxaca**

Today we leave Mexico City and travel to Oaxaca via the beautiful city of Puebla. The historic downtown area of Puebla remains a Spanish colonial treasure, filled with 17th and 18th century architecture. [B,L]

#### **Day 5 Oaxaca**

We enjoy a half day touring the region surrounding Oaxaca, including Monte Alban. Monte Alban was once a holy city to the more than 30,000 Zapotecs who lived here, and is situated on a mountain 400 metres above the Oaxaca Valley. [B,L]

#### **Day 6 Oaxaca - Tuxtla**

This morning we fly to Tuxtla where we will be met and transferred to our hotel. [B]

#### **Day 7 Tuxtla - San Cristóbal**

Today we head into the Chiapas Mountains and the charming town of San Cristóbal. San Cristóbal is a colonial town of white stucco walls and red tiled roofs, narrow cobblestoned streets, graceful arcades and open plazas. Along the way we also stop to explore the Sumidero Canyon by boat. [B,L]

#### **Day 8 San Cristóbal**

An interesting morning as we visit several of the small indigenous communities surrounding San Cristóbal. Many of these villages are still very traditional and show a great variety of language, dress and customs, making this area one of the most fascinating and culturally significant in Mexico. Our tour also includes a visit to the colourful local markets. [B,L]

#### **Day 9 San Cristóbal - Palenque**

Our journey continues through lush green valleys as we head back down to Palenque. On the way we visit the Agua Azul waterfalls where you will marvel at the beautiful turquoise water. We enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. [B,L]

#### **Day 10 Palenque - Campeche**

Our morning is dedicated to the archaeological site of Palenque, which boasts several magnificent pyramids in a superb jungle setting. This afternoon we continue to Campeche. [B]

#### **Day 11 Campeche - Merida**

An incredible day as we visit the site of Uxmal, the most important of all Mayan sites. After lunch we continue to Merida, also known as the 'white city', because of its numerous colonial buildings. We take an interesting tour including the main square with its cathedral, Government Palace and the House of Monteja. [B,L]

#### **Day 12 Merida - Playa del Carmen**

Another amazing day of antiquities as we visit Chichen Itza, home to the huge Pyramid of Kukulcan. This 27m-tall pyramid was built during the 11th to 13th centuries and is one of the most popular tourist sites in Mexico. Later we arrive in the resort of Playa del Carmen. [B,L]

#### **Day 13 Playa del Carmen**

Full day at leisure to relax or explore this seaside paradise. [B,D]

#### **Day 14 Playa del Carmen - Mexico City**

Enjoy a morning at leisure before flying back to Mexico City. [B]

#### **Day 15 Depart Mexico City**

Enjoy the morning at leisure before we begin our journey home to Australia. [B]

**Day 16 In transit**

**Day 17 Arrive in Australia**

## Inclusions

- Pre-departure information dossier on Mexico
- Return economy class flights from Australia to Mexico
- 1 domestic economy class flight within Mexico
- 14 nights' accommodation in good quality hotels with private facilities (3-4 star)
- 14 breakfasts, 9 lunches and 2 dinners
- Pre-paid tips worth \$140
- English-speaking guides who will bring the sights of Mexico alive
- All airport transfers and touring in air-conditioned vehicles
- Enjoy a half-day tour of bustling Mexico City, home to more than 20 million people
- Visit the archaeological site of Teotihuacan, which features several magnificent pyramids, and the nearby town of Guadalupe whose Church of Our Lady is arguably the most important Christian pilgrimage site in all of Latin America
- Visit the historic town of Puebla, famous for its Baroque churches and beautiful ceramics
- Sightseeing in the area of Oaxaca, including a visit to Monte Alban, spiritual home of the Zapotecan people and boasting many impressive pyramids, temples and tombs
- Enjoy a stunning scenic drive into the Chiapas Mountains and explore the majestic Sumidero Canyon by boat
- Spend two wonderful nights in the colourful town of San Cristóbal de las Casas high in the Chiapas Mountains
- Fantastic tour of the San Cristóbal region including the small Indian villages of San Juan Chamula and Zinacantan, where we can test our bargaining skills at the local markets, piled high with souvenirs and authentic handicrafts
- Visit the beautiful Agua Azul waterfalls
- Explore the ancient site of Palenque, home of pyramids and temples, some of which are still covered in lush tropical forest giving them a mystical appearance
- Overnight stay in the colonial city of Campeche which is still surrounded by its ancient city wall and watch towers
- Visit Uxmal, one of the most important sites of the ancient Mayan civilisation. It features magnificent pyramids, temples and intricate carvings
- Two nights at the beautiful beach resort of Playa del Carmen on Mexico's famous holiday coastline

## Dates & Prices

Start Date	End Date	Cost	Air Taxes	Tips	Total Cost	Status
25/09/2010	11/10/2010	\$6,890	\$561	\$140	\$7,591	Closed
23/10/2010	08/11/2010	\$6,890	\$561	\$140	\$7,591	Available
20/11/2010	06/12/2010	\$6,690	\$561	\$140	\$7,391	Fully Booked
08/01/2011	24/01/2011	\$7,290	\$561	\$140	\$7,991	Available
12/02/2011	28/02/2011	\$6,990	\$561	\$140	\$7,691	Available
12/03/2011	28/03/2011	\$6,990	\$561	\$140	\$7,691	Available

**Price Valid From:** Sydney

**Other Cities:** Depart Adelaide add \$285pp, depart Melbourne & Brisbane add \$100pp, depart Perth add \$475pp

**Single Supplement:** From \$850 (subject to seasonality)

**Day/Date Variations:** Due to airline flight schedules day of arrival and departure may vary depending on your city of departure

**\*Taxes & Fuel Costs:** Change regularly so above levies shown as a guide only

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## Accommodation

The hotels listed below are meant as an indication only and are subject to change.

### **Holiday Inn Hotel Zocalo, Mexico City**

Holiday Inn Hotel Zocalo is located on Mexico City's Main Square (Zocalo). It is surrounded by restaurants, theatres, markets and shops and is only five minutes away from the Aztec ruins of the Templo Mayor and the Bellas Artes Palace. The terrace-restaurant provides splendid views of the square below as well as of the Metropolitan Cathedral and the National Palace of Government. The location of this hotel really couldn't be better, being right in the middle of the historical centre of Mexico City.



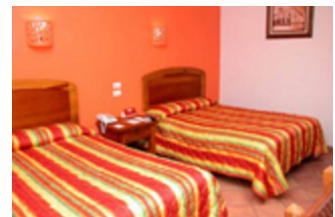
### **Holiday Inn San Cristobal Espanol**

The Holiday Inn San Cristobal Español offers 79 guest rooms and is located at the heart of the wonderful colonial city of San Cristobal de las Casas - which is considered the cradle of Chiapas' ancient cultures. This is a charming and colourful Spanish-colonial style hotel located within walking distance of the main handicraft market, main square, cathedral and a multitude of shops and restaurants.



### **Casa Conzatti Hotel**

The Casa Conzatti Hotel offers 45 guest rooms and has been adapted from a lovely colonial-style house located in a peaceful residential area in Oaxaca's historic Centre. It is conveniently located within walking distance of the Santo Domingo Church and Cultural complex. While dining in 'Magnolias' restaurant, you can sample various traditional dishes, as well as a selection of international specialities. Casa Conzatti is a wonderful place from which to explore Oaxaca's fascinating history and culture.



## Weather

Mexico City	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
Ave Max C	19	21	24	25	26	24	23	23	23	21	20	19
Ave Min C	6	6	8	11	12	13	12	12	12	10	8	6
Rainy Days	4	5	9	14	17	21	27	27	23	13	6	4

## Currency

Mexican Peso (MXN; symbol M\$) = 100 centavos. Notes are in denominations of M\$1,000, 500, 200, 100, 50 and 20. Coins are in denominations of M\$100, 50, 20, 10, 5, 2 and 1, and 50, 20, 10 and 5 centavos.

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