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A taste of Mexico City.

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MEXICO | 5DAYS / 4NIGHTS

Route: Round-trip from and to Mexico City

Type of tour: Culture, gastronomy


Departure day: Daily

TOUR OVERVIEW

Get to know the softer side of the enormous bustling capital city of Mexico during this five-day culinary adventure. Appreciate the vibrant colours and aromas of traditional Mexican dishes, contemplate the bouquet of locally grown wine and relish the range of textures and flavours of organically produced cheeses. See the main sights of Mexico City and adventure out on a boat ride in the canals of Xochimilco. All of this, plus Mexico's lively culture, mariachi scene and historic relics, make for a trip you will always remember.

TOUR HIGHLIGHTS

DURATION: 5 days / 4 nights



Mexico

Start & finish destination
Mexico City

Destinations

Mexico City: The enormous, bustling capital city maintains its colonial charm and offers a vibrant and eclectic atmosphere

Querétaro: Just north of the capital, Querétaro boasts a perhaps unexpected wine and cheese route producing local delicacies to savour

DON'T MISS!

Street food: Mexico City boasts amazing food stands – delight over tamales, roast corn, or even *chapulines*, roasted grasshoppers!

Molcajete: The Mexican mortar and pestle is the tool of choice for making some truly delicious sauces, keep your eyes peeled for a handmade one to add to your own kitchen collection

Tequila: Pop into a *tequilería* and taste the many varieties of the national spirit and its close cousin, mezcal

DAY BY DAY

DAY 1 | ARRIVE MEXICO CITY

Upon arrival at Mexico City International Airport, a Destination Services team member awaits you for pick-up and transfer to your hotel in downtown Mexico City. Enjoy the remainder of the day at leisure.

▪ **Overnight in Mexico City hotel on a bed-and-breakfast basis.**

DAY 2 | MEXICO CITY: CITY TOUR, ANTHROPOLOGICAL MUSEUM & PLAZA GARIBALDI

Breakfast at the hotel is followed by a **city tour of the capital** in the morning, including the historic centre, Zócalo (the city's main square), the Metropolitan Cathedral, and the National Palace which features murals by famous artist Diego Rivera. After, we make a stop at the Anthropological Museum, a place that after almost half century after its creation, still

remains the most emblematic area that safeguards Mexico's autochthonous legacy. In the evening, savour a tasty **dinner at Bellini**, the only revolving restaurant in Mexico City, offering incredible panoramic views overlooking the flashing lights of the city and both traditional Mexican and international flavours. Then we stop at **Plaza Garibaldi**, a nucleus of night-time activity, and a hugely popular place to enjoy the sights and sounds of mariachis accompanied by traditional dances and tasty drinks (one domestic drink included).

▪ **Overnight in Mexico City hotel on a bed-and-breakfast basis. Dinner included.**

DAY 3 | MEXICO CITY: XOCHIMILCO & CANTINAS TOUR

The day starts with breakfast at the hotel before our first stop at **Mercado Roma**, a public gourmet food market where the din of traders and customers, the colours of the product and the aromas of freshly prepared food make for a truly Mexican experience. The market stalls offer organic and other food products, along with stalls that allows you to taste a variety of local and international cuisine such as *pozole* – a hominy-based soup, tacos, tapas, etc. After, we head to **Xochimilco**, declared by UNESCO as a World Heritage Site, and enjoy a traditional *trajinera* boat tour through the canals while you listen to Mexican music. Lunch included. After, we will go out on a **cantina tour** to some of the historic centre's most renowned traditional taverns.

▪ **Overnight in Mexico City hotel on a bed-and-breakfast basis. Lunch included.**



DAY 4 | MEXICO CITY – QUERETARO WINE & CHEESE TOUR (215km – 3 hrs each way)

Have breakfast at the hotel. Between Tequisquiapan and Santiago de Queretaro, set in the middle of the plains, we can find several farms producing delicious Mexican and European artisan cheeses. On the **Cheese Route**, get an insight into the production process and taste the different types of cheeses produced. There are many organic ranches where animals are fed natural grass and grains and are raised hormone-free. Appropriately, the Cheese Route combines perfectly with **Queretaro's Wine Route**. This region is also home to wine producers that open their doors to visitors and produce popular wines and cavas. Lunch is included before your return to Mexico City.

▪ **Overnight in Mexico City hotel on a bed-and-breakfast basis. Lunch included.**

DAY 5 | DEPART MEXICO CITY

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out of your hotel and transfer to the Mexico City International Airport for your departure flight back home.

▪ **Breakfast included.**

END OF SERVICES

INCLUDED

TOUR GUIDE:

- Operated with English or Spanish-speaking licensed local guide on a shared basis

ACCOMMODATION:

- 04 nights as indicated on a bed-and-breakfast basis

MEALS:

- Daily breakfasts (04 total), dinner on Day 2 with drink in Plaza Garibaldi, lunch on Days 3 and 4

TRANSPORT:

- Air-conditioned transportation with pickup/drop-off as indicated in the itinerary on a shared basis

ENTRANCE FEES AND ACTIVITIES:

- All monuments and visits as indicated: Mexico City tour, Anthropological Museum, National Palace, Plaza Garibaldi, Xochimilco boat tour, cantina tour, wine and cheese tour

OTHER:

- Motorway tolls and parking fees

NOT INCLUDED

- Expenditures of a personal nature, drinks and meals if not stated explicitly in the programme
- Optional tours
- International flight tickets or Mexican visa fees
- Gratuities for drivers and guides
- Border taxes
- Gratuities for porters and chambermaids

OPTIONAL EXTRAS

A wide range of optional excursions and pre and post-programme extensions are available on request. Please ask tour designer Melanie Goldbecker for rates and conditions.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Comfortable and light clothing is the most suitable for travelling in Mexico. A jumper and/or coat is recommended for Mexico City as early mornings and nights can be cool year-round. Visitors should not wear sleeveless shirts, shorts, short skirts or skimpy clothing when visiting temples, religious or official buildings. Sun protection, sunglasses, a hat and mosquito repellent can be very useful during your stay.