



THE PERFECT INTRODUCTION: MEXICO CITY AND ITS PYRAMIDS

Feb 3-5 2023

Deposit \$300 If paying by credit card, we add 4%.

\$750 per person up to 8 passengers

\$\$650 per person for 9-12 passengers

Single Supplement \$125 and limited.

Shares arranged first come first served. Book Early. You may book this weekend as a stand alone trip. You may opt to continue to Ixtapan Resort on Feb 5 2023. Those going to Ixtapan will be transferred to the spa by spa staff. Those staying at the airport on Feb 5 should not book flights before 5:30-6PM. Those who wish an extra night in Mexico City, with additional sightseeing, please ask.

Our 4 1/2 star hotel is centrally located. It is in a historic building which is modern inside with a/c, fitness center, hot breakfast, wifi. The hotel is walkable to the main plaza, cathedral, National Palace, Fine Arts Museum and shopping. There is a concierge and restaurant on site. We like this hotel and feel comfortable in the neighborhood.

Day 1 Mexico City

Friday, 03. February 2023

Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton ** (****)**

After landing, please proceed to baggage claim area of the airport. Take luggage and leave the security area, our transfer personal is waiting for you - with a sign with your

name or The Women's Travel Group. Transfer is 3PM. Private transfers available, see below. Transfer to hotel. Tonight we meet with our guide and walk to nearby Cafe de Tacuba. We stop to look at the Aztec Templo Mayor site. The Café de Tacuba Restaurant was inaugurated in 1912 and is part of traditional gastronomy. Enjoy typical Mexican home cuisine in a cosy atmosphere. Whether savoring stuffed chili, Pambachitos, Panuchos or Torta de Enchilada, the restaurant will not disappoint and servings are very ample. For dessert try a hot chocolate "estilo Tacuba". **Dinner**

Day 2 Ciudad de México Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton ** (****)
Saturday, 04. February 2023**

One of the largest cities in the world is going to leave you amazed. Mexico City is the political, social and cultural center of the country with universities, museums, and monuments. Tour of the center with a visit of the presidential palace with Diego Rivera murals, Zócalo and cathedral. Surrounded by the twin volcanoes Popocatepetl and Iztaccíhuatl, the city has startling modern architecture and ancient ruins.

The **Museo Nacional de Antropología** is the most frequented museum and considered the greatest of its type in the world. It has 12 exhibition halls, dedicated to a different pre-Columbian civilization of Mexico in an area of nearly 20-acres. Designed in 1964 by a team led by architect Pedro Ramírez Vázquez, the monumental construction has a mighty pillar in the patio that supports a huge concrete umbrella. Discover the civilizations of the Olmec, Toltec, Aztecs and Maya, among many others.

Chapultepec Castle, the only North American castle also residence –by Emperor Maximilian I–, and houses the National Museum of History. It has a rich collection from several centuries: clothes, antique furniture, coins, paintings, and countless historical documents. Here are the declaration of independence of the Mexican Empire of 1821 and the Federal Constitution of 1824.

We visit impressive **Chapultepec Park**. Formerly, the area was sacred place of the Aztecs. Today it is a green oasis with old, trees, idyllic lakes, a sculpture garden, several museums and monuments (such as the Altar a la Patria in memory of the Héroes), zoo, and beautiful market stalls. Above the park is the castle, Emperor Maximilian of Mexico had rebuilt in the style of Italian villa in 1864.



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The imposing construction of the **Torre Latinoamericana** is a landmark in the heart of Mexico City. Erected as a steel-frame structure. it is technical and architectural masterwork that successfully withstands the conditions of the former swamp area as well as challenges of an active seismic zone. The project was designed and executed by the Zeevaert Brothers. The Miralto restaurant is on the 41st floor of the Torre Latinoamericana. At an altitude of 515 ft., you are not only offered culinary highlights, but also enjoy panoramic views of the mega metropolis – and with luck, the enormous volcanos of Popocatepetl and Iztaccíhuatl on the horizon. The first-class Mexican cuisine of the Miralto restaurant is enriched by Italian, Spanish and French influences,

which add to its refinement and diversity – do not fail to have a Crema de Jitomate horneada. **Breakfast and Dinner**

Day 3 Ciudad de México
Sunday, 05. February 2023

Ciudad de México - Teotihuacán (Journey / 70 Min.) Visit the huge pyramid complex of **Teotihuacán**. It was the first city in the “New World.” Built between 250 BC and 700 AD, its population amounted to approximately 125,000–250,000 people in 2,300 apartment complexes. It certainly was the largest metropolis on the American continent. Only when you walk along the mighty “Avenue of the Dead” will you become aware of the dimensions of the site. The excavations continue to expand our knowledge of this past civilization. As you approach the pyramids, there are rows of fun crafts shops. Lunch at La Gruta, famous restaurant for VIP visitors. The restaurant is located in a spectacular volcanic cave and serves seasonally popular foods. Transfer to airport to arrive at 3PM. Spa transfer from airport at 3PM. **Breakfast and Lunch**



Included:

- Hotel as above or similar
- 2 breakfasts 2 dinners and 1 lunch, with bottled water. Dinners are a la carte
- Sightseeing as noted with entrance fees if entering inside.
- Private English speaking guide
- Private air conditioned bus
- Water at meals and on the bus
- Transfer in bound from airport to hotel 3PM
- Tips for maids and porters

Not included:

- Airfare and taxes
- Mexican tourism fees
- Return transfers to spa or airport
- Tips to driver and guide: \$5 per day for driver and \$10 per day for guide.
- Travel insurance
- Personal expenses
- Meals and drinks not mentioned in our itinerary.

Mexico City airport – Hotel Mexico City	1 PAX	USD 99,00
Mexico City airport – Hotel Mexico City	2 PAX	USD 55 each
Mexico City airport – Hotel Mexico City	3-6 PAX	USD 160 for van

For extra nights at Hampton Inn Mexico City, please ask.

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