



Discover **Mexico** just  
as you imagined!

**The Colored Mexican Route**  
**9 days / 8 nights**

## **Day 1 – Mexico City**

Once you arrive at the Mexico City International Airport you will be transferred to a hotel located downtown near Zocalo Square, the main plaza or square in the heart of the historic center of Mexico City, and its formal name is “Plaza de la Constitución”, the second largest city square in the world, after Red Square of Moscow.

Since there are no scheduled activities in the afternoon you can enjoy a walk around the area.

## **Day 2 - Mexico City - Anthropology Museum - City tour**

After having breakfast at the hotel restaurant, you will enjoy a City Tour visiting the historic center of Mexico City, with his “Zocalo” (also known as Plaza de la Constitución), the Nacional Palace (residence of the nation President) and the Metropolitan Cathedral, the largest Cathedral of the Americas. Afterward, we will move to the famous Anthropology Museum, which reveals life in Mexico from Mayan times to the Spanish conquest. It contains one of the world's largest collections of archaeological and anthropological artifacts and offers to its visitors permanent and temporal expositions. At the end, we will head back to the hotel where you can spend free time enjoying a walk or shopping downtown.

## **Day 3 – Mexico City – Teotihuacan - Guadalupe shrine**

Today we will depart to the archeological site of Teotihuacan. His Aztec name means “the place where gods were born”, and is one of the most visited archaeological sites in the world, where it’s possible to climb the impressive pyramids “of the Sun” and “of the Moon” and enjoy a spectacular view of the area from the top. Later, you’ll discover the world famous Guadalupe Shrine, which complete name is Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, and is a Roman Catholic church, located in the north of Mexico City. The shrine was built near the hill of Tepeyac where Our Lady of Guadalupe is believed to have appeared to Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin. This site is the most visited Catholic religious site on Earth, after Vaticano. In the afternoon enjoy free time.



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#### **Day 4 – Mexico City - Tuxla - Sumidero Canyon - San Cristobal de las Casas**

Start the day having breakfast at the hotel restaurant and prepare yourself to depart from Mexico City to Chiapas on a domestic flight. At your arrival at Tuxtla Gutierrez enjoy a guided tour visiting the Sumidero Canyon, here, granite cliffs and walls with a height of over a thousand meters surround the cause of the Grijalva, later we'll visit a small village in Chapa de Corzo where you will learn more about the Mayan culture. In the afternoon we will continue on the road to San Cristobal de las Casas to check-in to a hotel located downtown of the city.

#### **Day 5 - San Cristobal - Zinacatan & Chamula - San Cristobal**

After breakfast at the hotel, you will enjoy a City Tour in San Cristobal de las Casas, visiting the Santo Domingo church and a typical local market. Later discover the Native Communities of Zinacatan and San Juan Chamula, you can learn about the native people and their traditions, and watch the laborious handcrafts of the weaver women, who, with a loom at their waists, produce magnificent textile pieces, including tablecloths, bedspreads, cushion covers and traditional huipiles, called "ponchos"

#### **Day 6 - San Cristobal - Agua Azul Falls - Palenque**

Early morning you will depart to the spectacular Agua Azul falls, the most fascinating area in the mountains located between Palenque and Ocosingo. It consists of many cataracts following one after another in the Cascadas de Agua Azul Natural Park. The larger cataracts may be about 6 meters (20 ft.) high.

At the end of the visit, we will move toward Palenque, a little town at the bottom of the mountains, famous for the homonym archaeological site. Accommodation at the hotel and free afternoon time to visit the town.



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### **Day 7 – Palenque - Campeche**

Today you will be amazed by the famous archeological site of Palenque, here you'll be confronted by the largest Mesoamerican step pyramid, the Temple of Inscriptions, spotted with hieroglyphics that have contributed significantly to the study of Mayan civilization.

Later we will depart to Campeche to the hotel located downtown.

### **Day 8 – Campeche – Uxmal - Merida**

After having breakfast at the hotel, we will explore the archeological site of Uxmal. The architecture of this archaeological site is one of the most authentic examples of the Puuc style. Decorative features such as the three-dimensional masks of the god Chaac, colonnades, the two-headed jaguar, and other iconographic symbols demonstrate Uxmal's position in the most important cultural and commercial circuits of the Maya Classic Era. Then we will continue on the road to Merida for a guided tour of the city and accommodations.

At night you will have free time in the city where you can delight your tastebuds with the traditional Mexican cuisine in one of the typical restaurants in the city.

### **Day 9 - Merida - Chichen Itza – Riviera Maya**

On the last day prepare to visit one of the Seven Wonders of the World: Chichen Itza. Absolutely the most visited archaeological site in the peninsula of Yucatan, due to its extraordinary architecture beauty and its geographical location, Chichen Itza was one of the greatest Mayan centers of the Yucatán peninsula. The fusion of mayan centers construction techniques with new elements from central Mexico make Chichen Itza one of the most important examples of the Mayan – Toltec civilization in Yucatan. Several buildings have survived, such as the Warriors' Temple "El Castillo" and the circular observatory known as "El Caracol"

Later you will be departing to Riviera Maya for accommodations at hotel of your choice.



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### **The package includes:**

- Transportation during the entire trip, provided with Sedan Car, Mini Van or Van (w A/C) according with the total number of participants;
- English speaking guide during the entire trip;
- Transfer service from Mexico City Airport to the Hotel (Roundtrip);
- Domestic flight from Mexico City Airport (MEX) to Tuxtla Gutierrez (TGZ);
- Entrance tickets to all the archeological sites and places scheduled;
- 3 nights at Hotel Hampton Inn Zocalo 4\* (or similar) of MX City, including breakfast;
- 2 nights at Hotel Casa Vieja 4\* (or similar) of San Cristobal d.l. Casas, including breakfast;
- 1 night Hotel Nututun Palenque 4\*(or similar), including breakfast;
- 1 night at Hotel Plaza Campeche 4\* (or similar), including breakfast;
- 1 night at Hotel El Castellano 4\* (or similar) of Merida, including breakfast;

### **The package does not include:**

- International and Domestic Flights;
- Extra meals (Dinner and Lunches) not included in the program.
- Extra transportation and excursions not included in the program;
- City Tax for the hotels of Quintana Roo Estate (Cancún, Playa del Carmen, Tulum, Holbox, Bacalar, Chetumal, etc.. (to be paid at check-in);
- Everything not listed under **“the package includes”**.