

Coffee and Vanilla

10 Days, 9 Nights, Motorcoach Tour

Mexico An exceptional trip will immerse you in a region that combines ancestral traditions and gastronomical heritage. Exploring native cultures and Pre-Hispanic archeological sites, Colonial cities, and Pueblos Mágicos (Magical Towns). Learn about the importance of Coffee and Vanilla production as you travel through the lush foothills of the Sierras in the State of Veracruz, ecosystems with exuberant vegetation, a paradise for those who love birdwatching.

Included with Tour

- · Deluxe motorcoach trip beginning Mexico City
- Visit Mexico's Museum of Anthropology
- Visit a Vanilla Sanctuary and learn about it's production
- · Fully escorted and narrated
- Explore the archaeological site of QUIAHUIZTLAN.
- Learn about Coffee production at the Hacienda of "Our lady of the Remedies"
- Explore the charming shops, cafes, and taquerías in Puebla
- Taxes and gratuity for maids, bellmen, and wait staff (Driver & Escort are not included)
- · Mexican Visa entry fee
- 9 nights hotel accommodations
- MOST MEALS INCLUDED
 See tour breakdown for details on which meals are included for each day. (B) = Breakfast, (L) = Lunch, (D) = Dinner

Price per person

\$1NGLE \$2,575 DOUBLE \$2,110

Departure datesJanuary 21, 2023

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Tour Breakdown

BAJA WHALES AND WINE

DAY 1 | Mexico City

Arrive in Mexico City and transfer to the hotel. Welcome cocktail this afternoon to meet the rest of the group.

DAY 2 | Mexico City

After breakfast at the hotel, we will visit the Museum of Anthropology. Without a doubt, the most important museum in Mexico displays the treasures of the pre-Spanish civilizations. Lunch at a local restaurant. During the afternoon, we will visit the Palace of Fine Arts. Welcome dinner. (B L D)

DAY 3 | Papantla

Breakfast this morning at the hotel and departure for Papantla, a place with a local fragrant flavor, has held onto the charm and wisdom of its pre-Hispanic origins, while its air is scented with the sweet aroma of vanilla. Arriving for lunch to taste the Totonaca regional cuisine. During the afternoon, we will visit the Takilhsukut park and learn the Totonaca traditions with the region's elders. Check-in at the hotel and overnight (B L)

DAY 4 | Papantla | Tajin

Enjoy breakfast this morning and depart for the archeological site of Tajin, a remarkable achievement of Totonaca culture and one of the most important religious centers in Mesoamerica. Today you will become an expert on vanilla (Xanath) as we visit the vanilla sanctuary and test all of its products. We will also have the opportunity to experience a culinary delight of indigenous cuisine cooked over an open fire. Return to Papantla. (B L)

DAY 5 | Papantla | Coatepec

After breakfast, we will travel to Coatepec, a small city with Andalucía style architecture, is located on the slopes of the Pico de Orizaba and Cofre de Perote volcanoes. The aroma of roasted coffee fills the air with a captivating scent casting a spell over this lovely village. Along the way visiting the archeological site of QUIAHUIZTLAN. This critical site witnessed the alliance between the Spanish conquistadors and the Totonaca people to fight against the Aztec Empire in Mexico City. The city of Quiahuiztlan was constructed as a fortress on top of a hill. From here, you will see the Gulf of Mexico and the small town of Villa Rica, one of the first Spanish settlements in Mexico. Lunch in a local restaurant and evening arrival to Coatepec. (B L)

DAY 6 | Coatepec

Breakfast at the hotel this morning. Today we will be visiting a Finca (Estate) specialized in coffee production to learn about the cultivation and the different varieties. We will also visit the old 400-year Hacienda of "Our lady of the Remedies" to learn about the crafting of the coffee and enjoy a delicious lunch. Our itinerary will bring us to the state capital, Xalapa, a city of cheerful atmosphere (aka) The City of Flowers. We will visit the Archaeological Museum of Xalapa, home to a fascinating collection of Olmec pieces, including the Colossal Olmeca Heads. Return to Coatepec for overnight (B L)

DAY 7 | Coatepec

Today, our program will take us to the Samal city of Xico, a Magical Town with cobblestone streets and colonial houses. This town is located in a cloud forest that contains a unique ecosystem. For lunch today, we will enjoy regional dishes. This evening we will return to Coatepec and enjoy a coffee bar that is the specialty of the town, a walking city tour. B L)

DAY 8 | Coatepec | Puebla

After breakfast, we depart for the city of Puebla, driving about 120 miles back up to the high country. The city of Puebla, the capital of the state with the same name, was founded in 1531, becoming an important trading center during the colonial era. UNESCO considers Puebla one of Mankind's World Heritage sites for its architectural treasures, traditions, and tasty cuisine. Overnight in Puebla. (B L).

DAY 9 | Puebla | Mexico City

We will depart after breakfast and visit CHOLULA, a city that once was one of the most powerful provinces in the country and still is home to the largest ancient pyramid on the continent. The Great Pyramid of Tlachihualtepetl. We will depart after lunch to arrive in Mexico City by the afternoon, check-in at the hotel, and enjoy our farewell dinner (B D)

DAY 10 Return Home

Breakfast at the hotel before checking out and transfers to the airport

Hotels and itinerary subject to change (of equal or greater value), not affecting the cost of the tour. Airfare not included



Dance of the Flyers in Papantla



Explore the colorful streets of Puebla