



## Colonial México - Guadalajara to México City

### 10 Days, 9 Nights

People often characterize México by its beach cities, and we understand the appeal. But México has so much more to offer beyond the sand and sea. The history of indigenous peoples and Spanish conquerors alike meld together in a cultural excursion you cannot find anywhere else in the world.

#### Included with Tour

- Onsite tour orientation and briefing with welcome dinner
- Fully escorted and narrated by our friendly tour staff
- Tour the blue agave fields of Guadalajara and sample tequila
- Stroll through Morelia's famous cathedral, government palace and candy market
- Visit Patzcuaro's unique yacatas (circular pyramids)
- Sightseeing through the cobblestone streets of Guadalajara and San Miguel de Allende
- Visit the majestic architecture in Our Lady of Guadalupe Church
- UNESCO Cultural Heritage event
- Angel of Independence in México City
- **SOME MEALS INCLUDED**  
See tour breakdown for details on which meals are included for each day.  
(B) = Breakfast, (L) = Lunch, (D) = Dinner

## Tour Breakdown

### DAY 1 | Guadalajara

Arrive to Guadalajara International Airport. Guadalajara is the second largest city in México, and is a modern metropolis with an international flavor that still maintains its colonial traditions. We transfer from the airport to the hotel, located in the heart of the beautiful historical district, where we spend two nights. This evening, we enjoy a welcome dinner and meet our Tour Director. (D)

### DAY 2 | Guadalajara and Tequila

After breakfast, we begin our day with a guided walking tour of the main plazas that surround the historical center. At the Metropolitan Cathedral and the Government Palace, we view the murals by José Clemente Orozco. We continue to Tequila, where the internationally renowned Mexican beverage is produced by dozens of distilleries set amidst the blue agave fields. Upon arrival, tour the city and visit a distillery to learn the process of making tequila. We return to Guadalajara this evening. (B L D)

Price per person

**SINGLE  
\$2,099**

**DOUBLE  
\$1,699**

**Departure dates**  
October 18, 2021

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**DAY 3 | Morelia**

This morning we head for the beautiful city of Morelia, where we check into our centrally located hotel for two nights in this elegant colonial city. After free time for lunch, we tour the city, where the buildings date back to the 17th century, allowing visitors to recapture the spirit and elegance of Old Spain. Our tour includes the Cathedral, Government Palace with murals depicting the history of the state, and the Candy Market. (B D)

**DAY 4 | Pátzcuaro/ Tzintzuntzan/ Morelia**

After breakfast, we drive to the hillside city of Pátzcuaro, one of México's Pueblos Mágicos that still retains its quaint 16th-century atmosphere. Afterward, we go to the ancient capital of Tzintzuntzan, where circular pyramids called Yácatas were built overlooking a lake and where we will visit the charming Santa Ana monastery, dating back to the 1500s. (B)

**DAY 5 | Guanajuato/ San Miguel Allende**

Our route today will take us through the farmlands of El Bajío, arriving in the city of Guanajuato. Our first stop is the Garden of the Union, the city's lively focal point. After free time for lunch, our guide will lead us down the narrow cobblestone streets lined with the gorgeous architecture of this World Heritage Site city. Our walking tour includes a visit to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guanajuato, Alley of the Kiss, Alhóndiga de Granaditas, Hidalgo Market, and the University of Guanajuato. This afternoon we continue to San Miguel Allende, one of México's most charming towns, also designated as a National Historic Monument to preserve its unique atmosphere. Check in to the hotel in San Miguel de Allende, our home for two nights. (B D)

**DAY 6 | San Miguel de Allende**

After breakfast, we will tour San Miguel de Allende to admire the colonial homes with their gorgeous inner patios, wrought-iron trimming, and massive wooden doors. The square is filled with artists capturing the magic of the city with their paints and easels. After the guided tour, the day is free to stroll through the city's famous art galleries and eateries. (B D)

**OPTIONAL:** Travel to the charming city of Dolores Hidalgo, where the seeds for the independence of modern day México started. It was at the foot of its main church that Father Miguel Hidalgo ignited the insurgency against the Spanish in 1810. The tour begins at the tree-lined Zócalo, a popular meeting point; view the magnificent monument dedicated to México's national heroes. Next, visit the beautiful baroque church followed by a delicious homemade ice cream tasting from one of the many street vendors around the main square. Be adventurous and try the different exotic flavors! After, visit a "talavera" factory to see how local colorful ceramics are made before returning to San Miguel Allende.

**DAY 7 | Querétaro / México City**

This morning we leave lovely San Miguel Allende to visit another colonial jewel, the city of Querétaro. This is a charming colonial city steeped in Mexican history, with graceful balconies, tree-lined plazas, colonial streets, and alleyways. After free time for lunch, we continue to México City. Before we arrive at our hotel we will have a short panoramic tour of Reforma Avenue, Ángel of Independence Monument, the Chapultepec area, and Castle. (B D)

**DAY 8 | México City**

Today is a free day to explore México City. (B)

**OPTIONAL:** Take a half day tour to Cuernavaca and Taxco, known for its Spanish colonial architecture, as well as its famous silver jewelry.

**DAY 9 | Xochimilco/ México City**

After breakfast, we depart for Xochimilco, located in the southern part of Mexico City. We will also enjoy a trip through the canals on a trajinera (gondola). This afternoon, we tour the central plaza visiting the National Cathedral, the Government Palace, and Templo Mayor. We finish this busy, exciting day with a farewell dinner. (B L D)

**DAY 10 | Return flight home**

After breakfast, we head to the airport for our flights home, with memories of the beautiful colonial cities of México. (B)



Stroll through the colorful streets of Guanajuato.



Marvel in the pre-Columbian architecture with the Yácatas (circular pyramids).



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