

Mexico's Colonial Jewels



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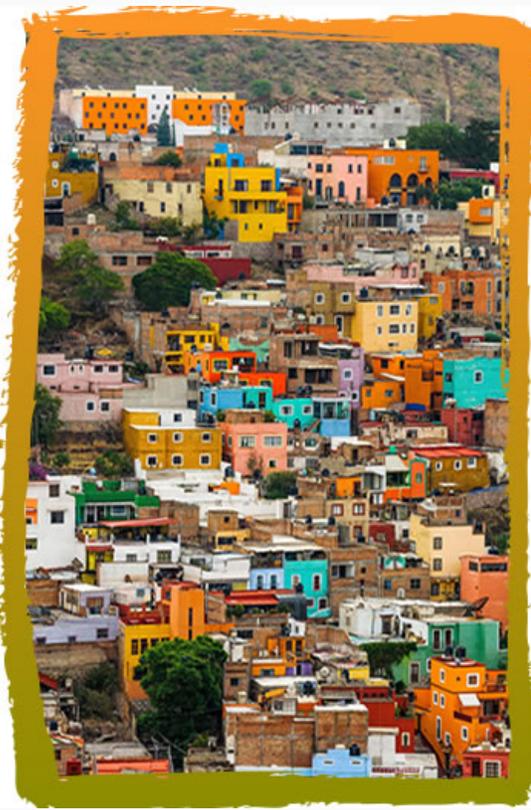
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Oversikt

In colonial times this was one of the richest in the Spanish Empire with close to 40% of the silver in the world originating from this region. Today Guanajuato State and its famous capital of the same name is a colonial gem together with San Miguel Allende and was declared a Patrimony of Humanity by UNESCO. Guanajuato at the present time and for almost 40 years, is the headquarters of some of the most important cultural samples in the world: The Cervantino International Festival.

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Day 1 (Wed): Mexico City, Queretaro to San Miguel de Allende
Day 2 (Thu): San Miguel de Allende - Dolores Hidalgo - Guanajuato
Day 3 (Fri): Guanajuato - Zacatecas
Day 4 (Sat): Zacatecas - Guadalajara
Day 5 (Sun): Guadalajara - Tequila
Day 6 (Mon): Guadalajara - Pátzcuaro - Morelia
Day 7 (Tue): Morelia - Mexico City.



The rocky highland state of Guanajuato is full of riches of every kind. In colonial times, mineral resources attracted Spanish prospectors to mine for silver, gold, iron, lead, zinc and tin. For two centuries the state produced enormous wealth, extracting up to 40% of the world's silver. Silver barons in Guanajuato city enjoyed opulent lives at the expense of indigenous people who worked the mines, first as slaves and then later as wage slaves. Eventually, resenting the dominance of Spanish-born colonists, the well-heeled criollo class of Guanajuato and Querétaro states contributed to plans for rebellion.

The cordial city of Guanajuato, declared Patrimony of the Humanity by UNESCO, and the "Ruta de las Minas" or Mines route, that cross-cuts its municipalities, and its scrumptious and honest gastronomy make this state an excellent destination which reunites Mexican traditions along with novohispano culture. Just as bright in its underground lifestyle as in surface, Guanajuato at the present time and for almost 40 years, is the headquarters of some of the most important cultural samples in the world: The Cervantino International Festival.

Day 1 (Wed): Mexico City. Queretaro - San Miguel de Allende

Departure from Mexico City (hotel overnight in MEX City not included) to Querétaro, where we will visit the Aqueduct, the Ex-Cross Convent and Historic Downtown. Head to San Miguel de Allende, where many intellectuals and retired people live in. Visit: San Miguel's Parish with the Holy House Chapel, the Inquisitor House, the San Francisco church & Allende house. Enjoy a great variety of cafeterias and restaurants! Overnight.

Day 2 (Thu): San Miguel de Allende - Dolores Hidalgo - Guanajuato (B)

Breakfast. Departure to Dolores Hidalgo, where in 1810, the father Don Miguel Hidalgo, began the Independence war. Also José Alfredo Jimenez, one of the most famous musician

composers, was born there. Continuation to Guanajuato, where year after year is home of the International Cervantino Festival.

In the afternoon you will enjoy knowing this fabulous city, full of beautiful colonial alleys and plazas such as the University, the Juarez Theater, the Kiss Alley and the Diego Rivera's house. Its streets and subterranean avenues are one of a kind in the country. Optionally the "callejoneada" is a classic, accompanied with musical estudiantina. Other attractions are the Alhóndiga de Granaditas, the Museum of Quixote and the Mummies. Overnight.

Day 3 (Fri): Guanajuato - Zacatecas

Breakfast. Head to Zacatecas, a World Heritage Site. This beautiful colonial city of "pink cantera" has the most outstanding Mexican baroque style, the Cathedral. From "La Bufa" Hill you will be able to appreciate an interesting panoramic view of the city. We will descend in funicular and afterwards an educational visit of the mine of Eden. Optionally, by night, you may enjoy the "Callejoneada", a performance accompanied with musical "Tambora" group. Other attractions are the Coronel Brother's Museums. Overnight.

Day 4 (Sat): Zacatecas - Guadalajara

Breakfast. We will continue on to Guadalajara the capital of state of Jalisco, where tequila and mariachi were born. Will visit Tlaquepaque town where the finest handcraft are made. Place of the Bustamante's Art Gallery. Possibility of degusting Mexican cuisine accompanied by a breathtaking ambiance with mariachi music at a traditional restaurant. Overnight.

Day 5 (Sun): Guadalajara - Tequila

Breakfast. We will visit the principal points of interest: Government palace with splendid mural paintings of Orozco, Plaza Tapatia, Degollado Theater, Cathedral and the Rotonda of the Illustrate Men. Continue on to Tequila, typical town where the main distilleries (Haciendas) of this famous liquor are located. We will know the agave fields, the "jimador" man and the process of the tequila. Return to Guadalajara. Other attraction is the handicraft market at Tonalá town on Thursday & Sunday. Overnight.

Day 6 (Mon): Guadalajara ** - Pátzcuaro - Morelia**

Breakfast. We will get to know Pátzcuaro, which in purépecha means "Heaven's door". This City is famous for its colonial beauty and unique for its customs. Within the attractions are the Basilica of Our Lady of Health, the "House of the Eleven Patios", and the Historic Downtown. Optional you may visit the Island of Janitzio. Enjoy the wide variety of cafes and restaurants which offer typical dishes at the portals of Pátzcuaro's downtown.

Day 7 (Tue): Morelia *** - Mexico City.**

Breakfast. Continue on to Morelia, a World Heritage site, worldwide known for its student habitat and its magnificent colonial constructions of "pink cantera": the Cathedral, the Government Palace, Clavijero Palace, the Major Plaza, the market of typical candies, the Aqueduct, and the San Diego Chapel. Departure to Mexico City. End of services.

Viktig Informasjon

What's included:

- Accommodation in mentioned hotels & room categories 4**** (standard = lead in category in each hotel) over indicated nights
 - 1 night at Real de Minas or Casa Primavera in San Miguel de Allende
 - 1 night at Misión Guanajuato or Hotel Guanajuato, Guanajuato
 - 1 night at Hotel Emporo or similar, Zacatecas
 - 1 night at Hotel de Mendoza or Hotel Morales, Guadalajara
 - 1 night at Hotel Catedral or Hotel Casino, Morelia
- Daily breakfast (beginning morning of day 2)
- SIB (Seat-in-Bus) ground transportation in airconditioned vans
- Spanish- / English-speaking driver-guide (or driver+guide in case of bigger group) during all described program
- Entrance fees to mentioned sites and museums
- Applicable taxes on services which are mentioned as included here above

What's not included:

- Hotel accommodation before first and after last service of itinerary.
- Tips to baggage porters at incl. Mexican airports and hotels, tips to chamber maids at incl. hotels, tips for brf-service.
- Flight tickets, airtaxes, airport taxes, tourist international departure tax (might be incl in intl. airticket)
- Tips to guide and driver.
- Beverages and other meals than the indicated breakfasts.
- Anything not mentioned explicitly below "The prices include".

Other useful travel information:

Price: is per person based on twin/double share.

Single room supplement: from USD 382.

Notes on triple rooms in Mexico: Hotel rooms in Mexico have a standard bedding of 1 KING or QUEEN size or 2 Double (French) size beds. This bedding serves generally to accommodate SGL, DBL, TPL, as well as ADT with CHD accommodation.

Extra beds are subject to availability at hotel at moment of check-in and might require additional direct payment by guest to hotel.

Meals: The meals are served basically on regional Mexican habits in tourism, this means: Continental breakfast (Fruit with cereal or bread with butter and marmelade, juice and coffee or tea). American Breakfasts (coffee or tea, eggs any style, bread or tortilla, fruit or juice). Breakfast Buffet (several dishes in hot and cold serving bars, coffee or tea and juice and water). Lunch and dinner (plated-served at table: entry, main course & dessert on preestablished selection or menú). B = Breakfast, L = Lunch, D = Dinner.

Best time to visit: Guanajuato State and this areas as basically to types of climate, mainly a semi-arid climate and a Mediterranean climate. The best times to visit this part of Mexico is especially April, but as long as you avoid the rainy season between May → October you should be fine.

Optionals - Combine this program with our SiB program Mexico City 4D/3N, or out of whatever combination of our Land Services and hotel accommodation in Mexico City

**** For the same prices as shown above, cut your tour on morning of day 6, have local GDL transfer to bus station, and public bus to Puerto Vallarta beach destination

***** with USD 90 per Pax supplement, cut your tour on morning of day 7, and have local Morelia transfer to bus station, and public bus to Ixtapa beach destination.

(additional services like hotel and outgoing transfers there from our confidential hotel- and other services' lists)

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