

# Classic Mexico

10 Days / 9 Nights

Mexico City - Puebla - Oaxaca - Puerto Escondido

## Included:

- Airport transfers
- Accommodation 9 nights
- Meals: 8B 1L 1D
- Oaxaca city tour
- Oaxaca cooking class
- Tour of Teotihuacan and the Shrine of Guadalupe



## Itinerary summary:

### Day 1: Arrival in Mexico City

The guide greets visitors on arrival and accompanies them to the hotel. We recommend heading to Plaza Garibaldi in the evening to listen to the Mariachi bands! Have a drink and enjoy some "Mexican botanas" at Tenampa cantina – dinner is included on this first evening.

### Day 2: Mexico City

Enjoy a full-day tour of Mexico City with an English speaking guide and gain an appreciation of the history of this fascinating city. Visit the cathedral in the main square to admire the ornate decorations before heading to the palacio nacional – home of the President. Take time here to admire Diego Rivera's murals depicting Mexico City. In the afternoon, learn all about the story and mythology of Mexico in the National Anthropology Museum before enjoying panoramic views of Paseo de la Reforma.

### Day 3: Mexico City

Free day to explore or take part in one of our optional tours.

### Day 4: Guadalupe Shrine, Teotihuacan -Puebla

Experience the Guadalupe Shrine and learn why this national shrine lures millions of pilgrims annually. Later, drive to one of the most important archeological sites in Mexico, Teotihuacan, to marvel at some of the most impressive pyramids in the world. See the Sun and Moon pyramids, the Temple of Quetzalcoatl, the Avenue of the Dead, and learn all about the Aztecs. Enjoy lunch on site and drive to Puebla in the evening.

### Day 5: Puebla -Oaxaca

In the morning, discover Puebla's downtown, a UNESCO World Heritage site, where the majority of buildings are decorated with tiles and beautifully sculpted freestone. Also see its majestic cathedral in the main Square, the Rosario chapel, considered the eighth wonder of the art world. After exploring charming Puebla, drive to Oaxaca in the evening.

### Day 6: Oaxaca

Experience a cooking class from a local. Pilar Cabrera, the chef, is passionate about Oaxacan culture and has 26 years of experience in the kitchen. The class starts with a short tour of the local markets where travellers will shop for their ingredients. Then, its back to the kitchen for a step-by-step masterful guide in how to prepare the meals, with plenty of references to local culture and traditions to help bring out the deeper meaning of the dishes. And, of course, enjoy the creations!

### Day 7: Oaxaca City Tour

Enjoy a wonderful morning tour of the beautiful colonial city of Oaxaca – with its centre another designated UNESCO cultural centre. Admire the Governor's palace, the cathedral in Hidalgo Square, the Alcala pedestrian walk, and the theatre building. In the afternoon, reach the archaeological site of Monte Albán. Here, observe the remains of the former ceremonial centre and main city of the Zapotec culture. The temple grounds also provide nice views over the city of Oaxaca and the central valley.

### Day 8: Transfer to Puerto Escondido

After breakfast, transfer to Puerto Escondido and enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

### Day 9: Puerto Escondido

Enjoy exploring Puerto Escondido at your own leisure. However, we recommend especially joining our optional tour for the day: releasing baby turtles. Learn about the incubation process of various different turtles and all about their life cycles in the conservation centre. Then, be part of a baby turtle release as you help these little creatures along the pristine beach to get to their natural habitat.

### Day 10: Departure

Free time until airport transfer for departure flight.