



**Educational
Tours**

Mexico: Ancient & Modern

9 days | Mexico

Teotihuacán Pyramids





Number of overnight stays in parentheses. This tour may also be reversed.

Top things to see on tour:



Palacio Nacional



National Museum of Anthropology



Hospicio Cabañas



Puerto Vallarta



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Explore the best of Mexico's past with visits to the Museum of Anthropology and Teotihuacán Pyramids in Mexico City, the well-preserved Baroque colonial structures in San Miguel de Allende, and one of the oldest and largest hospital complexes in Spanish America, Hospicio Cabañas in Guadalajara. Then, for a taste of the modern, enjoy all that Puerto Vallarta has to offer.

Everything you get:

- Round-trip flights
- Full-time Tour Director
- Comfortable motorcoach
- 8 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- 4 sightseeing tour led by a licensed local guide; 1 sightseeing tour led by your tour director; 1 walking tour
- Entrance to:** Museum of Anthropology; Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe; Teotihuacán Pyramids; Callejoneadas choral group performance; Hospicio Cabañas

You can add optional activities to your tour. Additional costs apply.

Day 1: Fly to Mexico

- Meet your Tour Director at the airport in Mexico City
- Take a walking tour of Mexico City: Paseo de la Reforma

Days 2: Mexico City

- Take a guided tour of Mexico City: Zócalo; Palacio Nacional; Templo Mayor
- Visit National Museum of Anthropology
- *Optional: Frida Kahlo Museum and Coyoacán*

Day 3: Mexico City

- Take a guided tour of the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Teotihuacán Pyramids: Stop at an obsidian shop
- *Optional: Ballet Folklórico*

Day 4: Guanajuato

- Make a stop in San Miguel de Allende
- Travel to Guanajuato
- Take a guided tour of Guanajuato: Alley of the Kiss; Plaza de la Paz
- Attend a callejoneadas choral group performance

Day 5: Guadalajara

- Travel to Guadalajara
- Take a guided tour of Guadalajara: Government Palace; Hospicio Cabañas; Tlaquepaque

Day 6: Puerto Vallarta

- Travel to Puerto Vallarta

Day 7: Puerto Vallarta

- Enjoy a free day in Puerto Vallarta
- *Optional: Sierra Madre*

Day 8: Puerto Vallarta

- Enjoy a free day in Puerto Vallarta

Day 9: Depart for home

Mexico City

Step into Mexico City's main square, Zócalo, the heart of the Aztec empire before Cortés and his conquistadore leveled the area. Salvaging stones from the temples of Tenochtitlán and Montezuma's residence, the Spanish built the cathedral and royal palace here, dating to 1523. At the National Museum of Anthropology, look for the Aztec calendar stone and Montezuma's headdress. Tour the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe. According to legend, a peasant had a vision of the Virgin on this very site, which spurred the construction of the shrine. Continue on to the pyramids at Teotihuacán, where you'll traverse the Avenue of the Dead and climb the Pyramids of the Sun and Moon.



Zócalo Square
Mexico City, Mexico



Seascape
Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

Puerto Vallarta

Pirates, explorers and Sir Francis Drake once sailed into Puerto Vallarta's bay before continuing on their journeys. Now, it's your turn to kick off your shoes and enjoy this coastal paradise. Spend your time relaxing on the beach; or, opt for an excursion to Sierra Madre to take a guided walk in the tropical forest and see how families live in this rural area. Alternatively, venture into town where you can try your hand at bargaining and pick up some souvenirs—the region is known for sarapes (shawls), piñatas, and huaraches (leather sandals). Make sure to try the regional cuisine, known to be some of the tastiest in Mexico.

Guadalajara

Guadalajara's distinctively Spanish culture dates back to the 1800s, when Spanish colonists trying to escape Mexico City during the War of Independence settled here in search of open frontiers. A local guide introduces you to the Government Palace, the cathedral and the nearby village of Tlaquepaque, famous as the birthplace of mariachi music. Here, the Mexican Treaty of Independence took effect in 1821. You'll also see the Hospicio Cabañas, where Padre Hidalgo signed his emancipation proclamation in 1811. Inside, admire the majestic murals of José Clemente Orozco. High overhead inside the domed cupola, his dramatic *Man of Fire* gave this building its nickname: the "Sistine Chapel of the Americas."



Guadalajara Cathedral
Guadalajara, Mexico

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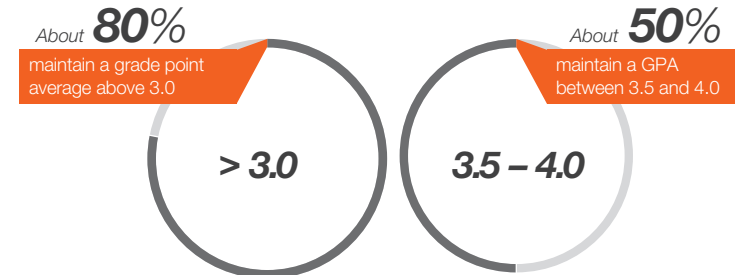
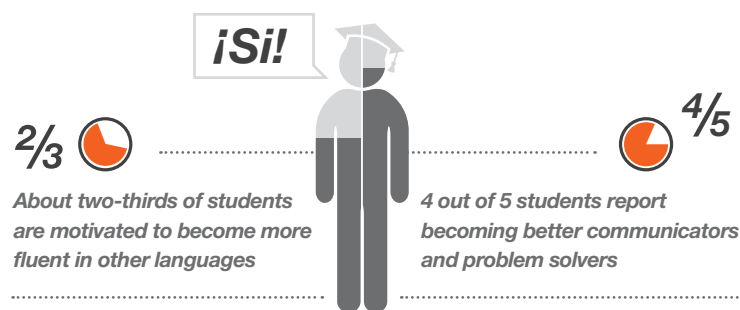
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