

11 Days Viva Mexico 2019

Travel through history and spectacular scenery. Discover the best of Mexico. Start your journey at the Zocalo, the heart of Mexico's capital, one of the world's largest and most fascinating cities. Then explore the highlights of the South, many of them recognized as World Heritage. Go from Aztecs to Maya, from semi-desert to jungle, and from colonial gems to mystical archaeological sites. Be surprised by the colorful traditions you come across along the journey. Finish your adventure at paradisiacal Caribbean beaches. Viva Mexico!

Program in SIB is valid for departures between 12 December 2018 - 04 December 2019 every Monday from 2 pax.

Day 01: Monday /Welcome In Mexico City

You will be amazed by the size of the city from the moment you arrive. Meet and greet with a local representative and transfer to your hotel. As the country's capital, the "Distrito Federal" is a mosaic of contrasts but most of all an experience in which all of Mexico comes together. It's the perfect place to start your trip in Mexico.

Included: Airport Transfers, Overnight Hotel in Mexico City.

Day 02: Tuesday/Historic Center and Anthropology Museum

Get to know one of the world's biggest and most exciting cities! Enjoy a guided visit in the historical center, listed by UNESCO as World Heritage. This interesting tour will include "The Zocalo", the heart of the city, where you will visit the Metropolitan Cathedral, one of the oldest and largest of the Americas, and (if open) the National Palace, home of the famous murals of Diego Rivera. You will also see the ruins of the Templo Mayor, one of the most important temples of the Aztecs in their ancient capital city of Tenochtitlan. Next, we drive down the beautiful Paseo de la Reforma Avenue to arrive at Chapultepec Park, to visit the Museum of Anthropology. This museum is considered to be among the world's finest of its kind. Here you will admire, among many other interesting treasures, the famous Aztec calendar stone.

Included: Breakfast in Hotel, Transportation, Guided Walking Tour in English, Entry to Museum of Anthropology, Overnight Hotel in Mexico City.

Day 03: Wednesday/ Pyramids of Teotihuacan and the Shrine of Guadalupe

Discover Teotihuacán, 'the place where gods were created'. Teotihuacan is one of the most impressive archaeological sites of the country. It is assumed that the city may have counted 200,000 inhabitants during its period of prosperity. In those years, Teotihuacán was the biggest city of the American continent and one of the biggest of the world. Until its inhabitants abandoned the city around the 8th century, Teotihuacan was probably the most significant and civilized cultural center of ancient Mexico. During this guided excursion you see (and climb?) the Pyramids of

the Sun and the Moon, walk down the Avenue of the Dead, visit the Temple of Quetzalcoatl with its unique stone sculptures of plumed serpents, the Temple of the Butterflies, and the Fortresses. Before arriving back at your hotel, we make a stop at the Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe, a pilgrimage place for millions of Mexicans and people from all around the world.

Included: Breakfast in Hotel, Transportation, Guided Walking Tour in English, Entry to Archeological Site of Teotihuacan, Overnight Hotel in Mexico City.

Day 04: Thursday /Mexico City - Puebla - Oaxaca

Today we leave Mexico City behind. We travel to Puebla, Mexico's fourth largest city, passing the photogenic, snowcapped volcanoes Popocatepetl (Smoking Mountain, 5464m) and Iztaccíhuatl (Sleeping Lady, 5230m). A visit is planned to Santa Maria Tonantzintla with its gorgeous temple decorated by indigenous people. In Puebla, also known as the "City of Angels", we will have lunch and visit the extraordinary Rosary Chapel, the Cathedral, the main square and its beautiful historical center. Continue to Oaxaca, one of the most colorful colonial towns of Mexico and, just like Puebla, listed as World Heritage. Oaxaca is also famous for its many indigenous traditions, reflected in its wonderful crafts and typical gastronomy.

Included: Breakfast in Hotel, Lunch in local restaurant in Puebla, Transportation, Panoramic Tour of Puebla, Overnight Hotel in Oaxaca.

Day 05: Friday/Oaxaca - Monte Alban - Mitla – Tule

Visit the archaeological zone of Monte Alban, located only a few kilometers outside the city of Oaxaca. Monte Alban, meaning "White Mountain", is an ancient Zapotec capital, constructed on a plateau at 1,940 meters above sea level. With pyramids, temples, tombs, ceremonial rock carvings, a court for the pre-Hispanic ball game, among many other mystical constructions, we will find here cultural traces from different civilizations. Its marvelous hilltop location guarantees breathtaking views of the valleys of Oaxaca. We then continue to Mitla, an old ceremonial center of the Zapotecs. Mitla is known for its outstanding mosaics in its walls, representing different geometric designs, a unique style of decorating in Mesoamerica. Adjacent to the archaeological site you can also see the 16th century Church of San Pablo, built by the Spanish with materials from the ruins. On the way back to Oaxaca we will make a stop to admire the Tule tree, perhaps one of the biggest living beings in the world. Once back in Oaxaca we will explore the beauty of this city, with sights such as the Cathedral, the magnificent Santo Domingo church, the Museum of Gold, and the colorful "20 de Noviembre" market.

Included: Breakfast in Hotel, Transportation, Guided Visit to Monte Alban and Mitla in English, Entry for Archeological Site of Monte Alban, Mitla and Tule, Walking Tour Oaxaca City in English, Overnight Hotel in Oaxaca.

Day 06: Saturday/ Oaxaca - Sumidero Canyon - San Cristobal

In the early morning (around 04:00am) we will depart to the beautiful state of Chiapas. Today's highlight will be a boat ride through the Sumidero Canyon, which measures a thousand meters at its highest point. Admire the beautiful rock formations

and enjoy the abundant wildlife that lives on the shores of the Grijalva river (crocodiles, spider monkeys, and many different species of birds). Afterwards, you will pass through the historically important town Chiapa de Corzo, on our way to San Cristobal de las Casas. In the evening we will enjoy an included dinner.

Included: Breakfast en route, Transportation, English-speaking Guide, Boat Ride Sumidero Canyon, Dinner in San Cristobal de las Casas, Overnight Hotel in San Cristobal de las Casas.

Day 07: Sunday/ Indigenous Communities

Scheduled for today is an excursion full of mysticism. Visit the indigenous villages of San Juan Chamula and Zinacantan, located in the highlands of Chiapas. In both Tzotzil Maya communities, the complex ethnic composition of Chiapas is well reflected and they still demonstrate a rich variety of customs and beliefs expressed in traditions of both pagan and Christian origin. Afternoon at leisure. We recommend you to explore more of the beautiful city of San Cristobal de las Casas with, among its many attractions, a colorful market, the cathedral and the Jade museum.

Included: Breakfast in Hotel, Transportation, English-speaking Guide, Overnight Hotel in San Cristobal de las Casas.

Day 08: Monday/ San Cristobal - Agua Azul – Palenque

On the way to Palenque we will visit the waterfalls of Agua Azul. The turquoise color, which makes these waterfalls so unique, comes from the high level of mineral content of the water. Enjoy the surrounding jungle environment and go for a swim (if time permits it). Afterwards we will continue our way through lush jungle with Palenque as today's final destination. In the evening, dinner included.

Included: Breakfast in Hotel, Transportation, English-speaking Guide, Entry to Waterfalls of Agua Azul, Dinner in Palenque, Overnight Hotel in Palenque.

Day 09: Tuesday/Palenque - Campeche

Visit the archaeological zone of Palenque, one of the most important sites of the Mayan World. Lakamha, as the city was known among the ancient Maya, flourished in the 7th century. It rose to prominence under the reign of legendary King Pakal, whose tomb was found in one of Palenque's most iconic landmarks, the Temple of the Inscriptions. This ruined city is home to some of the finest architecture, exquisite sculptures, and carvings produced by the ancient Maya. Enjoy a guided visit and admire the impressive structures as well as the breathtaking natural environment of this World Heritage Site. After this visit, we head to Campeche, a captivating town full of naval history, baroque Spanish architecture, and aging beauty. The city has spent the past few years restoring hundreds of downtown historic buildings, making it one of the most photogenic colonial cities in all of Mexico. Upon arrival you will enjoy a panoramic tour through the city. In the evening, dinner included.

Included: Breakfast in Hotel, Transportation, Guided visit of Archeological Site of Palenque in English, Entry to Archeological Site of Palenque, Panoramic Tour of Campeche, Dinner in Campeche, Overnight Hotel in Campeche.

Day 10: Wednesday /Campeche - Uxmal - Merida

On the way to Merida we will visit Uxmal (meaning "built three times"), located in the Puuc region. Uxmal, also listed as World Heritage, is considered one of the Maya cities that is most representative of the Puuc style, the region's dominant architectural style. Explore the Magician Pyramid, the Quadrangle of the Nuns, the Governor's palace and the ballgame court. After this visit you will enjoy lunch and then proceed to Merida. The "White City" was founded in 1542, by the Spaniard Francisco de Montejo. Nowadays, it is the capital city of the Mexican state of Yucatan, with still a strong influence of Mayan cultural heritage, stunning architecture, lovely parks, and a delicious gastronomy. Upon arrival in Merida we will enjoy a panoramic tour, including the highlights of the city (among them Montejo Avenue and he Plaza Grande).

Included: Breakfast in Hotel, Transportation, Guided visit of Archeological Site of Uxmal in English, Entry to Archeological Site of Uxmal, Lunch at Site of Uxmal, Panoramic Tour in Merida, Overnight Hotel in Merida.

Day 11: Friday/ Merida - Chichen Tza – Cancun

At the end of the Early Classic Period, around the year 600 AD, Chichen Itza was one of the largest and most prominent Maya cities. Nowadays, Chichen Itza is undoubtedly the best-preserved Maya site on the Yucatan peninsula, and it was recently declared one of the New Seven Wonders of the World. Various different architectural styles are seen in Chichen Itza. Most famous landmarks are the Temple of Kukulcan ("El Castillo"), the Ballgame Court, the Platform of the Skulls, the Temple of the Jaguar, the Observatory, the One Thousand Columns, and the Sacred Cenote. Then take a refreshing swim in the cenote of Ik Kil, have lunch, and continue to Cancun. Drop off at your hotel (beach extension available upon request).

Included: Breakfast in Hotel, Transportation, Guided visit to Archeological Site of Chichen Itza in English, Lunch at Archeological Site of Chichen Itza, Entry to Archeological Site of Chichen Itza and Cenote Ik-Kil, Drop off at Hotel in Cancun or Playa del Carmen.

End of services.

Nights	City	Hotels 4*
03n	Mexico City	Hampton Inn / Casa Blanca
02n	Oaxaca	Mision de los Angeles / Fortin Plaza
02n	San Cristobal de las Casas	Casa Vieja / Diego de Mazariegos / Villa Mercedes San Cristobal
01n	Palenque	Chan Kah / Villa Mercedes Palenque

01n	Campeche	Gamma Campeche Malecón / Plaza Campeche
01n	Merida	El Conquistador / Gamma El Castellano

The price of the program is per person in US dollars:

DBL	SGL	TPL *	CHILD (4-11 years)**
USD \$ 1,980	USD \$ 3,478	USD \$ 1,895	USD \$ 1,242

Please note:

- Prices are subject to availability and change without prior notice.
- Supplements for holiday periods apply, all prices are based in the regular season, please ask your executive for High season rates, availability, and supplements.
- (*) Triple rooms include two double beds only. Three beds are not guaranteed.
- (**) Rate for children applies if children share a room with their parents (not including food and drinks).

The cost of the program includes:

- 10 nights' accommodation in standard room at the hotels above mentioned or similar
- Daily breakfast, 3x lunch, 3x dinner, as mentioned in the program
- All transfers and excursions as mentioned in the program, operated in seat in basis
- Entrances to sites mentioned in the program
- Bilingual (English-Spanish speaking) guide for excursions
- Staff assistance for transfers
- Service charge on included meals
- Taxes (VAT and hotel taxes)

The cost of the program does not include:

- Airlines (domestic and international)
- All services, meals, or items not mentioned in itinerary
- Personal expenses, such as: phone calls, laundry, beverages, etc.
- Tips to bellboys, room-maids, drivers, and guides

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