



Hola and welcome to Mexico! A massive, diverse and colourful country, there's something for everyone in this lively destination. From the streets of Mexico City to ancient Mayan ruins and the beaches of Playa Del Carmen, Viva Mexico will have your exploring all of the highlights on an unforgettable 13 day adventure. With an awesome group leader from the moment you land, an instant new group of friends, activities and accommodation included, and help with all your onward travel, get ready for a fiesta!

<b>MEXICO CITY</b>	➔	<b>PLAYA DEL CARMEN</b>
<b>Transport:</b>		Private Minivan
<b>Meals:</b>		12B, 2L, 1D
<b>Group size:</b>		4 - 14
<b>Age Range:</b>		18 - 40's
<b>Local Fees:</b>		None

## HIGHLIGHTS

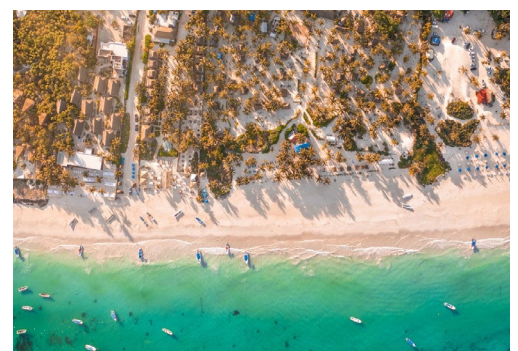
- Immerse yourself in the bustle of Mexico City
- Try local spirits at a mezcal distillery
- Visit the Indigenous communities of San Juan Chamula and Zinacantan to witness the melting-pot of ancient Mayan beliefs and contemporary religions
- Dive into the turquoise pools of Agua Azul Waterfalls
- Explore ancient Mayan ruins at Palenque, Chicanná and Chichen Itza
- Discover the beautiful Bacalar Lagoon by boat
- Relax on the Yucatan Peninsula's whitest beaches and get amongst Playa Del Carmen's buzzing nightlife

## INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Personal Airport Pickup to the Hotel 24/7  
\*From Mexico City Airport MEX only\*
- ✓ 12 Nights Accommodation
- ✓ 15 Meals
- ✓ All Transport
- ✓ Orientation Tours of Mexico City, Oaxaca & San Cristobal de las Casas
- ✓ Mezcal Distillery Tour
- ✓ Boat Tour of Sumidero Canyon
- ✓ Indigenous Community Visit
- ✓ Agua Azul Falls
- ✓ Palenque Archeological Site
- ✓ Chicanná Archeological Site
- ✓ Boat Tour of Bacalar Lagoon
- ✓ Chichen Itza
- ✓ Sacred Cenote
- ✓ Chukum Cenote
- ✓ Help with Onward Travel

### NOT INCLUDED:

Flights, travel insurance, visas & some meals



# ITINERARY & IMPORTANT INFO

## DAY 1 - WELCOME TO MEXICO!

• **MEXICO CITY** Hola! Once you arrive in Mexico City we'll take you to straight to our hotel. You'll have plenty of time to recover from your flight before meeting up with everyone in the group and getting excited for what's to come.

## DAY 2 - DISCOVER MEXICO CITY

• **MEXICO CITY** What a place to begin our adventure! Known for mountainous surrounds, rich history and incredible buildings, we'll kick things off with an orientation around the historical centre. Wandering bustling streets, we'll learn about the Aztec Empire and history of Spanish Conquest as well as check out icons like Cathedral Metropolitan and Zocalo. The afternoon is yours to explore, opt to check out a museum or listen to a mariachi song. Tonight we'll refuel with a traditional Mexican dinner and show at Plaza Garibaldi!

## DAY 3 - PUEBLA & OAXACA

• **OAXACA** Saying adios to the city, today we'll depart for Puebla also known as 'Magic Town', a beautiful colonial town flanked by volcanoes. Here we'll learn about the history of the area - such as, this town is where Cinco de Mayo originates from! After lunch we'll continue our journey to Oaxaca, where we will check in to our accommodation. We'll then head out and experience the streets by moonlight, hitting up the bars and restaurants!

## DAY 4 - EXPLORE OAXACA

• **TEHUANTEPEC** To start our day, we will explore more of the streets of Oaxaca. We will see some traditional markets as well as local cathedrals. Then we will head into the local valleys to visit a local family to learn how hand-made textiles are produced. After that, we will pop over to a visit a traditional mezcal distillery. We'll learn all about this energizing spirit before continuing our journey down to Tehuantepec for our overnight stop.

## DAY 5 - CANYONS & MOUNTAINS

• **SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS** Jumping on a boat, today we'll discover some of Mexico's natural beauty. Cruising through the Canyon of Sumidero we'll see cascading waterfalls, rich jungle, and cross our fingers in the hopes of spotting some monkeys and lurking crocodiles. Later we're heading up into the mountains for our next stop, the delightful colonial town of San Cristobal de las Casas. Enjoy a short walking tour and Pox tasting - a traditional drink from Chiapas region, before a delicious dinner.

## DAY 6 - ANCIENT CULTURE

• **SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS** We'll visit a local family in the beautiful small town of Zinacantan to learn to make a traditional breakfast which we get to enjoy with the local family. We'll then head to the small town of San Juan Chamula to explore and visit a one-of-a-kind church before heading back to San Cristobal de las Casas. You have time to explore this cobblestone city, local markets, stunning churches, and the famous Chiapas coffee.

## DAY 7 - AGUA AZUL WATERFALLS

• **PALENQUE** Leaving the mountains early, we'll drive through lush valleys before arriving at the famously blue Agua Azul Waterfalls, refreshing ourselves with a swim in the crystal clear turquoise pools. This afternoon we'll check out the Mayan ruins of Palenque, magnificent pyramids that have been uncovered from the jungle.

## DAY 8 - TRAVEL TO BACALAR

• **BACALAR** We'll depart for Chicanná this morning, incredible Mayan ruins deep in the jungle. Later we'll travel to Bacalar, where more thrilling adventures await.

## DAY 9 - LAGOON BOAT TOUR

• **BACALAR** Today we're spending the day exploring Bacalar's stunning turquoise lagoon via a private boat tour. We'll be mesmerised by the blue hues and cenotes drenched by sunshine. With nothing on the agenda but swim, relax and enjoy a few drinks, we'll really feel like we're in paradise.

## DAY 10 - TRAVEL TO TULUM

• **TULUM** Our Mexican fiesta continues as we travel to the Yucatan Peninsula. After checking in to our hotel in Tulum, we'll have the rest of the day to explore and catch a sunset by the beach!

## DAY 11 - CHICHEN ITZA & CENOTES

• **PLAYA DEL CARMEN** Today's a busy one! First up is Chichen Itza, an amazing UNESCO World Heritage Listed site featuring the massive pyramid known as El Castillo. We'll have plenty of time to soak up this majestic, ancient site, before spending the afternoon diving into the clear waters of the beautiful Chukum cenote. After a busy day of exploring, we'll depart for Playa Del Carmen where we'll check in to our beautiful accom for the last 2 nights of our trip together.

## DAY 12 - PLAYA DEL CARMEN

• **PLAYA DEL CARMEN** Today you'll have plenty of time to lounge on the beach or find a local watering hole to quench your thirst. Tonight we'll get a little loco for our final dinner and drinks together, getting amongst the nightlife that Playa del Carmen is known for!

## DAY 13 - DEPART PLAYA DEL CARMEN OR EXTEND YOUR STAY

• **PLAYA DEL CARMEN** Time to say adios as our Mexican adventure comes to an end. You can check out to head back home, stay on in Playa Del Carmen or continue your travels. We'll be on hand to help with planning any onwards travel.

## FLIGHTS AND ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Viva Mexico starts in Mexico City. It's best to arrive on the actual start date. There's no activities on the first day, so you can arrive at any time. If you do arrive early we'll still pick you up from the airport (pick up from Mexico City Airport MEX only) and will book you into our accommodation from the day you arrive. Extra nights can be pre-paid with your agent or direct to us.

## AFTER VIVA MEXICO

Viva Mexico finishes in Playa Del Carmen. The closest airport from Playa Del Carmen is Cancun International, which takes approx. 1 hour by taxi or bus. If you plan to leave straight after the trip we'd recommend flying out of Cancun (so fly into Mexico City and out of Cancun if possible for this tour). If you need to return to Mexico City straight after the trip, please be aware you will still have to fly from Cancun International to get back to Mexico City. The flight is approx. 2.5 hours, so we would recommend booking any return flights out of Mexico City after 3:00pm on Day 13 at the earliest.

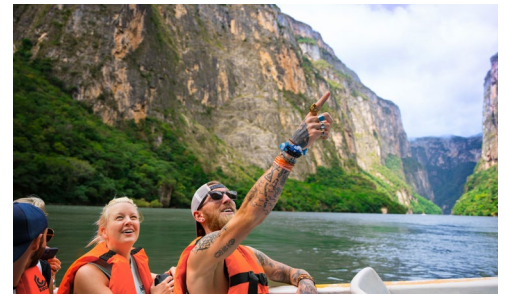
Your group leader can help with any other onward travel options within Mexico.

## VISAS

If you are a permanent resident of the United States, Canada, United Kingdom or Japan you do not need a visitor visa to enter as a tourist. Although you don't need a visa from any of those countries, you can be given anywhere between 10-180 days on arrival. Make sure to ask for the correct number of days from the agent and double-check the stamp in your passport for the departure date to make sure it aligns with your travel plans. If you're unsure of your visa requirements or need further assistance just contact us.

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance for Mexico is compulsory for you to join our trip. Your group leader will ask to see proof of your cover before your trip begins. You can organise travel insurance [here](#).



# ACCOMMODATION GUIDE

## MEXICO CITY - SOY LOCAL HOTEL

2 NIGHTS

Situated in the historic district of Mexico City.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi & Laundry

Restaurant & Bar



MEXICO CITY

## OAXACA - PARADOR DEL DOMINICO HOTEL

1 NIGHT

Perfect location in the heart of the city.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi & Air Con

Restaurant



OAXACA

## TEHUANTEPEC - HOTEL CALLI

1 NIGHT

Experience the magical town of Tehuantepec.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry



TEHUANTEPEC

## SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS - GRAN BARRIO HOTEL

2 NIGHTS

A pink-lovers dream, boasting with bright colours in the centre of the city.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi

Outdoor Terrace Area



SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS

## PALENQUE - PLAZA PALENQUE HOTEL

1 NIGHT

**Tropical paradise close to the action!**

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Tropical Gardens & Swimming Pool



## BACALAR - RANCHO ENCANTADO HOTEL

2 NIGHTS

**Enjoy your very own private beach area.**

Twin/Double/Triple Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi & Air Con

Restaurant & Bar



## TULUM - HOTEL BLANCO

1 NIGHT

**Located in the very centre of Tulum.**

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Swimming pool



## PLAYA DEL CARMEN - HOTEL RIVIERA

### CARIBE MAYA

2 NIGHTS

**A perfect end to your trip.**

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Swimming Pool & Bar



The accommodation featured in this document is our usual properties. At certain locations we use alternative accommodation (of equal standard) when needed.

# #SMALLCHANGE

## SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL



**PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT**



**SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES**



**CULTURAL EXCHANGE & EDUCATION**



**ANIMAL WELFARE**

Making a positive difference to the amazing destinations we travel is at the core of what we do. Small Change is our own socially conscious initiative aimed at making the world that little bit better place to explore! Click [here](#) to learn more!



**WE'RE PLANTING 10 TREES FOR EVERY INTRO TRAVEL BOOKING!**

## FAQS



### DO MANY PEOPLE TRAVEL ALONE?

Yes. Lots of people on our trips are travelling solo. But by doing our trip you'll instantly be part of a group, so it's a great way to meet others and make friends! Most of our accommodation is twin or triple share, so we will put you in a room with someone of the same gender.



### HOW WILL I ACCESS MY MONEY WHILE I'M AWAY?

We recommend getting a travel currency card through [Wise](#). You can use the Wise card almost everywhere and withdraw cash and use it with Google or Apple Pay. If you transfer your money into the local currency, you can avoid paying foreign exchange fees when you use the card. There are ATM's available throughout Mexico so it's easy to get access to cash.



### CAN I CHAT TO MY GROUP BEFORE I LEAVE?

You can start chatting to people in your group and other travellers before you leave. Just go to our Facebook page, click on 'Groups' and choose [Mexico](#).



### IS THERE WI-FI THROUGHOUT THE TRIP?

Most accommodations we stay at have free Wi-Fi available. The network quality is often lower than you're used to but you can generally connect and do basic stuff.



### WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO VISIT MEXICO?

Between December and April it's the dry season and there's virtually no rain, and the coolest months are between December and February. Rainy season is June/ July to November. It can get cold in Mexico City, Oaxaca, and San Cristobal at night during the winter (October-April) so bring a jacket to keep warm. Palenque to Playa del Carmen are typically warm year-round.



### WHAT LUGGAGE DO YOU RECOMMEND?

We always recommend travelling with a backpack and packing light! 10-20kgs of stuff should be plenty. It's generally quite hot in Mexico so dragging around a huge suitcase is not much fun. There is luggage storage at the airport or at some accommodations if needed.



### HOW MUCH SPENDING MONEY WILL I NEED?

All your activities, accommodation, transport and some meals are included, so you'll just need money for any extra meals, drinks, shopping and any onward travel. We recommend you bring at least £400 / \$700 spending money.



### WHAT POWER OUTLETS ARE USED?

Mexico generally uses a flat two-pronged socket same as Canada and the US. It's always best to grab yourself an appropriate adaptor if need before you go.



### TERMS & CONDITIONS

For the full set of Terms and Conditions for our tours, start dates, and your responsibilities as a traveller with us, please see the [Terms & Conditions](#) section of our website.

#### That's about it for now!

Once you've booked you'll get access to 'Manage My Booking' and the INTRO Travel App, which will give you all the information you'll need on Mexico and Viva Mexico, so you can just relax and enjoy the experience.

*Of course if you have any more questions just contact us. We're happy to help!*

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