



VAMOS A NUESTRA CABAÑA: DISCOVER MEXICO



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9 DAYS

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Mexico



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

Teotihuacán—the Aztec name meaning “birthplace of the gods”—once flourished as a religious center.

Program Fee includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- 6 overnight stays in hotels with private bathrooms; 2 overnight stays at Our Cabaña
- Breakfast and dinner daily; 2 lunches
- Full-time EF Tour Director
- 3 sightseeing tours led by licensed local guides: Mexico City • Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Teotihuacán Pyramids • Taxco
- 1 walking tour: Mexico City
- 6 visits to special attractions: Museum of Anthropology, Chapultepec, Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Teotihuacán Pyramids, Church of Santa Prisca, Cliff-diving show

- Visit to WAGGGS Centre: Our Cabaña

OPTIONAL:

- Frida Kahlo Museum and Coyoacan
- Ballet Folklorico

Day 1 Mexico City

Flight to Mexico • Get ready for an exciting adventure as you fly south to Mexico’s capital!

Arrival in Mexico City • After clearing customs, you are greeted by your EF Tour Director, who will remain with you throughout your stay.

Walking tour of Mexico City • On today’s walking tour, stroll down Paseo de la Reforma, pass a monument to Christobal Colón (Christopher Columbus), and see where Mexico’s first saint was born.

Day 2 Mexico City

Guided sightseeing of Mexico City • Delve into Mexico City’s vibrant culture and storied past on this morning’s guided tour. Begin in the Zócalo, Mexico City’s main square and the heart of the Aztec empire before Cortés and his conquistadors leveled the area. Picking up the leftover pieces (including stones from the temples of Tenochtitlán and Montezuma’s residence), the Spanish built the cathedral and royal palace (dating back to 1523). Enter the patio of the Palacio Nacional, where viceroys were once entertained by bullfights. Here you can admire Diego Rivera’s renowned murals—painted over the course of 22 years and covering 850 square feet, the murals

chart Mexico’s history throughout the ages. Then look for the Bell of Dolores, once rung to inspire the Mexican people to fight for their independence. Cross the square to North America’s largest cathedral and step inside for a look at the Altar of the Kings. Back outside, see the Templo Mayor, a remarkable example of Aztec ruins. Continue on to Chapultepec Park.

Visit to the Museum of Anthropology • Follow the course of Mexican history as you wander from one room to the next in the Museo Nacional de Antropología. View ancient archaeological artifacts and chart the progress and development of Mexico’s great cultures through time. Finally, reach the Aztec exhibit, which features the Aztec Sun Stone, a 12-foot calendar stone discovered in the Zócalo in 1790 and now considered one of Mexico’s national symbols.

Visit to Castillo de Chapultepec • Visit Chapultepec Castle, home to the Mexican president. Chapultepec, which means “hill of grasshoppers” in the Aztec language, was formerly the summer residence of Aztec nobles. Today, the town of Chapultepec includes the castle, Mexico’s largest park, museums and a zoo. Marvel at panoramic views of Mexico City from the terraces of the castle and explore the National History Museum inside.

Optional visit to the Frida Kahlo Museum and Coyoacán •

Opt to join this half day excursion to Coyoacán, where you will visit the Frida Kahlo museum. Also known as Casa Azul, the museum displays many of the artist's paintings. Additionally, it offers a personal glimpse into her life as an affluent Mexican bohemian and wife of muralist Diego Rivera. Afterwards, enjoy free time in the Coyoacán. Wander the tree-lined streets dotted with buildings from the 16th to 19th centuries, soaking up the bohemian atmosphere created by the local artist galleries, craft stalls and street performers. (Please note: The museum is closed Mondays.)

Day 3 Mexico City

Guided visit to the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe •

The first stop on today's excursion is the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, whose construction was spurred by a miracle. According to legend, a peasant named Juan Diego saw a vision of the Virgin, who requested that a church be built in her honor.

Guided visit to the Teotihuacán Pyramids

• Continue on to the awe-inspiring pyramids at Teotihuacán, mysteriously abandoned over a millennium ago. Built more than 2,000 years ago by a people we know very little about, the complex was later appropriated by the Aztecs, who gave the area its name (meaning "Place of the Gods"). Traverse the Avenue of the Dead and climb the Pyramids of the Sun and Moon, architectural feats complemented by the surrounding mountains. You will also visit an obsidian shop and watch a demonstration of how the volcanic glass, formed when lava freezes and then cools before crystals have a chance to grow, is used to make decorative art and jewelry.

Optional Ballet Folklórico Evening • This evening, opt to attend the Ballet Folklórico, Mexico's premier cultural activity. Attend a performance at the extravagant Bellas Artes building, home to Mexico City's opera. For five decades the Ballet Folklórico has showcased Mexico's rich dance traditions. Tonight, you'll see dancers in vibrant costumes and hear the music that reflects Mexico's various regions and music genres, including mariachi. Although formal attire is not necessary, jeans and t-shirts should not be worn. (Please note: Due to performance scheduling this optional is only offered on Wednesdays and Sundays.)

Day 4 Cuernavaca

Transfer to Cuernavaca and Our Cabaña •

This morning, transfer to Cuernavaca, home of Our Cabaña, one of the four world centers owned by the World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS). This center first opened in 1957 and has since welcomed more than 70,000 Girl Guides and Girl Scouts from around the world. Your adventure begins as you step through the Chief's door upon your arrival.

Afternoon at Our Cabaña • After introductions and a tour of the facilities, take part in an afternoon filled with activities, which may include crafts, swimming or tennis. Tonight, gather with your friends and enjoy an evening activity—possibly a long-standing Girl Scouts tradition at an Our Cabaña campfire.

Day 5 Cuernavaca

Full day at Our Cabaña • Enjoy a full day participating in fun and rewarding activities with other Girl Scouts! This morning, activities may include a service project, such as working with the elderly or helping to build a local school. After lunch, embark on an excursion to local pyramids or a nearby volcano. Then have fun with your friends—both old and new—at tonight's activity, which might feature karaoke or salsa lessons!

Day 6 Taxco

Closing ceremony at Our Cabaña • Bid a fond farewell to the new friends and memories you've made at Our Cabaña during this morning's closing ceremony.

Transfer to Taxco • Today's destination is Taxco, a town explored by Cortés and known for its silversmithing. The first silver to be exported to Spain was from Taxco.

Guided sightseeing of Taxco • Your guided tour takes you to the Church of Santa Prisca. This luminous structure of pink stone and blue tiles was commissioned by Don José de la Borda, an 18th-century resident who struck it rich in Taxco's silver mines after 27 years of effort.

Day 7 Acapulco

Transfer to Acapulco • Ascend through the heart of the Sierra Madre del Sur en route to Acapulco.

Behind the Chief's blue door at Our Cabaña, more than five acres of beautiful gardens, buildings and friendships await.



Day 8 Acapulco

Free time in Acapulco • Reflect on your stay at Our Cabaña and the friendships you have made while you relax in the warm Acapulco sun and explore its famous Pacific beaches. During the 16th century, Acapulco served as a major port for Spanish ships along the trade routes to Asia.

Cliff-diving show • As divers plunge 130 feet into the surf below, your heart will probably do the same. These high divers exhibit their bravado during one of five daily shows at La Quebrada Beach.

Day 9 Home

Return home • Your tour director assists with the transfer to the airport, where you'll check in for your return flight home.

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