

# Memories Al Méxicon

YOUR TRIP: Feb 26 – Mar 24, 2015

Delhi – Paris – México – Madrid – Delhi



## México



Imagine yourself in a place where you feel the warmth of India, the development of USA, the grandeur of Europe, the tradition of South East Asia, and the archeological intrigue of Egypt... You are in México!

Basketed in unbelievable natural beauty and centuries of rich culture and civilization, México is a land of pure magic and mystery.

As the third largest country in North America, this country shares warm, happy relations with all the countries around it... as warmth and happiness are innate to the Latin-American blood common to all countries south of USA.

México is like an opportunity magnetic for all Spanish-speaking countries from Guatemala down to Argentina and folks from all these places make up its pleasant cosmopolitan populace.

Naturally, food variety in México (MX) is unimaginable. To quote noted author Anthony Bourdain, "I've seen zero evidence of any nation on Earth other than México even remotely having the slightest clue what Méxican food is about or even come close to reproducing it. It is perhaps the most misunderstood country and cuisine on Earth".

So this is an invitation to welcome you to understand México and unravel this gemstone-like country for yourself. Feel its soul as you travel across a specially selected itinerary covered in the ensuing pages...

### Trip Snapshot

Your trip is laid out in 6 Blocks in different colours. More about this on the 'Choices' page.

DAY1: Fly overnight to Paris. Day in Paris DAY2: Sightseeing around Paris, nightlife DAY3: Paris museums, shops. Fly to México

DAY4: Land at MX City and fly to Villahermosa.

Drive to Palenque for a 3-night stay DAY5: Around Palenque ancient city

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DAY6: Jungle and river sites around Palenque

DAY7: Fly to and stay in Merida, Yucatan

DAY8: Visit Chichen Itza Pyramids and Cenote DAY9: Drive to and stay in Playa del Carmen

DAY10: Explore Tulum and Coba Mayan ruins

DAY11: Enjoy Xcaret, Mayan Riviera

DAY12: Amazing Cozumel, Carribean Island.

Drive to Cancun for a 2-night stay

DAY13: Around Cancun, turquoise beach

**By Road** 

DAY14: Fly to MX City, downtown sightseeing

DAY15: Around MX City, Aztec sites

DAY16: Around MX City, museums, sites

DAY17: Drive to Guanajuato, colonial town

DAY18: Enjoy Guanajuato, drive to Queretaro

DAY19: Around Queretaro and Toluca volcano,

with night stay at Taxco

DAY20: In Taxco and drive to Acapulco DAY21: At Acapulco Pacific beach sunset

DAY22: Overnight to Oaxaca, ancient city

DAY23: Around Oaxaca ruins, sights

DAY24: Drive back to MX City and fly out

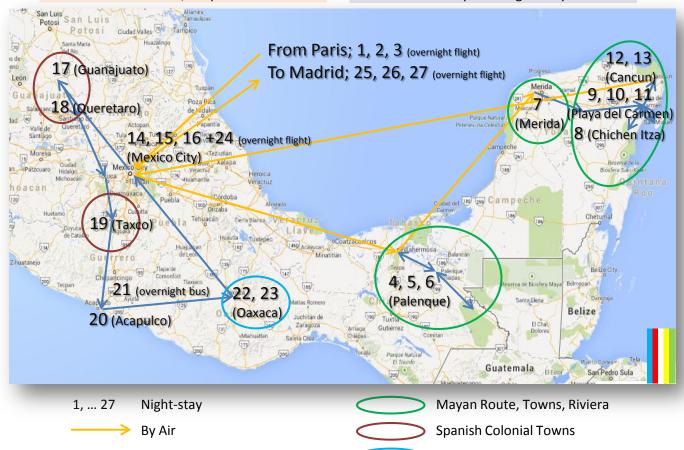
DAY25: Explore Madrid street-life and relax

DAY26: Explore Toledo, medieval town

DAY27: Sightseeing around Madrid and fly back

11000 BC Civilization to Aztecs

to reach Delhi early morning on Day 28



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The following is a brief expansion of the route to acquaint you with the significance of each destination curated for the trip. A detailed daywise itinerary will be shared with confirmed guests, with city maps and recommendations to make the most of their travel!

#### Day 1 to 3 (Feb 26-28)

PARIS is arguably the most romantic city in Europe and even if you have been there already, the charming walks along the Siene, eateries around Notre Dame, and the delight of Moulin Rouge street can be repeated any number of times. For first-timers the top floor

DZITNUP CENOTE, is one of most amazing of the many natural cenote formations in the Mayan Riviera. These are underground waterways formed through fissures and found only in this part of the world. You can actually swim in it!

CHICHEN ITZA is the most important ancient Maya Pyramid site. We will view a Light & Sound show to imbibe the magical kingdom and unravel the mystery that shrouds it.

PLAYA DEL CARMEN is a beach resort facing the Carribean island of Cozumel in the center



of Eiffel Tower and basement of the Louvre are not to be missed, as also HOHO rides and a dip into the paradise of fashion brands, for window shopping and more...

#### Day 4 to 13 (Mar 1-10)

PALENQUE ranks among the most important sites of Ancient America. The Mayans were highly developed in civil works & architecture, practiced organized religion and were rich in arts and crafts. We have planned a breakfast in the jungle, on the way to Yaxchilán a jewel hidden in the jungle around Usumacinta River. We may also visit Bonampak frescoes; the best conserved pieces of Mayan Culture.

MERIDA, The White City, is home to delicious Yucateca food and very polite Yucateco people. It is the capital of Yucatan peninsula where the Spanish first invaded.

of the Riviera. It is the region's top destination for shopping, dining and nightlife.

COZUMEL Island is great for snorkeling and other adventure or simply to eat and relax.

TULUM is the most magnificent talc-white soft sand beach bathed by a turquoise sea. Also home to majestic Mayan ruins pictured above.

XCARET, an eco-archaeological park, is a natural sanctuary where the history of México combines with fun traditions and several shows capture the splendour of Maya culture.

CANCUN is a major world-renowned tourist and business destination who's malls, hotels and modernity make it a must-visit in México. Across it is Isla Mujeres, a little jewel island with a delightfully captivating charm!











#### Day 14 to 16 (Mar 11-13)

MEXICO CITY is a great place to wander around downtown; the Cathedral, which is the largest church in Latin America and at the National Palace. Also stroll through the Chapultepec area and visit the Anthropology Museum, one of the best of the world. Near MX City lies Teotihuacan, the City of the Gods, which preserves the remains of one of the most important civilizations in Mesoamerica. And the Basilica de Guadalupe, the lava gardens of San Angel, the Aztec boats at Xochimilco and the historic mansions of Coyoacan.

#### Day 17 to 21 (Mar 14-18)

GUANAJUATO, one of the most picturesque university towns in México, is a UNESCO World Heritage Site with labyrinthic cobblestoned alleyways, beautiful squares and colourful facades. Its historic centre is filled with well-preserved buildings from the 17th and 18th centuries, with fine architectural details and sumptuous interiors.

QUERETARO, a historical city, also a UNESCO World Heritage site is a beautiful colonial city, delightful to walk through.

TOLUCA presents the most picturesque view of the Nevado de Toluca, a dormant volcano which lies snowcapped most part of the year. A wonderful pit-stop for a memorable meal.

TAXCO, famous as Magic Town, is a typical mining colonial town on a hill, with a privileged view of streets and plazas. It is number one in production of silver, so you will see the most incredible variety of masterpieces made of it.

ACAPULCO's beautiful Pacific beaches and the famous divers from La Quebrada Rock create amazing memories especially against sunsets.

#### Day 22 to 24 (Mar 19-21)

OAXACA, founded in 1529, is rich in history and culture, and boasts of fine colonial jewels, colourful folklore and delicious typical food.

MITLA is an 11000 BC site, which later became a masterpiece of the Zapoteca tradition. You will admire the 'Arbol del Tule', which is a huge and impressive very old Tule tree, and have the typical Mescal drink.

MONTE ALBAN is an archaeological site on a hill with astounding views and a riveting history, revealed bit by bit by excavating spectacular jewels of gold!

#### Day 25 to 27 (Mar 22-24)

MADRID the original source of post-medieval Méxican culture is a quaint and compact modern city with most awesome monuments, streets and plazas that had inspired Europe.

TOLEDO, a fort town close to Madrid, presents a completely different view of the Spanish civilization, conquests and culture as do several such towns around the capital where the stories of renaissance took root.





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Navigators take special care to ensure that guests are culturally oriented and have absolutely no issues with the native language; while handling food menus, local transport, guides at tourist sites or anywhere else. Before you start, they even teach you basic Spanish! Further, navigators ensure that the group develops a good synergy and takes away delightful memories and great friendships. Of course, being locals, they will help you get the best on shopping, transport and incidentals, should you desire to seek their assistance.

The role of Discover Su Mundo on a trip like 'Memories de Real México' starts with getting your passport endorsed with the visa/s and ends at helping you board the taxi home on your return. Everything in between is taken care of professionally with no botheration to you... but we are happy to run you through details should you want them.

Several of the resorts and hotels chosen by our team have been featured by the National Geographic magazine on "the top 150 stay lists" and "100 hotels we love". All stays are at 3-star, 4-star or boutique hotels, inclusive of 3 delectable meals... and review links will be shared in the detailed itinerary.

What's more, with Discover Su Mundo you have the **flexibility of individual travel with the cost-effectiveness of a group!** More about this in the following section...





As mentioned earlier, we have presented 'Memories de Real México' in 6 Blocks. You have the option of tailoring your trip to cover the Blocks wholly or selectively.

Further, we have presented cost break-ups that travel agencies never reveal... with a few examples of options to make your specific plan. We will meet you on details and also have group meetings to get everyone in the mood together! Happy choosing!

BLOCK	NAME	DAYS	COST Rs*
1	Paris	3	45,000
2	Riviera Maya	10	140,000
3	México City	3	60,000
4	West MX	5	50,000
5	Oaxaca	3	30,000
6	Spain	3	45,000

All costs indicated are for one person staying on twin sharing basis. There will be an extra supplement for single-stay.

Airfare from Delhi to MX City via Paris and return via Madrid is budgeted at Rs. 130,000 but is subject to change – higher or lower. It is not included in the above table.

\* Pricing based on Rs. 4.00 = 1.00 MX Peso and Rs. 85.00 = 1.00 Euro. Changes in conversion rate will be adjusted with each payment.

#### **INCLUSIONS**

The inclusions for Blocks 2 and 3 are the domestic flights to Villahermosa, Merida and MX City (from Cancun). In all Blocks, road travel by a comfortable 16-seater is included.

In Paris the HOHO bus ride and metros are covered. In Spain, excursion to Toledo by rail or road is part of the package.

Other inclusions cover tickets to places being visited, breakfast, lunch & dinner, visa, insurance, transit lounges, airport transfers and of course, 3-star / 4-star / boutique hotels.

Expenses of personal nature, all types of alcohol, smokes, extra guides, shopping, laundry, tips, gifts and snacks are not included. Service taxes extra as applicable.

### OPTIONS: JOINEES FROM USA If you...

- Have a US visa and would like to skip EU or
- Desire to visit US before / after MX or
- Have friends/family who can join from USA You could choose to reach MX City from USA and therefore your travel arrangement will be carried out separately. No problem! You would skip Block 1 or 6 in such case.

#### **GUESTS WITH LESS TIME**

If you have only 3 weeks, you could skip Blocks 4 and 5 and we'll fit you in! If only 2 weeks, we could rush you out of Riviera Maya in 7 days and skip Blocks 4, 5 and 6.

Note: In case you select specific Blocks, a reasonable extra amount will be added, to compensate for the change in group economies and for your personal navigation and customized arrangements.



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