

MEXICO - RUTA DEL SOL



INTRODUCTION

Discover some of the historic sites in and around Mexico City and Oaxaca before relaxing at Huatulco on the Pacific coast with its tranquil bays and coves, crystal clear waters and pristine beaches.

ITINERARY

DAY 1: Mexico City – Arrive & Transfer to Hotel

On arrival, please make your way through to the Arrivals Hall where our representative will be waiting for you to transfer you to your hotel.



DAY 1: Mexico City

Mexico City lies in the heart of Central Mexico and is the capital of Mexico and the oldest capital city in the Americas. It is one of the largest cities in the world with over 20 million inhabitants (in the greater metropolitan area) and has a rich history and colourful culture.



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DAY 2: Teotihuacan Pyramids and Guadalupe Shrine

This morning you will be collected from your hotel to visit the impressive archaeological site of Teotihuacan, located 50km northeast of Mexico City. On the way, stop at the "Plaza de las Tres Culturas", where three cultures converge: Aztec, Spanish, and contemporary Mexican. Continue to the Shrine de Guadalupe, Latin America's most revered religious shrine. It is here where the Virgin of Guadalupe is said to have appeared before an Indian named Juan Diego in 1531, and an image of her was miraculously emblazoned on his cloak. There is time to explore the New Basilica de Guadalupe (the Old Basilica, built in 1700, is slowly sinking) and to see Juan Diego's cloak. Drive for another hour to Teotihuacan, one of the most impressive cities of the ancient world, held sacred by the Aztecs. Explore its temples, palaces and pyramids, including the Quetzalpapalotl Palace, the Pyramid of the Moon, and the immense Pyramid of the Sun, ranked among the biggest in the world. Shrine of Guadalupe not available to visit on December 11th and 12th. On completion of your tour, return to Mexico City and you will be taken to your hotel. Please note this is a small group tour.



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DAY 3: Mexico City to Oaxaca

This morning you will be picked up at your hotel and be transferred to the bus station in Mexico City. You will travel by bus to Oaxaca. On your arrival you will be transferred to your hotel.



DAY 3: Oaxaca

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DAY 4: Mitla Archeological Site and Tule Tree

We will visit the "Arbol del Tule", one of the world's largest trees, and thought to be over 2000 years, after that we will continue to the archaeological site of Mitla, located 46km southeast of Oaxaca. Mitla was an important Zapotec city after the decline of Monte Alban, and it was later occupied by the Mixtecs. Many of Mitla's temples were destroyed by the Spanish, and the stones were used to build the Iglesia de San Pablo, the Catholic church that dominates the site. We will explore the beautiful buildings with their unique geometric stone mosaics, and the church in their midst. On our way back to Oaxaca we will stop at a distillery for mezcal tasting and to watch the elaboration process.



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DAY 4: Monte Alban

We will visit Monte Alban – a World Heritage Site – spectacularly situated on a mountain 400 meters above the Oaxaca Valley, a few kilometers west of Oaxaca. Monte Alban is the greatest of the Zapotec cities, and it came to dominate the cultural, religious, and economic life of the region. It is also a triumph of engineering; the mountain top was leveled to allow for the creation of the ceremonial site. We will explore the Gran Plaza, the Ball Court, the Observatory, the Palace, and other beautiful structures.



DAY 5: Oaxaca to Huatulco

This morning you will be transferred to the bus station in Oaxaca and travel by bus to Huatulco. On your arrival you will be transferred to your hotel.



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DAY 5: Huatulco

Huatulco, located south of Oaxaca, covers a long stretch of Pacific coastline carved into nine beautiful bays. The coastal terrain here is shaped by the southern Sierra Madre mountains meeting the Pacific Ocean, creating tranquil bays and coves with scores of charming crescent-shaped beaches embraced by verdant cliffs and lapped by crystalline blue-green waters. Many of the beaches are only accessible by private boat. If you seek pristine natural surroundings along with the comforts of world-class accommodation, then Huatulco is the place for you.



DAY 6: Huatulco Free Day

Free day in Huatulco at your own leisure.



DAY 7: Huatulco Free Day

Free day in Huatulco at your own leisure.



DAY 8: Transfer to the airport for onward destination

You will be collected from your hotel at the appropriate time and transferred to the airport for your onward flight.




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INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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Accommodation	Standard
Inclusions	Airport transfers Accommodation Tours in the itinerary Transport All breakfasts Other meals where stated Exclusions Visa fees (if applicable) Airport tax (if applicable) Personal expenses Optional activities not mentioned in itinerary Gratuities for staff/guides
Difficulty Rating	1 (easy)
Single Surcharge	Available upon request
Notes	Contact us for more details
Price Dependent upon	Season and availability

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SUSTAINABILITY

Chimu Adventures undertakes a number of sustainability measures within its operations including:

- 1) Only using local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprints. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion and culture of the country you're visiting.
- 2) Where possible, using locally owned and operated boutique hotels to maximise the return to the local community.
- 3) Chimu's "Pass it on" programme has provided funding to hundreds of local community projects in Latin America. Our aim is to empower local communities, helping them to develop their own infrastructure for the future. Since 2006, we have been working with Kiva (a well-known Non-Governmental Organisation), providing hundreds of loans to local businesses all over South America.
- 4) In our pre tour information we provide a range of tips and advice on how to minimise your impact on both local environments and communities.
- 5) Chimu Adventures' offices also take a number of sustainability measures including carbon offsets for company vehicles and most staff travel. Chimu Adventure's internal processes are also structured to create a paperless office and to reduce waste. There are also internal programmes to help staff minimise their carbon footprint such as our staff bike purchase assistance plan which encourages office staff to commute to work via bicycle. Currently almost half of our office based staff commute to work via bicycle.