

## Mexico

### 7 Nights

#### Day 1 Mexico – Teotihuacan – Mexico



**Teotihuacan**

Enjoy breakfast in the comfort of your hotel, your full day tour takes you to **Culture Square, Guadalupe Shrine and Teotihuacan.**

See the incredible Teotihuacan archeological site famous for the world's 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> largest pyramidal structures; the enormous **Pyramids of the Sun & Moon.**

Your guide will enhance your experience with expert explanations of the importance of the site while going over the rich history of Mexico's many layers of pre-Columbian civilizations.

Hotel transfer, overnight Mexico.

#### Day 2 Mexico – Anthropology Museum – Mexico

After breakfast you will be escorted to **Zocalo** (Main Square) and shall see the **National Palace** (Diego Rivera Murals). Learn about the world-famous Mexican painter, an active Communist, and husband of Frida Kahlo. Rivera's large wall works in fresco helped establish the Mexican Mural Renaissance.

In the afternoon visit the **Anthropology Museum** (Closed Mon), the emblematic Museum provides a cultural overload; featuring incredible pre-Hispanic works of art, including the famous monolith "*Piedra del Sol*". Hotel transfer, overnight Mexico.



**National Palace**

**Day 3 Mexico– Tuxtla – Sumidero Canyon – San Cristobal**



**Sumidero Canyon**

Airport transfer, flight to Tuxtla Gutierrez, Chiapas AM553 depart 1020hrs, arrive 1045hrs, meet and greet, transfer to **Sumidero Canyon** by boat; it was formed by cracks in the earth's crust along with erosion by the Grijalva River.

Hotel transfer, overnight San Cristobal.

**Day 4 San Cristobal – Indigenous Communities – San Cristobal**

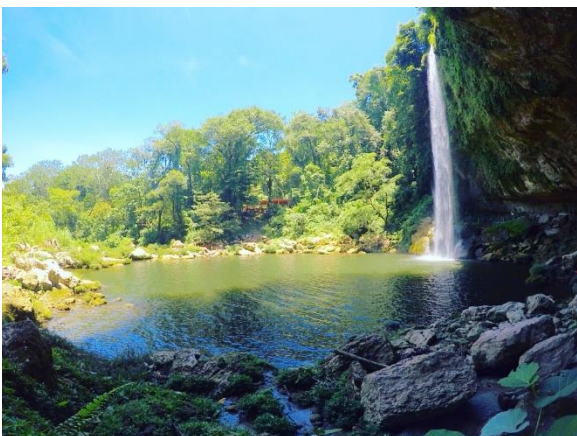
Breakfast at hotel, head to **San Cristóbal de las Casas** centre, the capital of the state until 1892, still considered the cultural capital of Chiapas. Visit **San Juan Chamula**, famous for the mysterious church and **Zinacatan**, recognized for the precious textiles works.



**San Juan Chamula**

Hotel transfer, overnight San Cristobal.

**Day 5 San Cristobal – Agua Azul – Palenque**



**Agua Azul**

Begin your morning with a tour in the middle of the Chiapas rainforest, a little creek called **Agua Azul** (Blue Water) runs in an area that the Tzeltal Native American community know as *Water Mountains*. The name of the river comes from the fact that in a certain part of its route to the sea, the water has dug holes in the limestone as a ladder, known in geology as “gours”, where water pools acquire a beautiful turquoise color. Enjoy the magnificent view of the waterfalls and landscape.

Later check out and transfer to Palenque (approx. 280km / 5.5hrs), hotel transfer, overnight Palenque.



**Day 6 Palenque – Campeche**

Enjoy breakfast at your hotel, your private tour commences with **Palenque Archaeological Site** known for exceptionally conserved architectural and sculptural remains. The elegance and craftsmanship of the construction, as well as the lightness of the sculpted reliefs depict Mayan mythology.



**Palenque Archaeological Site**

Visit the **Temple of Inscriptions**, famous for the funerary monument of Hanab-Pakal, one of the most significant Archaeological finds of the 20<sup>th</sup> century. Discover the story of how he ruled for almost 70 years from the age of twelve. This discovery gave evidence to the fact that Mayan’s buried their rulers in a similar fashion to the ancient Egyptians.



**Campeche**

Transfer to the *UNESCO World Heritage Site of Campeche* (approx. 05hrs) visit the city upon arrival, a cozy little fishing village and historical centre which was beautifully restored. The colonial centre is immaculate with its lively plaza , cobblestone streets and delightful pastel colored houses. Highlights include the **Stronghold, San Roman Church** and the **Museo de Armas**.

Hotel transfer, overnight Campeche.

**Day 7 Campeche – Uxmal – Merida – Chichen Itza**

You will be driven to **Uxmal** (approx. 02hrs), uncover this archaeological site and see the great **Pyramid of the Magician**, considered one of the most important archaeological sites of Mayan culture.



**Uxmal**

Continue to **Merida** in the afternoon, stroll through **Plaza Grande**, lined with some of Merida's finest architectural treasures.



See the 16<sup>th</sup> century **Catedral de San Ildefonso**, built on the site of a former Maya temple, the **Casa de Montejo** and **Palacio Municipal**. Outside the city, take a drive along the **Ruta Puuc**, leading to the ruins of Sayil, Xlapak, Labná, and the Grutas de Loltún.

Transfer to Chichen Itza (approx. 01hr), hotel transfer, overnight Chichen Itza.

### **Catedral de San Ildefonso**

#### **Day 8 Chichen Itza – Mayan Experience Language Lesson & Cuisine**

Welcome to the *UNESCO World Heritage Site Chichen Itza*, begin your with the largest of the archaeological cities of the pre-Columbian Maya civilization in the Yucatan Peninsula of Mexico, one of the *New Seven Wonders of the World*. Embark on your **Maya Tour Experience**, your programme starts with a **Mayan Numerology Lesson**, learn the numerical Mayan base and understand how the ancient Mayas calculated time. The contribution of the Mayan civilization in the fields of astronomy, time measurement and mathematics is amazing.



**Chichen Itza**

Continue with the **Mayan Spirituality Experience** be part of an authentic Mayan ceremony and testify the offerings that only the H' men, a Mayan Priest, can do to the Gods. Then discover the **Secrets of the Mayan Cuisine**, preparing yourself one of the most traditional dishes, the '*Pibil Chicken*'.



**Planetarium Show**

Enjoy a new digital **Planetarium Show** produced by Chabot Space and Science Centre which will allow you to observe the Universe, find yourself transported back in time to the Mayan jungle of

Mexico where you will learn about history, cultural heritage, as well as the scientific and astronomical knowledge of the ancient Mayas.

Your archaeological guide will escort you around Chichen Itza who will explain the historical significance of the most important temples. Highlights include the **Observatory, Nunnery, Temple of Kukulcan, Ball Game Court, Temple of the Jaguars and Temple of the Warriors.**



**Ball Game Court**

Savor lunch and your **Mayan Language Lesson** where you can experience regional Mayan cuisine while learning the original language used by locals.

Airport transfer for your onward journey.