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ITINERARY



March 8-15, 2019

COLONIAL CITIES

With its many contrasts, this trip has so much variety it that will please everyone. Colonial and revolutionary history will come alive in **San Miguel de Allende**. The hidden gem of **Guanajuato** will help understand and appreciate the influence of French architecture and Colonial History. History abounds in **Querétaro**, the center of events for the three wars that forged the Mexican nation: The War of Independence, the War of the Reform and the Mexican Revolution.

Note: There are no elevators in the hotels (you may need to climb steps to reach the 2nd floor) and there is much walking up and down hill on cobblestone streets.

INCLUDES: 12 meals, 7 nights lodging, day tours as mentioned, entry fees, fees for maid/food/luggage/tour leader/local guide.

YOUR ITINERARY

MAR. 8 - ARRIVE IN LEON - TRANSFER TO GUANAJUATO (AIRPORT CODE: BJX)

Transfer on your own by airport taxi to Guanajuato City (about \$35 USD for 1-4 passengers). The Hotel you will be staying at in Guanajuato opened in 1892. It has kept a captivating colonial and historical appearance, a signature element of the best hotel in Guanajuato. It houses big artwork collection by local artists and a lobby that stands out for its lofty beamed ceilings, fine chandeliers, antique furniture and spectacular paintings garnishing the walls.

HOTEL Posada Santa Fe

MEALS: None

MAR. 9 - TOUR OF THE TOWN OF GUANAJUATO

Tour begins at 10:00am in the lobby. Become acquainted with Guanajuato, one of the most important colonial cities of the 16th-18th centuries: enjoy a luxurious 18th-century grand hacienda and its 17 gardens, the town overlook, Juarez Theatre, and if we have time, the Count of Valenciana's magnificent Churrigueresque style church - one of the most beautiful colonial churches in Mexico.

HOTEL Posada Santa Fe

MEALS: Two meals included

MAR. 10 - TOUR TO DOLORES HIDALGO AND ROUTE TO SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE

Enjoy a day tour to the beautiful historic colonial town of Dolores Hidalgo. Mexico's "George Washington," Father Miguel Hidalgo, gave the official cry for freedom here, and the War for Independence began. Today the town is justly known as a center for the design and fabrication of the popular Talavera ceramics. Dolores is also famous for its exotic ice creams. A stop at the Atotonilco church, the destination of the Holy Week pilgrimages, is included. Be packed and ready to leave on this tour at 10am in the lobby. After the tour, transfer to the most beautiful colonial city in Mexico, San Miguel de Allende. The transfer will be about 2 hours, 15 minutes.

There is a blessed absence of traffic lights, billboards, and neon in this national monument town of 65,000 people. Your B & B in San Miguel is located in the historic district of San Miguel, just a few blocks from the town square. The town square is the home of the San Miguel Parish Church, the Museum home of General Don Ignacio Allende and the best stores, restaurants, night spots, cultural and historical places.

HOTEL: Casa Luna Boutique

MEALS: Two meals included



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MAR. 11 – WALKING TOUR OF SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE

San Miguel de Allende is featured by Conde Nast Traveler as the 7th best travel destination in the world! It is home to endless art galleries, great craft shops, a wonderful variety of restaurants, and many language schools – all contributing to the lasting popularity with sophisticated international tourists. On our afternoon walking tour, enjoy a relaxed stroll around town today to visit the market, the imposing Gothic cathedral, the Cultural Center, the San Miguel Art Gallery, and some of the most prominent plazas and churches.

HOTEL: Casa Luna Boutique

MEALS: Two meals included

MAR. 12 – HOUSE AND GARDEN TOUR

Our day starts visiting the house museum of Don Ignacio Allende. This two-story baroque building dates back to the 18th century. It was the birthplace of Ignacio Allende and now functions as a museum with exhibits highlighting Allende’s role in the struggle for independence as well as regional history and archeology. Next, become acquainted with beautiful private homes and their inviting courtyards that make San Miguel so memorable on a house and garden tour.

HOTEL: Casa Luna Boutique

MEALS: Two meals included

MAR. 13 – TRANSFER TO QUERETARO

Transfer to the captivating capital of the state, Querétaro City, characterized by colonial architecture and charm. In 1810, Querétaro was recognized as a state, and in 1847, the city of Querétaro became the capital of the Republic. This is where Mexico and the United States signed a peace treaty. This upscale hotel in an 18th-century Baroque-style building is 0.5 km from the Museo Regional de Querétaro - INAH and 0.6 km from the Museo Casa de la Zacatecana. Queretaro is one of the two principal places in the world where opals are mined. Lapidaria de Queretaro, Lapidaria Ramirez and El Artesan are all reputable places where you can buy opals.

HOTEL: Casa de la Marquesa

MEALS: Two meals included

MAR. 14 – CITY TOUR OF QUERETARO

We have a day to explore this wonderful city. Admire the beautiful aqueducts with 74 arches, the Convent of San Francisco, the Regional Museum, the Santa Clara church, the Convent of the Cross with its famous tree, and many Baroque Mexican-style buildings. Visit the hill where the French Emperor Maximiliano made his last stand against the Liberal army and was executed here shortly after. The tour will be a van tour in the morning and after a 2-hour break, a walking tour in the afternoon.

HOTEL: Casa de la Marquesa

MEALS: Two meals included

MAR. 15 – DEPART QUERETARO

HOTEL: None

MEALS: None

PACKAGE PRICING

DEPARTS	RETURNS	SINGLE	DOUBLE
MARCH 8, 2019	MARCH 15, 2019	\$2695	\$2195

The package price does not include airfare, airport transfers, meals not specified in the itinerary, trip cancellation insurance, or any optional tours.



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OPTIONAL TOURS (AVAILABLE BEFORE OR AFTER OUR GROUP TOUR)

YOU MAY CHOOSE TO TAKE ONE OR ALL OPTIONS

GUANAJUATO CITY:

OPTION 1: MUMMY MUSEUM: (Esplanda del Panteon. \$3usd. 9-6 am daily.) The museum has 111 corpses that were exhumed between 1865 and 1889 from the various crypts of the churches in the city. The bodies were buried quickly in 1883 to stop the disease spreading further, and in some cases the person had not even died, but being in a comatose state, they had been buried alive. Taking a taxi is recommended (roundtrip fare \$5usd).

OPTION 2: MUSEO ICONOGRAFICO DEL QUIJOTE: (Manuel Doblado 1. Free. Tues-Sat 10am-6:30pm, Sun 10am-2:30pm). This surprisingly interesting museum is worth half an hour of your time. It fronts the tiny plaza in front of the Templo de San Francisco. Paintings, statues, tapestries, even chess sets, clocks and postage stamps, all feature the quixotic icon and his bumbling companion Sancho Panza.

QUERETARO CITY:

OPTION 1: WINE AND CHEESE TOUR: 9am-7pm. Visit an organic cheese farm to feast on feta, ricotta, crottin, and chabichou cheeses as you stroll amid rolling vineyards sampling wine varieties after a winery's cellar tour.

OPTION 2: TEQUISQUIAPAN & OPAL MINES: 8am-3pm. Learn about opal-mining history, dig for semi-precious stones and enjoy superb views of the Queretaro Valley.

OPTION 3: SAN SEBASTIAN BERNAL: San Sebastian Bernal is a tiny picturesque village 20 minutes north of Tequisquiapan. This Pueblo Magico (Magic Town), an award given by the Mexican Government in 2005, was founded in the 17th century and houses the third highest monolith in the planet.