Mexico City, Magical Tepoztlan, magnificent Cuernavaca, dinner at Las Mananitas, one of the best restaurants in North America. Jan 31-Feb 4 2018

Price \$1129 if booked by September 15, then add \$100. Single is \$225 and very limited.(Note: Return guests to Ixtapan Spa receive \$35 off per person per week. Return guests are those who have traveled with a group from The Women's Travel Group to the spa since 2012). This tour can be done as a stand alone or in combo with Ixtapan Spa. There is also an option for extra time in Mexico City with a full day tour.

All our Mexico tours include fine dining with wine, excellent historic hotels, expert guide, private bus and optional extra days. We end with a transfer to Ixtapan Spa or to Mexico City for flights leaving after 4PM. For extra nights at the airport: **The Camino Real is \$108** per night per person single or double occupancy. (breakfast is extra).

(An optional private one night and one day tour of Mexico City is \$299 per person based on two going (city center, Zocalo, Presidential Palace with Diego Rivera murals, Xochimilco UNESCO Heritage Gardens and Frida Kahlo home and museum. One way airport transfers, overnight with breakfast at Zocalo Central Hotel. You will meet up with the group on January 31 for dinner.)

## Day 1 Arrival Mexico City Zócalo Central Hotel (the historic Holiday Inn the group loves changed its name but not its charm \*\*\*\*) January 31 2018

After landing, please proceed to the baggage claim area of the airport. Exit the baggage area, our transfer rep is waiting for you at 3PM. If

you wish an earlier transfer, we can arrange it privately and group you with others to save money. Or you can take a registered licensed taxi to the hotel. There is a taxi queue where you purchase a ticket from officials.



Transfer to our hotel. Welcome dinner with a la carte choices and wine. Restaurant **El Cardenal** 

## Day 2 Mexico City to Cuernavaca

**February 1** Tepoztlán, a Pueblo Mágico and the adopted home town of many artists, healers and musicians, lies in a picturesque valley surrounded by volcanoes. During our tour through the mystical town, where Tlahuica Indians' customs are alive, we visit the bustling market place and the impressive monastery – a former convent of Dominico de la Natividad. Behind the church, there is a museum with pre-Columbian works of art.

Within the old walls of the monastery is the Pre-Hispanic Art Museum with a collection from Carlos Pellicer. It holds over 1,000 objects belonging to a passionate collector, sorted and exhibited according to different themes. The many miniature sculptures, vessels, stone tablets and other objects from the Mayans, Zapotecs, Olmecs and other primitive tribes enter past times and cultures.

Tepoztlán - Cuernavaca (Journey 30 Min.)

## Breakfast, lunch and dinner at Restaurant El Ciruelo

## Day 3 Cuernavaca Flores

## Posado Quinta Las

**February 2** Besides the cathedral of Cuernavaca, visit the famous Borda Gardens with the interesting fountains. Later we see the famous Rivera frescoes in the Palace of Cortés, one of the first examples of Spanish secular buildings in the New World. On the horizon you see the white summits of the volcanoes Popocatépetl and Iztaccíhuatl.

The 16th century Franciscan Monastery became the home of the passionate art collector Robert Brady in 1962. The Casa de la Torre is located in the shadow of the mighty Cuernavaca Cathedral and today holds a unique art and craft collection. On his numerous trips, the connoisseur, educated at the "Art Institute of Chicago,"



collected works by Rufino Tamayo, Frida Kahlo, Miguel Covarrubias, Maurice Prendergast, Marsden Hartley and Graham Sutherland. Furniture, pre-Columbian objects, sculptures and Mexican crafts. On your tour you will find the collection exactly as it was left by Brady when he died in 1986.





The afternoon is free to enjoy at leisure. See below for shopping or relax at our hotel pool or in the gardens.

Breakfast Dinner at Restaurant Las Mañanitas

## Day 4 Cuernavaca

## **Posado Quinta las Flores**

**February 3** We visit Jardines de México, the largest floral park in the

world, with many different themes interesting Garden of the Senses with unusual cactus garden, a butterfly area Bring a hat as there is little shade.



including an sculptures, a and more.

The afternoon is at leisure. Cuernavaca crafts are famous and as the town is very wealth, there are high quality items also. They include: an outdoor craft market, next to the Palace of Cortes, for pottery, artwork, silver, textiles and much more. Leather sandals are a specialty, housewares, wood items, jewelry. There is also an enclosed modern mall with fine shopping and art.

Breakfast and dinner Restaurant TBA

## Day 5 Cuernavaca - MalinIco- Mexico City or Ixtapan Spa February 4 2018

Cuernavaca - Malinalco (Journey / 62.0 km / 95 Min.)

You are visiting one of the most impressive sites of the Aztec civilization, a fortress of the warriors of the elite Eagle and Jaguar Orders. Unique among the structures of Malinalco is the main temple, which – with its stairs, base and decorative statues – was carved directly from rock. There also are some partially monolithic buildings and temples in Malinalco. The archaeological site overlooks the



temples in Malinalco. The archaeological site overlooks the colonial town of the same name and is reached via hundreds of steps.

Visit the colonial town of Malinalco, which is said to have a magical background. In the 1470s, the town, situated in a valley and surrounded by rugged cliffs, was conquered by the Aztecs. One century later, the Temple and the former Augustinian monastery of the Divino Salvador were erected. They lie in the picturesque town center and are easily reached on roads today.

Malinalco – like the entire "Estado de México" – is renowned for its rebozos, large woven shawls of one color or with complicated patterns, which are regarded as part of the Mexican national costume. Learn and see how these shawls of silk or light cotton are made and which significance they have in the Mexican culture.



Malinalco - Mexico City (135 Min.) If you are leaving today, you will be taken to the Mexico City Airport for flights that leave after 4PM. To overnight at the airport, Camino Real (connected to Terminal 1): \$108 per person for a single or double occupancy (without breakfast). Those going to Ixtapan Spa will be picked up in Malinalco at a local restaurant where you may also get a snack, and transferred to the resort.That transfer will be billed on your Ixtapan invoice.

## Breakfast

**Posado Quinta Las Flores** is a boutique hotel surrounded by gardens, with a pool, wifi, walkable to many sights, and each room has wifi, bottled water, fan, safe telephone and cable tv. Altitude is 5,000 above sea level keeping evenings cool in winter. TripAdvisor gives it 4 1/2 stars. Breakfast is American. There is a snack bar and a restaurant.

# Cuernavaca with The Women's Travel Group Booking Form to be Mailed or Scanned / Emailed.

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We suggest you wait until we have our minimum number for this trip . We will email you immediately

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