

## MEXICO CITY AND OAXACA

### July 31-August 6 2018 Mexico City Option July 30-31

Price: \$2499 land with r/t air Mexico City-Oaxaca

**Early Bird until Feb 15 2018 \$100 off**

Single Supplement \$275

Deposit \$500 main tour; \$200 Mexico City.

**\*\* You may also pay by, Chase Bill Pay, wire or other bank direct pay systems.**

A trip to the most indigenous and artistic parts of Mexico. Weather in August is mild with cool evenings and mornings. Food is some of the best in Mexico, and we hand pick our restaurants. Crafts are world famous. Sights are historic set in gorgeous scenery. Our boutique hotel is Holiday Inn Express Centro Historic Oaxaca, a 4 1/2 star gem near center of town.

**July 30: PRE TOUR OPTION** 1 night /1 day Mexico City, **\$350 per person (+ \$75 single supplement)** based on 2 going (city center, Zocalo, Presidential Palace-Diego Rivera murals, cathedral, Xochimilco UNESCO Heritage Gardens, Frida Kahlo museum. Transfer airport to hotel r/t, overnight + breakfast Zocalo Central Hotel. 2 bottles water. Transfer for 1PM flight. **Deposit \$200, \$100 non-refundable per terms and conditions on our booking form.**

**July 31** Arrive Mexico City **optional** overnight MEX airport. We recommend The Camino Real and will share a list of those at the hotel.

#### August 1 Arrival Oaxaca

Our flight to Oaxaca expected to be Interjet flight 2622 at 1PM. We have one group transfer to Oaxaca hotel connecting to this flight. This afternoon tour the center of Oaxaca, one of the most beautiful colonial towns in Mexico. Situated in the Valle Central, Oaxaca is at 4,900 ft., annual temperature 70F. Stroll old cobbled streets, visit the magnificent church Santo Domingo de Guzmán + bustling Zócalo – one of many markets. Dinner is at El Amador Vasco. All dinners are a la carte with starter, main course, dessert, bottle of water and glass of wine. This is among the best restaurants in Oaxaca with views of the lively Zócalo, outside or in the dining room. Highly recommended is Tortilla Soup and steak broiled over charcoal. **Dinner**



#### August 2 Oaxaca to Monte Alban and Arrazola Painted Animals

We visit Zapotecs and Mixtecs at **Monte Albán**. The magnificently situated ruins are surrounded by terraces, temples and tombs. At its heyday (500-800 AD), the center had 50,000 residents. Next is **San Antonio Arrazola** (Journey 30 Min.) the small village internationally known for imaginative wood carvings. This folk art is now known throughout the world. Dinner tonight is at Casa Oaxaca at Jardín del Pañuelito with known Chef Alejandro Ruiz. Enjoy a spectacular view of Santo Domingo Church while savoring spicy Mezcal or wine. Experience the rich variety of flavors and aromas of Oaxaca. **Breakfast and Dinner**

#### August 3 Free Day

The day is free. Oaxaca is a walking city full of shops, including a famous Artisans' Market. Oaxaca has many other markets and a wonderful museum formerly a monastery. On our trips, we meet for dinner when not included. **Breakfast**

#### August 4 Origen Food and Marketing/ Teotitlán del Valle Weavers

Drinking welcome cocktails and mountain coffee, we meet our chef in the restaurant **Origen** to discuss the menu. We continue to the central market, buy fresh ingredients, enjoy the hustle

and bustle, of barkers and marketeers. We return to the kitchen to learn about Mexican cuisine and prepare a multi-course menu. All the while sipping local drinks.

#### Oaxaca - **Teotitlán del Valle (Journey 40 Min.)**

When we enter Teotitlán del Valle, we see freshly dyed wool, drying in the sun waiting for processing. Dyes are produced from natural substances. The village specializes in manufacture of carpets. Every family, mostly of Zapotec origin, has its own style + master weavers. Teotitlán del Valle - Oaxaca **Breakfast and Lunch**



#### **August 5 Tule, Herve el Agua Mitla**

Oaxaca - **Tule** (Journey / 13.0 km / 20 Min.)

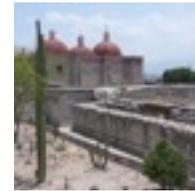
Between Oaxaca and Mitla lies the peaceful village Santa María del Tule. Next to the small church, we visit the enormous ahuehuete tree, more than 36.2 m [119 ft.] round from its 2,000 years' lifetime. Tule - Herve el Agua (Journey 83 Min.)

Excursion into the mountains. From Xaaga follow forest trails of the Sierra Madre to the springs and terraces of Herve el Agua. The hot springs form natural pools

where you can relax after **our** walk. You may wait behind, and rejoin the group afterward. The hike is an inclined 1500 ft. We are told the scenery is lovely even at the base.

Herve el Agua - Mitla (Journey 35 Min.) Visit the archaeological site of Mitla. The importance of this "place of the dead" is unclear. The buildings were probably built by the Zapotec. The group of the columns is considered a highlight of pre-Columbian architecture. Mitla was the seat of the "Great Seer", a religious center of the Zapotec. Today the area has small picturesque markets for weavings etc. Mitla - Oaxaca (Journey 70 Min.)

Dinner is at "Catedral", with its magnificent facade. Try the house "Quesillo asado acompañado de verdolagas" a meat and cheese casserole. Enjoy excellent service in a unique ambience. **Breakfast and dinner**



#### **August 6 Flights to Mexico City**

Transfer to the airport for a 7:30 AM flight to Mexico City Airport (MEX) and flights home. Do not book a flight departing before 1:30PM. **Box breakfast**

#### **Included features**

English speaking guide, hotels noted or equivalent, 4 breakfasts, 1 box breakfast, 2 lunches 4 dinners with wine and water, entrance fees in the program, parking and motorway tolls, local taxes for service providers/ hotels, 2 bottles water per day, national flights MEX-OAX OAX-MEX, travel in modern air conditioned Mercedes Sprinter (large bus if 15+). Share guarantees.

**Not included** international flights, airport hotel, airport taxes, Mexican tourism fees, transfers except for specified, meals drinks not specified, optional excursions, insurance, personal expenses, tips for guides/drivers, items not mentioned in the itinerary.

# Oaxaca Booking Form

Name(s) as on Passport. Expiration date must be more than 6 months after departure from Mexico. (Any error in passport names will result in a charge for a new airline ticket).

Passport Name \_\_\_\_\_

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_ Country \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Expiry

Date of Birth

Email

Single Room Y/N    Share wanted Y/N    My room mate  
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Mexico City Pre-Tour Y or N    Single or Share

**Signature and Date:**

**Deposit (\$500), \$350 non refundable main tour. \$200 Mexico City Option (\$100 non refundable Mexico City Option).**

Balance due 90 before departure, non refundable 60 days before departure. From 89-61 days, 50% non refundable. We confirm a place after we receive a completed signed booking form. Your booking form and payment indicate agreement with above payment schedule and terms and conditions below and on all trips on our site.

**\*You may call in your credit card information also.**

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