



The most charming towns in Mexico: San Miguel de Allende and Guanajuato (during cool August 2019)

Price \$1595

July 28-August 2 2019

Single \$400 and limited

Deposit \$400 A signed booking form is required.

If you are joining our Mexico City trip July 25-28 continue as follows. If not, you need a hotel night July 27 at the airport or in town: Fiesta Inn Mexico City Airport is \$120 for a single or a double. (Please note: you might find better/special rates on line.) If you wish to stay in town, we can book you at the historic Hampton Inn if available. If you need a transfer from the airport to the hotel, there are metered taxis in the airport. A shared taxi company we recommend charges \$30 one way for 2 in the taxi. For a private car pick up, it is \$75 one way for one in the taxi.

San Miguel has become a major upscale resort town with art, music, gourmet food and a near perfect climate all year around. It is located 3 hours from Mexico City on major highways scenic mountains in the background. This is a traditional plaza-based colonial town, with exciting colorful markets, churches of all kinds, and endless art. Besides the fine dining we include each evening, we encourage you to check out the music, performances and other friendly culture at night.

**Mexico City to San Miguel de Allende
July 28 2019**

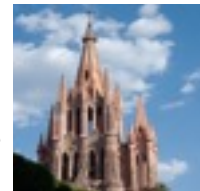
Hacienda El Santuario *** (****)

Dinner a la carte with glass of wine

Airport women will be transferred to town to the rest of the group.

Mexico City- San Miguel de Allende (Journey 213 Min.)

The old town is almost untouched and has been a UNESCO World Heritage site since 2008; today the city is inhabited by Mayan faces along side gringos who adore its gourmet food and fine arts. Farmers and tourists populate its markets. The most prominent landmark is the 17th century cathedral in



gothic style – the Parroquia de San Miguel. In 1880, the rose-colored church was rebuilt on Ulm Minster. Enjoy a walk through the colorful streets.
Dinner at restaurant Nextia known as a foodie paradise.

San Miguel de Allende

Hacienda El Santuario *** (****)

July 29 2019

Breakfast and Dinner with wine as above

San Miguel - Atotonilco (Journey / 13.0 km / 24 Min.)
From outside, the Santuario de Jesús Nazareno and fortress-like. However, in the interior of this churches is Baroque splendor, simply overwhelming. Flemish painting, a local artist decorated walls and scenes over 30 years in this “Sistine Chapel of



appears playful UNESCO-listed Influenced by the ceilings with Mexico”.

Atotonilco - San Miguel de Allende (Journey / 13.0 km / 24 Min.)

The Fábrica La Aurora Centro de Arte y Diseño, a former textile mill, houses a center for artists with studios, workshops and numerous small galleries. Local artists let you look over their shoulders while they work and offer workshops. The various halls contain rooms with modern paintings, designer furniture, antiques, jewelry, or designer clothes in great numbers. Whether you stroll through La Aurora to marvel at works of art or enjoy atmosphere drinking a cup of coffee – the “factory” is definitely worth a visit.

Dinner at restaurant Áperi another great restaurant serving fine Mexican food.

San Miguel de Allende - Guanajuato

Camino Real Guanajuato **** (*****)

July 30 2019

Breakfast and Dinner with wine as above

San Miguel de Allende - Dolores Hidalgo (Journey / 44.0 km / 33 Min.)

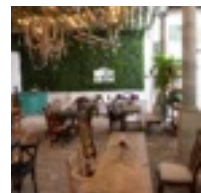
Short visit to Dolores Hidalgo, the cradle of Mexican independence. You visit the small Museo de la Independencia Nacional in a former prison to commemorate the important role that Father Hidalgo played in the struggle for independence.

In Guanajuato, the cradle (cuna) of Mexican independence, you visit Cuna de Tierra, a winery started in 1990 and has become a producer of top-quality wines. While you walk through the vineyards, you learn about the soil and special climate at this altitude (nearly 2,000 m 6,500 ft.) It's building and new wine cellar, have won several architecture prizes. Your visit also includes a tasting, of course.

Dolores Hidalgo - Guanajuato (Journey / 56.0 km / 60 Min.)

With the mountains of the Sierra Gorda in sight, end this day above Guanajuato at the Pípila Monument. From this observation platform is one of the most beautiful views of the old mining town. You can optionally take the funicular down to the center and Plaza opposite the opera.

Dinner tonight is in an old, beautiful villa from the end of the 19th century the La Victoriana restaurant. With the brightness of art nouveau combined with the quaint, cozy interior, the restaurant is particularly well-known for its numerous, cakes. Experience the charm of the lovingly decorated establishment with hearty hospitality and varied, traditional Mexican treats, interpreted in a modern way.



Day 4 Guanajuato Camino Real Guanajuato **** (*****)

July 31 2019

Breakfast and Dinner with wine

Visit of the museum Casa Diego Rivera, opened in 1975 in the birth house of the artist, whose fame rests on his large murals. It provides a comprehensive survey, from his youth until shortly before death, so you can easily follow Diego Rivera's artistic development. The collection is completed by various paintings by other artists and temporary exhibitions. From the Plaza



Allende you start our tour of the old city of Guanajuato. Passing the great Basilica and the famous University of Guanajuato, reach the main square to admire façades of great town houses. The magnificent church of San Cayetano, stands on one of the richest silver mines making this splendor possible.

The Alhóndiga, a former grain warehouse and a Spanish fortress, was one of the main theaters of the War of Independence. Today the mighty building accommodates the Regional Museum of Guanajuato, where you see – apart from pre-Hispanic pottery especially from the Chupicuaro culture – exhibits from colonial times and objects related to history.. Also on display are the cages hung from the four corners of the Alhóndiga as a warning. Dinner tonight is at Los Campos restaurant located on a side street covered by olive groves, in the heart of Guanajuato. The small restaurant is distinguished by its rustic, traditional ambience and the extraordinary culinary options.



Guanajuato - Mexico City Hampton Inn & Suites by Hilton **** (****)

August 1 2019

Breakfast

You walk through the former Hacienda of San Gabriel de Barrera. The 17th century hacienda, which has been beautifully restored is a museum offers an insight into the lives of the rich noble metal magnates of the time. Be inspired by the gardens and patios, each lovingly decorated in a different style.

Guanajuato - Mexico City (Journey / 365.0 km / 280 Min.)

Transfer to our hotel. Dinner tonight is on your own; there are 2 restaurants in our hotel, both of which are good.



Mexico City

August 2 2019

Breakfast

Transfers to the airport can be arranged reasonably by our hotel. You can pay the hotel directly and share the cost with others on the trip. We can provide private transfers at a higher price if you wish.

Included:

Private English speaking tour guide Day 1 until drop off on Day 5

Transportation in a modern Mercedes Sprinter.

Hotels are noted or similar.

5 Breakfast and 4 a la carte Dinners at fine restaurants with a glass of wine per person.

All entrance fees as noted.

Tips for maids and porters (1 piece each)

Two bottles of water per day on the road.