

MEXICO CITY

ARCHAEOLOGY, HISTORY & CULTURE!

JANUARY 12-19, 2025

The largest and most exciting city of Latin America; one with an incredible archaeological background intertwined with an unbelievable history, magnificently creative art, and amazingly friendly

and wonderful people. Soumaya Museum – Wikipedia

DAY ONE: SUNDAY JANUARY 12 Fly to Mexico City. Transfer to the Majestic Hotel right on the Zocalo, the main square of the Capital City. Settle in and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the recently remodeled 1930's historic hotel. Enjoy the activities of the zocalo from your bedroom window or take an inside room if you prefer a more peaceful atmosphere. (no meals included today). <https://hotelmajestic.com.mx/English/HotelMajestic/Home>

DAY TWO: MONDAY JAN 13 Breakfast and Lunch included. Breakfast at the hotel on the elegant terrace overlooking the Zocalo. Enjoy the opening ceremonies of the flag raising and the march on the plaza. With luck, we will get to see the new President of the country. An easy walking tour of the area follows – peruse the great ruins of the Aztec temple of Tenochtitlan <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Tenochtitlan> and learn the history of its conquest in the beautifully appointed museum, gaze in awe at the gold encrusted Metropolitan Cathedral built right next to the great temple of the Aztecs https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mexico_City_Metropolitan_Cathedral . Lunch at El Mayor overlooking the ruins of Tenochtitlan. Enjoy the murals at the Secretary of Education (SEP) building where Diego was painting when Frida introduced herself to him (great story). We hope to see the murals of the National Palace. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Palace_\(Mexico\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/National_Palace_(Mexico)) Get an orientation of the marvels available within walking distance of our hotel.

DAY THREE: TUESDAY JAN 14 Breakfast & lunch included. Breakfast at the hotel. Enjoy a short ride this morning to visit the Museum of Anthropology <https://www.mna.inah.gob.mx/> . A two-hour guided tour introduces you to the wonders of this prehistoric art collection in which you could be absorbed for days! Lunch at the Museum, take a pleasant walk through the park to Chapultepec Castle, famed home of Emperor Maximilian,

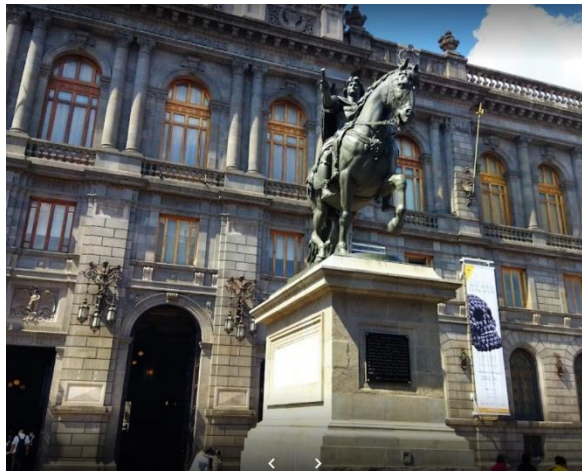
<https://mnh.inah.gob.mx/> and, time allowing, enjoy the afternoon at the Soumaya, the personal art collection of Carlos Slim https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Museo_Soumaya.

Suggested reservations at the highly touted Azul Historico for evening dinner – walking distance from our hotel.

DAY FOUR: WEDNESDAY JAN 15 Breakfast & lunch included. After our terrace breakfast, enjoy a three block walk to an upstairs visit of the Palace of Fine Arts (**Palacio de Bellas Artes**) which will introduce you to the mural art of Rufino Tamayo, Clemente Orozco, as well as reviewing the work of Diego Rivera.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Palacio_de_Bellas_Artes. Lunch in the nearby Café Tono where the working people of the city eat lunch.

Afternoon time to enjoy the Alameda Park with an optional visit to the Diego Rivera mural called the “Dream of a Sunday Afternoon in the Alameda Park”. Options include a tour to The **Museo Nacional de Arte (MUNAL)** (National Museum of Art), located in the [historic center](#) of [Mexico City](#). The museum is housed in a neoclassical building and includes a large



collection representing the history of [Mexican art](#) from the mid-sixteenth century to the mid 20th century. It is recognizable by [Manuel Tolsá's](#) large equestrian statue of [Charles IV of Spain](#), who was the monarch just before Mexico gained its independence.

OR you will have the option to attend the colorful Balet Folklórico de Amalia Hernandez Wednesday evening (tickets are \$60 to \$75) at the Palace of Fine Arts, the finest dance group in the country.

Suggested dinner at Café Tacuba.

DAY FIVE: THURSDAY JAN 16

Breakfast & lunch included. Frida and Diego Day! Bus to the Casa Azul in Coyoacan where Frida Kahlo spent most of her life. On to the Museo Diego Rivera Anahuacalli, designed by architect Juan O’Gorman, a great friend of Diego, to see Diego’s amazing collection of Pre-Colombian artifacts. Lunch at the Mercado de Artesanías for tostadas. Energy levels allowing, visit the Leon Trotsky Museum – a fascinating individual whose life as a Russian expat intertwined with both Diego



and Frida. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frida_Kahlo_Museum. Spend the evening exploring the nearby art galleries in the Centro Historico near the hotel. Suggest dinner at “el Cardenal”. (

DAY SIX: FRI JAN 17 – Breakfast included. A free day to follow your interests. Some enjoy exploring any number of near-by museums not yet explored. Lots of possibilities – 173 museums in Mexico City!

Possible early morning tour of the magnificent ruins of Teotihuacan - marvel at the Temples of the Sun and the Moon – learn about the intriguing Quetzalcoatl. Time to explore the area and enjoy lunch.

Possible day tour to Puebla - see the Santa Rosa Convent, Talavera factory, Palafox Library.

DAY SEVEN: SATURDAY JAN 18 - Breakfast & lunch included. Enjoy a Mexican style lunch aboard a “trajinera” as you are paddled around the famous lake of Xochimilco. We will visit a “chinampa” style farm to learn about how the Aztecs took advantage of their water environment to produce food or flowers. Free time this evening.

Suggest a final dinner at Mercaderes down the block and around the corner from the hotel.

DAY EIGHT: SUNDAY JAN 19 – Transfer to the airport to fly home.

Tilal Ilpina – our delightful guide in Mexico City comes from a family of professional guides, and she has a degree in Mexican Art History. Her fluency in English and her knowledge of the history and culture of Mexico City can only be surpassed by her charming personality!



SIGN UP EARLY! YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS YOUR CHANCE!

***MEXICO CITY** ARCHAEOLOGY, HISTORY AND CULTURE!*

Tour Cost \$3960 BCA members/4060 non-members + \$675 single supplement

Price includes: All tours and transfers from the Mexico City Airport, all lodging and taxes, all breakfasts, most lunches (except for free day), bilingual anthropologist tour escort, local guides.

Not included: lunches on the airplane or free day, dinners, alcoholic beverages, international airfare, tips, personal expenses.

Deposit of \$1,500.00 with the signed release form to reserve your space. We require the minimum registration with deposits by 150 days prior to departure (August 14, 2024) to confirm hotel and provider registrations. *Remainder due 90 days prior to departure.*

Refunds 90 days or more in advance of departure - full refund less \$500.00 and any deposits made to hotels that we cannot retrieve. Less than 90 days before departure, no refund can be issued.

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