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JOURNEYS

MEXICO UNVEILED

2025



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Mexico is a land of history, wonderful culture and a very friendly and fun-loving people. Beginning in the Yucatan Peninsula with its wonderful scenery, see magnificent Maya ruins in beautiful jungle settings and delight as you explore colourful markets in charming towns. The cultural heart of Mexico is Oaxaca, and here we will immerse ourselves in the best Mexico has to offer before continuing to magnificent Mexico City. Great character hotels, delicious food, a superb itinerary and fantastic guide will have you calling Viva Mexico!

SPECIAL EXPERIENCES

Stay in character hotels

Including a 400-year-old hacienda and a hotel that was once a convent, built in the 16th century.

Experience the 'Day of the Dead' festival

Contrary to its name, this colourful festival is a celebration of life and a very special day to be in Mexico.

Explore some of the greatest monuments of the Aztec and Maya

Including the great ruins of Chichen Itza, Uxmal, Palenque and the Pyramids of the Sun and Moon at Mexico City.

Enjoy cooking classes

Learn how to cook delicious Mexican cuisine.

24 DAYS • HOSTED JOURNEY

COUNTRIES Mexico

DEPARTS 27 October 2025

YOUR JOURNEY AT A GLANCE

- Travel the Riviera Maya from Cancun with its white-sand beaches and turquoise seas
- Explore the Maya ruins of Tulum, Chichen Itza, Uxmal and Palenque
- Enjoy the delightful colonial cities of Merida and Oaxaca, experiencing the lively celebration of "Day of the Dead" in Merida
- Visit the scenic highlands with their indigenous villages and colourful markets
- Witness Mexico City's rich heritage and vibrant culture
- A World Journeys host to guide you every step of the way



Aztec Sun Stone at the Museum of Anthropology



MEXICO UNVEILED ITINERARY

ALL FLIGHTS INCLUDED **B** BREAKFAST **L** LUNCH **D** DINNER

— OCTOBER 2025

MON 27 AUCKLAND > CANCUN

Fly to Cancun via Houston. On arrival transfer to our hotel.

TUE 28 CANCUN > BACALAR **B** **D**

Travel the Riviera Maya to the impressive Maya ruins of Tulum, perched on a cliff overlooking the turquoise blue Caribbean Sea. This evening get to know your travelling companions at our special welcome dinner.

WED 29 BACALAR **B**

This morning enjoy a boat ride on the Bacalar Lagoon, famed for its myriad shades of blue, then explore the historic town centre and the 17th century Spanish fort.

THU 30 BACALAR > CHICHEN ITZA **B** **D**

Drive to the picturesque Sayab Kuxtal Cenote Centre for a short nature walk or a cooling dip in the clear waters of the cenote (a natural sinkhole set in limestone). Continue to Chichen Itza to overnight in a hacienda, founded in 1523.

FRI 31 CHICHEN ITZA > MERIDA **B** **D**

This morning we tour the famed ruins of Chichen Itza in their glorious jungle setting. One of the New Seven Wonders of the World, the history of this wonderfully-preserved Maya site is explained as you visit the Sacred Cenote where human sacrifices to the Gods were once made. Continue to the charming colonial city of Merida.

— NOVEMBER 2025

SAT 1 MERIDA **B**

Established over 450 years ago, Merida is the social and economic centre of the Yucatan, featuring large squares, tree-lined boulevards and European-style mansions. Today is the Mexican “Day of the Dead” festival which honours the lives of loved ones who have passed away. We will visit a cemetery filled with life and colour, as families decorate graves with marigolds, candles and offerings. An interesting and very authentic experience.

SUN 2 MERIDA > CAMPECHE **B** **D**

Today we explore the UNESCO Heritage listed Maya ruins at Uxmal. Continue to the delightful seaside city of Campeche.

MON 3 CAMPECHE **B**

The fascinating history of this historic walled city unfolds as we explore its Baroque architecture and 17th century hilltop forts. The afternoon and evening are at leisure.

TUE 4 CAMPECHE > PALENQUE **B** **D**

A scenic drive takes us to the charming town of Palizada with its vibrantly coloured houses. Visit the excellent little museum, take a short cruise on the jungle-fringed river to spot wildlife, then witness traditional craftswomen creating fine cotton blouses. Continue to Palenque.

WED 5 PALENQUE > VILLAHERMOSA **B** **D**

Perched on a plateau 200m above the savannah, Palenque offers wonderful views across the surrounding landscape. The temples of this UNESCO World Heritage Site feature beautifully painted murals, sculpted stone and stucco panels. Continue to Villahermosa to tour its historic city centre.



Maya ruins, Palenque

THU 6 VILLAHERMOSA > SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS **B** **D**

This morning visit the La Venta Museum and sculpture park which houses artefacts from the ancient Olmec civilization. Continue through lovely countryside to San Cristobal de las Casas.

FRI 7 SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS & LOCAL INDIGENOUS COMMUNITIES **B**

A walking tour visits the cathedral with its lavish interior, the 16th century Dominican church and the handicraft markets of the Tzotzil people. In the scenic highlands visit the colourful indigenous village of San Juan Chamula and nearby Zinacantan with its pretty church and excellent markets before returning to San Cristobal. Evening at leisure.

SAT 8 SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS > TEHUANTEPEC **B** **D**

Today's highlight will be the magnificent Sumidero Canyon. Take a boat trip through towering canyon walls, looking for river crocodiles, colourful birds and spider monkeys as we gently glide along. Continue to Tehuantepec.

SUN 9 TEHUANTEPEC > MITLA > OAXACA **B** **D**

Visit the Zapotec site of Mitla, then continue to one of the true gems of Mexico, Oaxaca, for three nights at a delightful 15th century hotel oozing charm and atmosphere.

MON 10 OAXACA > MONTE ALBAN > OAXACA **B**

This morning visit the magnificent 2,500 year-old ruins of Monte Alban, an amazing example of Zapotec civilization and construction. After lunch a walking tour of Oaxaca's historic centre reveals the rich culture of this UNESCO World Heritage listed city. The Gold Museum here offers a stunning display of pre-Columbian treasures.

TUE 11 OAXACA **B** **D**

Those interested may take a cooking class to learn how to prepare some local dishes. Remainder of the day at leisure.

WED 12 OAXACA > PUEBLA **B** **D**

Today visit the botanical cactus reserve in the Zapotitlan-Cuicatlan Biosphere Reserve, cared for by the local communities and housing over 80 different native cactus species. Continue to Puebla.

THU 13 PUEBLA > CHOLULA > MEXICO CITY [ⓑ] [ⓓ]

Puebla is a historic jewel in Mexico's crown, with its cathedral, artist's quarter and local market. Leaving Puebla, we stop at the largest pyramid in the world, the Great Pyramid of Cholula, twice as tall as the pyramid of Cheops in Cairo. Continue to Mexico City for four nights in our lovely hotel located right in the historic centre.

FRI 14 MEXICO CITY [ⓑ]

Mexico City was built by the Spanish on the ruins of the Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan. Visit the magnificent Cathedral and the Museum of Anthropology, home to some of the finest treasures of Aztec and Maya cultures. Afternoon at leisure.

SAT 15 MEXICO CITY [ⓑ] [ⓓ]

This morning visit the local markets to buy fresh ingredients for our cooking class with an expert local chef. Later enjoy a short ride aboard a traditional trajinera along ancient canals then visit Coyoacan, a picturesque neighbourhood of cobblestone streets, historic plazas and markets. Lastly, visit the Frida Kahlo Museum which houses an extensive collection of her artworks. The rest of the day is at leisure.



Trajineras, colourful Mexican gondolas

SUN 16 MEXICO CITY [ⓑ] [ⓓ]

This morning visit the magnificent pyramids of the Sun and Moon at Teotihuacan, founded in the 1st century AD. This evening, enjoy a special farewell dinner.

MON 17 MEXICO CITY > AUCKLAND [ⓑ]

Transfer to the airport for our flight to Auckland via the USA.

TUE 18 IN FLIGHT**WED 19 ARRIVE AUCKLAND**

Arrive Auckland early this morning.

Departs 27 October 2025

	Twin <i>per person</i>	Single <i>per person</i>
Tour cost including flights	\$21,195	\$26,485
Premium Economy and Business Class Upgrade	On request	On request
Land only cost*	\$18,195	\$23,485

* The land only cost is based on joining the tour in Cancun on 27 October and leaving the tour in Mexico City on 17 November 2025

Extend Your Trip

Please enquire if you would like to extend your tour and visit the USA, Guatemala, Costa Rica or perhaps Cuba.

INCLUDED

- Small group tour (max 18)
- Economy Class airfares ex Auckland
- A World Journeys host
- Accommodation in 4-star hotels
- Transfers, sightseeing and entrance fees as per the itinerary
- Meals as indicated [ⓑ] [ⓓ] [ⓔ]
- Gratuities

NOT INCLUDED

- Items of a personal nature
- Travel insurance (mandatory)
- Optional activities
- USA visa or ESTA visa waiver (required to transit through the USA)

GRATUITIES

In Mexico tipping is customary. For a hassle-free journey, tipping is included and will be handled by the World Journeys host for all group activities.

BOOKING CONDITIONS

A non-refundable deposit of \$3,000 per person is required, with the balance due 1 August 2025. Note: It may be necessary to collect the airfare portion of the tour earlier than the final balance date. As cancellation fees apply, travel insurance is mandatory. Please refer to World Journeys' terms and conditions and our Health and Medical Requirements at www.worldjourneys.co.nz/terms/

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