



YaleGALE in Mexico City
March 4 – 9, 2017
Itinerary

Saturday, March 4th 2017

Arrive in Mexico City and meet at the Galeria Plaza Reforma Hotel.

Afternoon time to walk around and experience some indulgence at El Moro Churreria for a taste of Mexico's churros and hot chocolate.

Welcome dinner!

Overnight at Galeria Plaza Reforma, a comfortable and conveniently located hotel.

Sunday, March 5th 2017

Breakfast and morning meeting at the hotel.

Meet your local guide at the lobby. Transfer to the city center for a guided tour of Mexico City's historic center.

Once at the Historic City Center you will visit the Templo Mayor Archaeological Site and Museum.

The most important place at the main exhibition in the Museum, since 2010, is occupied by the magnificent and impressive polychrome relief depicting the goddess of the earth, Tlaltecuhltli, the largest sculptural piece of *Mexica* culture that has been found. The discovery took place on October 2, 2006 and can be seen in its original color from a superb restoration work.



Following your visit to the Templo Mayor meet your culinary guide at the Zocalo Hub for a gastronomic adventure through the traditional flavours of Mexico, from pre-Hispanic food to contemporary culinary dishes. Explore the most important Aztec market, drink in a typical cantina and be delighted with street food. A unique and delicious experience in the Mexico City's Historical Centre, you will eat authentic Mexican food!



Following your visit you will be driven back to the Chapultepec to admire the Castle at the top of the hill.

The castle also houses the National Museum of History which we will access and visit on a guided tour. Following your visit you will be driven back to the Polanco Neighborhood.



Visit the Museo Soumaya, a private museum in Mexico City designed by the Mexican architect Fernando Romero. It is a non-profit cultural institution with two museum buildings - Plaza Carso and Plaza Loreto. It has over 66,000 works from 30 centuries of art including sculptures from Pre-Hispanic Mesoamerica, 19th- and 20th-century Mexican art and an extensive repertoire of works by European old masters and masters of modern western art such as Auguste Rodin, Salvador Dalí, Bartolomé Esteban Murillo and Tintoretto.



Dinner together in Mexico City.

Overnight at Galeria Plaza Reforma.

Monday, March 6th 2017

Breakfast and morning meeting in the hotel.

This morning meet your local guide to be transferred to Teotihuacan archaeological site.

Teotihuacan was a pre-Columbian Mesoamerican city located in a sub valley of the Valley of Mexico, located in the State of Mexico 30 miles (48 km) northeast of modern-day Mexico City, known today as the site of many of the most architecturally significant Mesoamerican pyramids built in the pre-Columbian Americas. Apart from the pyramids, Teotihuacan is also anthropologically significant for its complex, multi-family residential compounds; the Avenue of the Dead; and the small portion of its vibrant murals that have been exceptionally well-preserved. Additionally, Teotihuacan exported a so-called "Thin Orange" pottery style and fine obsidian tools that garnered high prestige and widespread utilization throughout Mesoamerica



Lunch after our visit to the Pyramids.

At the end of your lunch we will drive back to Mexico City and enjoy a full private visit to the National Museum of Anthropology.

The Museum contains one of the world's largest collections of archaeological and anthropological artifacts from pre-Hispanic Mayan civilizations to the Spanish conquest.

Located within Chapultepec Park, the Museum is one of the most comprehensive and impressive (almost 20 acres) facilities in the world. The modern architecture, designed by Pedro Ramirez Vazquez, is characterized by its iconic umbrella roof supported by a single column, which represents a mythological tree and depicts eagles and jaguars—all important symbols to the pre-Hispanic natives.



Return to your hotel to rest, before meeting again for a YaleGALE dinner.

Overnight at Galeria Plaza Reforma.

Tuesday, March 7th 2017

Breakfast at the hotel.

Meet your driver today at the hotel lobby for a visit to Tecnológico de Monterrey's Puebla Campus. Morning meeting on the bus! Bring some entertainment for the bus ride.



Late morning walk around the charming city of Puebla.

Yale alumni will meet with students, faculty and administration of Tec while friends and family go on a separate excursion. Tec has organized an exciting program beginning with a welcome lunch to kick-off the exchange.

Friends and family: Explore the colonial city of Puebla and the 'magic town' of Cholula. Puebla is known for its architecture, talavera pottery and rich gastronomic history. Visit the sights and learn about Puebla's importance in New Spain as well as its contemporary reputation as a center for industry and education. Then continue on to Cholula, home to the largest pyramid base in Mesoamerica, upon which a 16th Century church was built. (Additional fee for the tour)



Your guide will lead you in exploring the town and on a clear day you may get a view of the Popocatepetl Volcano.

Dinner on your own.

Overnight at Galeria Plaza Reforma.

Wednesday, March 8th 2017

Breakfast and morning meeting at the hotel.

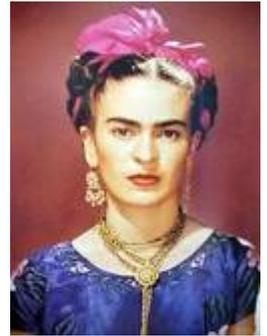
Together with your guide you will visit the Frida Kahlo Museum – Casa Azul. Hidden behind high cobalt blue walls at the corner of Londres and Allende in this charming southwestern suburb, the museum is where the surrealist artist Frida Kahlo was born, grew up and later lived with her muralist husband Diego Rivera, from 1941 until her death at age 47 in 1954. Fascinating not only for the collections and personal effects of the two great artists it contains, the museum also affords a window on the lifestyles of affluent Mexican bohemians during the first half of this century. The colonial-style house, a.k.a. the Casa Azul, forms a U-shape around a verdant central courtyard. This cheerful space populated by pre-Columbian idols and luxuriant tropical plantings, is where Frida romped as a child and later as an adult worked on her paintings and held art classes for her "Los Fridos" students.



After enjoying Frida Kahlo's exhibition, we'll visit the main square of Coyoacan and have some free time to explore the area. Lunch in the area.

After lunch, we all head to the Tecnológico de Monterrey Mexico City Campus to arrive for a tour at 2:30 followed by the Exchange. Alumni will transfer to The Torre Mayor – 51th floor (6:00pm). Networking cocktail and a panel discussion (7:00pm to 9:00pm). More details to follow.

Friends and family option: Dolores Olmedo Museum, a great complement for the Casa Azul Museum, Mexico's broad cultural menu is actually the product of enormous efforts, both public and private. You will see the works of two of Mexico's fundamental artistic icons, Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo.



Then visit Xochimilco's floating Gardens. In Xochimilco, the abundance of water and the fertilizing effect of the mud enabled these "floating gardens" to produce beautiful flowers and a variety of different plants and vegetables. Xochimilco has now been declared a World Cultural Heritage site by UNESCO. Lunch in Xochimilco.



Farewell gathering for YaleGALE.

Overnight at Galeria Plaza Reforma.

Thursday, March 9th 2017

Breakfast at your hotel.

Transport to Mexico City Airport for departures (not included in price of trip.)

Bring family! Bring friends! Program cost is \$1,600 per person, double occupancy. Single supplement is \$350.

Meals are included as indicated with 2 drinks for each dinner organized by YaleGALE. Gratuities to guides and drivers are included.

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GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Health:

All participants should be in good health and capable of walking, sometimes over steep or rough terrain, and climbing stairs. By forwarding the deposit, the participant certifies that he/she does not have any physical or other conditions of disability that would create a hazard for him / her or other participants. Yale University and the Association of Yale Alumni (hereafter called "Yale") reserve the right to decline to accept or retain any person as a tour participant should such a person's health, mental condition, physical infirmity, or attitude jeopardize the operation of the tour or the enjoyment of the other participants.

Exclusions. Personal gratuities; non-scheduled excursions; wines, liquors, mineral waters and meals not mentioned in this brochure under included features; laundry and dry cleaning; parking or other charges for vehicles; travel insurance; all items of a strictly personal nature.

Insurance: ***We highly recommend travel insurance as the cancellation penalty in below will apply.*** However, Yale does not recommend a particular insurance company. Travelers are free to purchase the insurance through a company of their choice. Travel insurance companies may only offer a limited timeframe (7-21 days) within which to purchase travel insurance otherwise certain restrictive provisions applicable to coverage may apply, such as pre-existing condition coverage or you may not be able to purchase it afterwards. If travel insurance is important to you, you should not delay in purchasing insurance.

Cancellations and Refunds:

Payment due by December 31, 2016. All cancellations must be made in writing to Yale. All payments are non-refundable as of December 31, 2016. When Yale receives written notification of cancellation, no further charges will be made to you. All refunds are subject to a \$75 processing fee.

No refunds will be given for unused portions of the program (including, but not limited to, unused meals, hotel nights, and sightseeing), for any reason.

Responsibility:

Yale and their affiliated agents (hereafter called the "Program Sponsors") are responsible only for assisting in making arrangements with respect to all transportation, hotels and other matters of reservations and tour operations and they do not represent or act as agent for transportation carriers, hotels and other suppliers or services connected with this tour. The Program Sponsors assume no responsibility for loss, damage, injury, accident, delay or other irregularity, expense or delays arising from sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, war, acts of terrorism, weather conditions or such other causes. All such losses or expenses shall be borne by the tour participant. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. It is understood that tickets when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the passenger and carrier concerned. All services are subject to the laws of the state and country in which they are rendered.

Dates, schedules, program details, and costs are given based on information available and currently in force and are subject to change and revision. As a condition to acceptance of any application, each applicant represents that he or she has read the schedule of activities for this tour and recognizes and accepts any risks thereof and hereby agrees for and on behalf of himself or herself and his or her heirs, executors and administrators to abide by the conditions set forth above, and to release and hold harmless the Program Sponsors, or any of them, and their directors, governing board members, officers, agents, licenses, representatives, heirs, executors, administrators, successors, and assigns from any and all liability, claims and demands, however caused, for delays, damages, loss, injury or death, occurring in relation to the tour, and for loss of or damage to his or her property, however occurring, in relation to the tour. If applicable, rates are based on airlines tariff information, which is subject to change with government approval. In the event of changes in tariffs, the rates for flights may be adjusted but will not affect conditions under which reservations are accepted and accommodations secured for the program. Liability for luggage is strictly limited, and participants are urged to take necessary insurance for their protection.

If, due to weather, flight schedule or other uncontrollable factors, you are required to spend an additional night(s), each participant will be responsible for his or her own hotel, transfers and meal costs.

The Program Sponsors reserve the right to change the itinerary or trip features at any time and for any reason with or without notice, and shall not be liable for any such changes. All fares, as well as hours of arrival and departure, special programs and guest lecture series (if applicable), are subject to change without prior notice. The Program Sponsors shall not be required to refund any portion of the program price or make any other compensation under these circumstances. The Program Sponsors are not responsible for penalties assessed by air carriers resulting from operational and / or itinerary changes, even if they make the flight arrangements or trip cancellation.

Arbitration:

In the event that a dispute arises between a participant and Yale or any other organizers of the trip the following terms will apply: (a) the dispute will be settled by binding arbitration administered by the American Arbitration Association in Connecticut; (b) the dispute will be governed by Connecticut law; (c) the maximum amount of recovery to which a participant shall be entitled under any and all circumstances will be the sum of all monies actually received from the participant by Yale. The participant agrees that this is a fair and reasonable limitation on the damages, of any type whatsoever, that a participant may suffer.

Agreement to Terms:

Payment by tour participant(s) indicates acceptance of the above terms and conditions.