

## MEXICO - OAXACA EXTENSION



### INTRODUCTION

Journey to the heart of Mexico's state of Oaxaca with a visit to Oaxaca City. This colourful city is considered a foodie haven and the gateway to explore some of the archaeological ruins left behind from the Zapotec and Mixtec civilisations who once ruled this area before the Spanish conquered the city in 1533. Taste some of Mexico's best cuisine on a walking tour of the local markets and learn more about the history and culture of the Zapotec's on a tour to the Monte Alban archaeological site.

**On this all-encompassing personalised itinerary, Chimu will provide travel logistics for your travel party for the duration of your journey, plus expert guides for all the major sightseeing as per itinerary. Each night you will stay in superior accommodation, handpicked by our experienced team for their creature comforts, convenient locations, and impeccable service.**

### ITINERARY

#### DAY 1: Oaxaca Arrival

You will arrive in the World Heritage listed city of Oaxaca. Today is an arrival day and you are free to explore. Once the centre of Zapotec and Mixtec civilizations, there are numerous archaeological sites to be found within the city including the settlements of Monte Alban and Mitla. At the city's centre you'll find the main square, or Zocalo, as well as the Catedral Metropolitana de Oaxaca and its attractive baroque façade. Considered the foodie capital and gastronomical hub of Mexico, be sure to also visit one of its colourful rooftop restaurants and bars.



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#### DEPARTURE

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#### DURATION

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## DAY 2: Oaxaca Tour

Today you will take a walking tour of the Benito Juarez and Mercado 20 de Noviembre Markets and have the opportunity to taste some of Oaxaca’s local cuisine. Some unusual things to try are grasshoppers (chapulines), Tejate (a fermented drink), Nieves Oaxaquesas (Oaxacan ice cream), Nicuatole (a gelatinous dessert made from ground corn and sugar) and Tlayudas (a Mexican pizza that uses folded tortillas).



## DAY 3: Monte Alban Archaeological Site

You will enjoy a tour of the Monte Alban World Heritage site. Situated on a mountain in Oaxaca’s west, Monte Alban is one of the largest remaining archaeological sites of the Zapotec civilisation. The city was founded in 500BC and was once the capital of Zapotec culture. Considered a triumph of engineering, there are a number of structures to visit including the Gran Plaza, the Ball Court, the Observatory, the Palace and the North and South Plazas.



## DAY 4: Depart Oaxaca

You will be transferred to the airport to fly to your next destination.



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## INCLUSIONS & DETAILS

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<b>Inclusions</b>	<b>Inclusions</b> Private airport transfers Accommodation with breakfast daily Sightseeing with local English-speaking guide as detailed in itinerary Other meals where stated
	<b>Exclusions</b> International flights Visa & reciprocity fees Travel insurance Beverages Personal expenses Gratuities for tour guides & drivers Any items not mentioned as included
<b>Difficulty Rating</b>	1 (easy adventure)
<b>Single Surcharge</b>	A single supplement surcharge applies and is subject to availability. Please contact us for more information.
<b>Notes</b>	Prices are based on per person, twin share. Prices are correct at time of publishing but are subject to change at any time. All entrance fees are subject to change without prior notice. Designed to enhance your Signature Mexico experience.
<b>Price Dependent upon</b>	Seasonality and availability at time of booking.

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## SUSTAINABILITY

Being environmentally accountable is a crucial part of our organisation. Chimu is currently striving towards using less paper, taking several initiatives to do so, and tracking our progress along the way. Our goal: A paperless organisation. For this reason, all information given to you will be sent electronically. We encourage those who choose to travel with us to support our aspirations and actions and ask that you reconsider printing out documentation. To view these documents, you can download them to your iPad or portable computer before and during your trip.

Chimu is passionate and dedicated to sustainability measures and understands the crucial part sustainability plays within the tourism industry.

We use local guides and office staff to both maximise local employment opportunities and minimise carbon footprint. Local guides also ensure you benefit from the intimate knowledge, passion, and culture of the country you're visiting. Our guides are all highly qualified (most with university degrees) or equipped with many years of experience and are paid above the standard wage. Whether it be our knowledgeable local guides, locally produced meals, or the transport on tour, we do not use imported goods when local products are available. We aim to minimise our impact on the environment and give as much back as possible to the communities we work in.

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While visiting the many national parks, heritage sites, museums, and landmarks, our travellers are encouraged to explore whilst remaining culturally aware and sensitive. We further encourage you to buy appropriate souvenirs and discourage the buying of anything wrongfully made or taken from the environment i.e., shells and endangered species products. Information on how you can be environmentally conscious, and travel responsibly will be made available in our Travellers Guides and provided during your travels by guides and staff.

For more information on our sustainability policies, including how we are striving towards being a paperless organisation, click [HERE](#)

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