

Tour Begins in Guadalajara

DAY 1 – Guadalajara

Guadalajara is the second largest city in Mexico, and is a modern metropolis with an international flavor that still maintains its colonial traditions. An early afternoon arrival, with a transfer to the hotel, located in the heart of the beautiful historical district. This evening features a walking tour of the main plazas that surround the historical center, including a visit to the Metropolitan Cathedral and the Government Palace where we will enjoy viewing the murals by José Clemente Orozco. The day ends with a ride in a horse-drawn carriage through the elegant residential sector, lined with mansions dating back to the 19th century. (D)

DAY 2 – Guadalajara and Tequila

This morning we will visit the town of Tequila, where the internationally renowned Mexican beverage is produced by dozens of distilleries set amidst the blue agave fields. We will visit one of these distilleries and enjoy lunch at a Mexican Fiesta. This afternoon we will visit Tlaquepaque. Once a separate village, it is now part of the city of Guadalajara. It has evolved into a trendy suburb famed for its local artistry and is filled with countless shops and an endless selection of arts and crafts. We will have dinner at a local restaurant before returning to our hotel. (B, L, D)

DAY 3 – Guanajuato

After breakfast at the hotel in Guadalajara we depart to the city of Guanajuato. Once checked into our hotel, we will descend down to the town via a gondola that will take us to the Garden of the Union, the city's lively focal point. We will enjoy our lunch at a local restaurant. Later, relax on your own, strolling from plaza to plaza down narrow cobblestone streets lined with the gorgeous architecture that has led to the city's designation as a World Heritage Site. We will return via the underground streets to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 4 – San Miguel de Allende

After breakfast at the hotel, we visit the city of Dolores Hidalgo, the birthplace of the Mexican Independence from Spain. We continue on to San Miguel de Allende, one of Mexico's most charming towns, also designated as a National Historic Monument to preserve its unique atmosphere. The downtown tour will allow you to admire the colonial homes with their gorgeous inner patios, wrought-iron trimming and massive wooden doors. The square is filled with artists capturing the magic of the city with their paints and easels. This afternoon you will have plenty of time to stroll through the city's famous art galleries. It's a true shopper's paradise. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. (B, L, D)

DAY 5 – Morelia and Pátzcuaro

Our route to Morelia will take us through the farmlands of *El Bajío*, arriving in the city of Morelia for a delicious lunch on a beautiful colonial patio, now part of a hotel. We will tour the city, where the buildings date back to the 17th century, allowing visitors to recapture the spirit of Old Spain.

Pricing

Price per Person	Land Only
Single	\$1,565
Double	\$1,225
<i>* Call us Direct to Arrange Pre & Post Nights or Tour Extensions.</i>	

Schedule

2009	
September	27 th
November	8 th
2010	
January	17 th
March	7 th
April	18 th
October	10 th
December	5 th
<i>*Dates above indicate guaranteed scheduled departures. Customized tours may be arranged by contacting A Closer Look Tours directly.</i>	

We will enjoy a visit to the downtown area, where the civil and religious buildings were erected in the 17th century to symbolize the city's ties to the spirit of the past. We now continue our journey to Pátzcuaro. Dinner and overnight at the hotel. (B L D)

DAY 6 – Pátzcuaro and Guadalajara

We travel to Lake Pátzcuaro and the hillside city of Pátzcuaro, which still retains its quaint 16th-century atmosphere. We visit the Vasco de Quiroga square and the House of Eleven Patios. Once a convent, it is now a labyrinth of small shops where the artisans are creating their wares. Afterwards, we'll go to the ancient capital of Tzintzuntzan, where ancient circular pyramids called *yacatas* were built overlooking the lake. Following this visit, we will head to the charming Santa Ana monastery, dating back to the 1500s, then keep traveling out to the delightful town of Quiroga, where artisans from around the state display their goods. We return to Guadalajara this afternoon, arriving back to the hotel. (B, L, D)

DAY 7 – Return Home

Breakfast at hotel and transfer to airport for flight home. (B)