



Butterflies

Michoacán Butterfly Sanctuary

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Immerse yourself in a destination that is more than you expected. Experience the outdoors, history and ecotourism. This unique place boasts of many traditions, folklore, arts, and crafts. The natural beauty of lakes, rivers, volcanoes and mountains pales to the experience you feel among millions of "Monarch Butterflies"

Tour Begins in Mexico City

DAY 1 - Mexico City & Zitacuaro

After your arrival to Mexico City airport, we will take a short drive to the city of Zitacuaro in the state of Michoacán and check in at the Villa Monarca hotel. Welcome dinner and overnight (D)

DAY 2 - Butterfly Sanctuary

After an early breakfast at the hotel, we will visit the Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary and learn about this little *lepidopteron* which travels more than 4000 KM to breed. Here this butterfly finds excellent conditions in regards of the temperature and vegetation for its hibernation and reproduction. Picnic box lunch and return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B L D)

DAY 3 - Zitacuaro

Today we will learn about the filigree silver and goldsmith artisans in Zitacuaro. We will also visit the San Francisco Coatepec old church that was build in 1535, the Poinsettia nurseries in San Felipe de los Alzati, and finishing the day at the archeological site of Zirahuato. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. Depending of our success on the Butterfly Sanctuary, we may modify itinerary by spending the morning at the butterflies depending on how lucky we were on our visit on day 2. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (B L D)

DAY 4 - Morelia-Patzcuaro & Native Villages

After early breakfast at the hotel, our program today calls for a visit to the city of Morelia, capital of the state of Michoacán. This city was founded in 1541 and it is a well preserved colonial city and recognized by the UNESCO as a World Heritage Site. Many of Morelia's downtown streets are lined with colonial buildings and looks nearly as Spanish as it did before the Independence. We will continue our tour to some of the villages situated along the Patzcuaro Lake. Our first stop will be Quiroga, a place to shop for arts and crafts like brightly painted wooden products, leatherwork, wool sweaters, blankets and much more. After lunch we will depart to Tzintzuntzan; here we will visit the ex-convent of San Francisco built by Franciscan missionaries in the 16th century. We arrive at Patzcuaro, a true colonial gem. After a tour of the village, we check in at the hotel Posada de Don Vasco. (B L D)

Pricing

Price per Person	Land Only
Single	\$1,650
Double	\$1,415
* Call Us Direct to Arrange Pre & Post Nights or Tour Extensions.	

Schedule

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Call for February Departure Dates	

DAY 5 -Mexico City

After breakfast we depart to Mexico City, stopping at the magical town of Tlapajahua, where they make the world famous Christmas ornaments and quarry stone artifacts. Arrive at Mexico City and check in at the Hotel Camino Real for our farewell dinner and overnight. (B L D)

DAY 6

Breakfast at the hotel and check in at your flight that will return you home. (B)

Price includes:

- 3 nights hotel Villa Monarca
- 1 night Posada de Don Vasco
- 1 night hotel Camino Real
- All sightseeing as per itinerary
- All meals as per itinerary
- Baggage handling
- Taxes and gratuities
- Visit to the Monarch Sanctuary
- Tour Director

*Please note that this tour requires long and strenuous walking and you must be in good health

