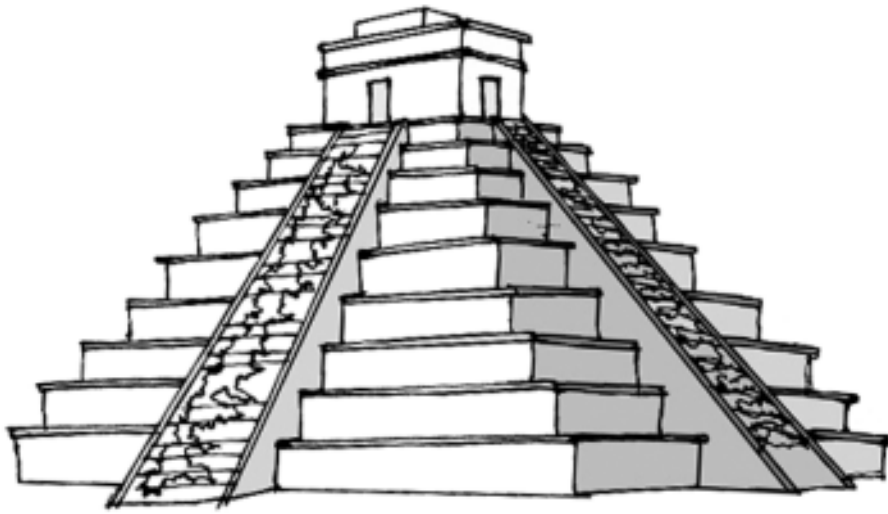


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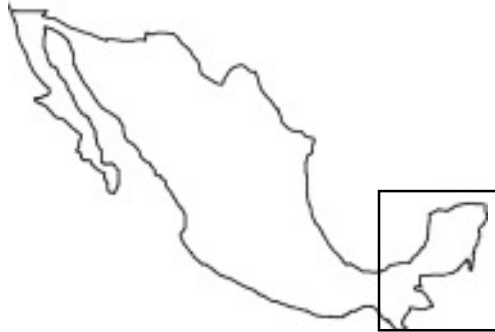
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# Chiapas and Yucatan

Bordering the country of Guatemala, Mexico's state of Chiapas encompasses mountains, rivers, jungles and remote Indian villages. Here, people still wear their traditional costumes, live in grass-roofed huts and plant cornfields on near-vertical hillsides. On our trips to this region, we visit the beautiful colonial mountain town of San Cristóbal de las Casas and the villages of the Tzotil and Tzeltal Indians, swim at the magnificent Agua Azul falls, travel by boat through the Cañon del Sumidero, and climb around the jungle-draped Mayan ruins of Palenque.

Northeast of Chiapas, the Yucatan Peninsula is the homeland of the Mayan people, whose mighty empire lasted over a thousand years. The amazing archaeological ruins of their great cities are found throughout the peninsula's almost 44,000 square miles—Chichén Itzá, Uxmal, Edzna and many more. Add lovely colonial cities and beautiful Caribbean beaches, and the result is a perfect vacation.

# Yucatan & Chiapas

## Small-group Escorted Tours

**T**hese small group tours are escorted by our experienced bilingual American guides. Group size is limited to a maximum of 16 persons. Prices include land transportation, accommodations, entrance fees, guided tours, many meals and most tips. Visit the Yucatan in 7 days or make the most of your trip with the 13-day Chiapas and Yucatan excursion. Both trips start and end in Cancun.

### 7-day Mayan Adventure

We explore the wonders of the Yucatan—ancient Mayan ruins of Chichén Itzá, Uxmal, Ek Balam, Tulum and Edzna; colorful colonial cities of Merida, Izamal, Valladolid; and Campeche, fortified to fight off Caribbean pirates.

**1st Day:** Our tour begins with our arrival at Cancun. We have free time to enjoy the white sand beaches, blue water, and great restaurants. In the evening, we join our guide for a welcome cocktail and introduction to the tour.

**2nd Day:** After breakfast, we travel to the walled fortress of Tulum. Overlooking the turquoise Caribbean Sea, the Mayan port has over sixty well-preserved structures within its massive walls. Then on to the ruins of Coba. Located around two lagoons, its elevated stone and plaster roads radiate out up to sixty miles. Finally, we drive to the colonial town of Valladolid, once a stronghold for Mayan rebels, who hid in a secret *cenote* (a natural well) to emerge at night and slaughter resident Spaniards. After lunch, we tour the town and the ex-convent San Bernardino.

**3rd Day:** Today we visit the archaeological site of Ek Balam, with its enormous Acropolis pyramid. Later, in the delightful city of Izamal, a magical town whose buildings are all painted yellow, we ride through the cobblestone streets in horse drawn “calesas.” Overnight in Mérida.

**4th Day:** From the mid-19th century until World War I, the major crop of the Yucatan was sisal, used for making rope. This morning we visit two of the fabulous haciendas that were built for this purpose, and then drive to Uxmal, one of the finest examples of an ancient Mayan city. In the evening we enjoy Uxmal's light and sound show.

**5th Day:** We continue our journey to Edzna. With its complex system of waterworks, the Mayan city was as an economic, political and religious center. The Great Plaza is spectacular, with its beautifully preserved buildings, including its five-story Acropolis. Then we travel to the colonial city of Campeche and visit the fort built to protect the city against the real "Pirates of the Caribbean." Overnight in Campeche.

**6th Day:** After breakfast we drive to Becal, where workmen in damp and humid caves weave panama hats. We continue our travel to Chichén Itzá, the most visited Mayan city. The Pyramid of Kukulcán, the ball court, the Observatory and the sacred well are only a few of the many sights in this huge archaeological zone. Tonight we will enjoy a light and sound show at Chichén Itzá and a farewell dinner at the hotel.

**7th Day:** On the way back to Cancun, we stop at Ik Kil Cenote, a sacred pool of Mayan royalty, where we can take a refreshing swim in the clear, clean water. For those departing today, we say good bye at Cancun Airport. For those wishing to extend their stay, add-ons are available.

**What's included:** The trips are fully escorted by English-speaking guides and include all accommodations, land transportation, many meals.

**Price, 2009:** Per person, double occupancy: \$1840\*  
Single room supplement: \$ 340\*

**Dates, 2009:** Nov. 9–15

**Price, 2010:** Per person, double occupancy: TBA

**Dates, 2010:** Jan. 31–Feb. 6, Mar. 7–13, May 23–29, Oct. 24–30,  
Nov. 28–Dec. 4

**\*NOTE:** Prices subject to change without notice.

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## 13-day Mayan & Chiapas Adventure

In addition to the highlights of our 7-day Mayan Adventure, we visit the jungle-draped ruins of Palenque, the charming mountain towns of Chiapa de Corzo and San Cristóbal de las Casas, the Indian villages of San Juan Chamula and Zinacantán, spectacular Cañon de Sumidero and Agua Azul Falls.

**1st Day:** Our tour begins with our arrival at Cancun. We have free time to enjoy the white sand beaches, blue water, and great restaurants. In the evening, we join our guide for a welcome cocktail and introduction to the tour.

**2nd Day:** This morning we visit the archaeological site of Ek Balam, with its enormous Acropolis pyramid. At Ik Kil Cenote, a sacred pool of Mayan royalty, we can take a refreshing swim in the clear, clean water. After arriving at our hotel in Chichén Itzá, we enjoy the light and sound show at the ruins.

**3rd Day:** Today we visit the ruins of Chichén Itzá, the most visited Mayan city. The Pyramid of Kukulcán, the ball court, the Observatory and the sacred well are only a few of the many sights in this huge archaeological zone. In Izamal, a magical town whose buildings are all painted yellow, we ride through the cobblestone streets in horse drawn “calesas.” Overnight in Mérida.

**4th Day:** Today we tour Mérida, with its colonial buildings and the Cathedral of San Idelfonso, the oldest cathedral in Mexico. Then south to Uxmal, one of the finest examples of an ancient Mayan city. In the Loltun Caves, we visit stalactite-draped chambers where the earliest evidence of humans in the New World was found. Overnight in the city of Campeche.

**5th Day:** In the morning we tour colonial Campeche and visit the fort built to protect the city against the real “Pirates of the Caribbean.” After relaxing at the beach, we head along the gulf coast to Villahermosa, to stroll through the Parque-Museo de la Venta, and see the famous Olmec stone heads.

**6th Day:** We drive to Tuxtla Gutierrez, the capital city of Chiapas, where we have lunch and visit the city’s center. In the afternoon we arrive in the small colonial town of Chiapa de Corzo. Towering over its plaza is the 16th century Moorish-style fountain.

**7th Day:** Riding on speedboats through the magnificent Cañon del Sumidero, where Chiapanecan Indians chose to jump off of the 2,500 foot cliffs rather than submit to Spanish invaders, we watch for monkeys, crocodiles and other wildlife. In the afternoon we visit two indigenous villages and their colorful Indian markets, then continue into the mountains to San Cristobal de las Casas, one of the prettiest cities in Mexico, to spend our next two nights.

**8th Day:** Free day to explore San Cristobal. Rich in culture and history, it is a delight to stroll through its markets, churches, museums and tree-filled plazas.

**9th Day:** Today we leave the mountains for the lowlands, stopping to swim at magnificent Agua Azul Falls—a long series of turquoise cascades, and Misol-Há, where a short trail leads behind the cascading waterfall. Then on to explore the wonderful site of Palenque. Draped with jungle foliage, its pyramids, palaces and temples are magnificent examples of Mayan artistry.

**10th Day:** Early morning departure to Calakmul Biosphere Reserve, the largest tropical forest reserve in Mexico, to observe wildlife and visit the archaeological zone. In the afternoon we visit Chicanná, a small site with great intact architectural detail. Overnight at a jungle lodge.

**11th Day:** Today we explore some of the smaller sites of the Rio Bec area, Becán, a city surrounded by a moat, and Kohunlich, on the border with Belize and known for its “Pyramid of the Masks.” We overnight in the city of Chetumal.

**12th Day:** After breakfast, we travel to the walled fortress of Tulum. Overlooking the turquoise Caribbean Sea, the Mayan port has over sixty well-preserved structures within its massive walls. Our farewell dinner is tonight in Cancun.

**13th Day:** For those departing today, we say good bye at Cancun Airport. For those wishing to extend their stay, add-ons are available.

**What’s included:** The trips are fully escorted by English-speaking guides and include all accommodations, land transportation, many meals.

**Price, 2009:** Per person, double occupancy: \$2960\*  
Single room supplement: \$ 590\*

**Dates, 2009:** Oct. 11–23

**Price, 2010:** Per person, double occupancy: TBA

**Dates, 2010:** Feb. 17–Mar. 1, Oct. 20–Nov. 1

**\*NOTE:** Prices subject to change without notice.

# Chiapas and Yucatan Explorer Trips



**T**hese fully escorted private tours are led by experienced bilingual guides, who enjoy sharing their extensive knowledge of the area with our guests. The trips include all transfers, accommodations, land transportation, admissions, and most breakfasts and lunches.

## 6-day Chiapas Explorer

Mexico's southernmost state, Chiapas is also one of its most scenic. On this trip we visit Indian villages, colonial mountain towns, beautiful waterfalls and the jungle-draped Mayan ruins of Palenque.

**1st Day:** We are met at the Tuxtla Gutierrez airport and travel to Cañon de Sumidero, where we board a boat for the trip down the Grijalva river. Beneath towering 2,500-foot cliffs we watch for monkeys, alligators and other tropical wildlife. Here, Chiapanecan Indians chose to jump into the sacred canyon rather than submit to Spanish invaders. Then we travel on to the delightful town of Chiapa de Corzo, where we spend our first night.

**2nd Day:** After breakfast we visit the villages of San Juan Chamula and Zinacantán, with their bustling Indian markets. In Chamula's colonial church, ancient Indian rituals intermix with Catholicism. We continue on to San Cristóbal de las Casas, one of the prettiest cities in Mexico, where we spend our next two nights. At an elevation of 7,000 feet and surrounded by wooded forests, San Cristóbal is cool and refreshing.

**3rd Day:** In the morning we tour the town's cathedral, convent, monuments and museums. Afterwards we have plenty of free time to wander the cobblestone streets, colorful markets and small, tree-filled plazas.

**4th Day:** Today we leave the mountains for the lowlands, stopping to swim at magnificent Agua Azul Falls—a long series of turquoise cascades set against a deep-green jungle background. After lunch we visit the Misol-Há waterfall, where we can hike the short trail that leads behind the cascading falls. Then on to the town of Palenque, where we spend the next two nights.

**5th Day:** We visit the archaeological park of Palenque, one of the most impressive ancient sites in Mexico. Located in the middle of a tropical rainforest, its pyramids, palaces and temples are magnificent examples of Mayan artistry.

**6th Day:** After breakfast we drive to the airport in Villahermosa for our flight home, sad to leave but taking along wonderful memories of our Chiapas adventure.

**What's included:** The trips are fully escorted by English-speaking guides and include all accommodations, transportation, five breakfasts and five lunches.

<b>Price per person, 2009*:</b>	Two to three persons	\$1780
	Four to five persons	\$1270
	Six to seven persons	\$ 960
	Eight or more persons	\$ 810

**\*NOTE:** Prices based on double occupancy and subject to change without notice.

## 7-day Yucatan Explorer

On this trip we explore the wonders of the Yucatan—ancient Mayan pyramids, colorful colonial cities, and seacoast fortified to fight off the “Pirates of the Caribbean.”

**1st Day:** We are met at the airport in the Yucatan’s capital city of Mérida. After checking into our hotel, we tour the city, with its rich Indian heritage and colonial architecture. Many of the city’s buildings date back to the 17th and 18th centuries.

**2nd Day:** After breakfast we travel to the delightful city of Izamal, where all of the buildings are painted yellow. Pope John Paul II visited the city in 1993. We visit a Franciscan convent that was built over a Mayan pyramid—the founder of the convent, the monk Father Diego de Landa, burned all of the Indian writings; then, feeling remorse, he tried to rewrite them from memory. We ride through the cobblestone streets in a horse-drawn carriage and visit a nearby pyramid. Then we continue on to Chichén Itzá, where we spend the night.

**3rd Day:** In the morning we tour the ruins of Chichén Itzá. Founded in the year 514, it is the most widely studied and visited of the Mayan cities. The Pyramid of Kukulcán, the ball court, the Observatory and the sacred well are only a few of the many sights in this huge archaeological zone. After lunch we continue on to the city of Valladolid, at one time a stronghold of Mayan rebels who fought the Spanish. During one of the many wars, a group of Mayans hid in the secret *cenote* (a natural well) before emerging at night to slaughter resident Spaniards. We tour the city, where we spend the night.

**4th Day:** After breakfast we visit the archaeological site of Ek Balam. Surrounded by jungle, Ek Balam, whose name means “Black Jaguar,” is very impressive, with its enormous Acropolis pyramid. Because restoration work began only eight years ago, fewer tourists visit the site. After lunch we return to Mérida, where we spend the night.

**5th Day:** In the morning we drive to Uxmal, considered to be one of the finest examples of an ancient Mayan city. It was one of the largest cities of the Yucatan peninsula, with a population of around 25,000. Inside the Pyramid of the Magician, its highest structure, four previous temples were discovered. From Uxmal we travel on to the ruins of Kabah, with its 250 carved masks of Chac, the rain god. We spend this night in the town of Uxmal.

**6th Day:** We continue our journey to Edzna, in the state of Campeche. With its complex system of waterworks, the Mayan city reached its peak as an economic, political and religious center between AD 600 and 900. The Great Plaza is spectacular, with its beautifully preserved buildings, including its five-story

Acropolis—unique to this site. After lunch we continue on to Campeche, where we visit the Fuerte San Miguel, a fort built to protect the city against Caribbean pirates. In the evening we are free to visit the old city walls and enjoy the light-and-sound show on the history of the pirates. We spend the night in Campeche.

**7th Day:** After breakfast we return to the airport in Mérida for our flight home, sad to leave but taking along wonderful memories of our Yucatan adventure.

**What's included:** The trips are fully escorted by English-speaking guides and include all accommodations, transportation, six breakfasts and five lunches.

<b>Price per person, 2009*:</b>	Two to three persons	\$1420
	Four to five persons	\$1030
	Six to seven persons	\$ 840
	Eight or more persons	\$ 740



**\*NOTE:** Prices based on double occupancy and subject to change without notice.

## 13-day Chiapas & Yucatan

This outstanding journey visits both Chiapas and the Yucatan. Beginning in Tuxtla Gutierrez and ending in Cancun, we visit colonial cities, Indian villages, waterfalls, archaeological sites, nature preserves and beach resorts.

**1st Day:** We are met at the Tuxtla Gutierrez airport and travel to Cañon de Sumidero, where we board a boat for the trip down the Grijalva river. Beneath towering 2,500 foot cliffs we watch for monkeys, alligators and other tropical wildlife. Here Chiapanecan Indians chose to jump into the sacred canyon rather than submit to Spanish invaders. Then we travel on to the delightful town of Chiapa de Corzo, where we spend our first night.

**2nd Day:** After breakfast we visit the villages of San Juan Chamula and Zinacantán, with their bustling Indian markets. In Chamula's colonial church, ancient Indian rituals intermix with Catholicism. We continue on to San Cristóbal de las Casas, one of the prettiest cities in Mexico, where we spend our next two nights. At an elevation of 7,000 feet and surrounded by wooded forests, San Cristóbal is cool and refreshing.

**3rd Day:** In the morning we tour the town's cathedral, convent, monuments and museums. Afterwards we have plenty of free time to wander the cobblestone streets, colorful markets and small, tree-filled plazas.

**4th Day:** Today we leave the mountains for the lowlands, stopping to swim at magnificent Agua Azul Falls—a long series of turquoise cascades set against a deep-green jungle background. After lunch we visit the Misol-Há waterfall, where we can hike the short trail that leads behind the cascading falls. Then on to the town of Palenque, where we spend the next two nights.

**5th Day:** We visit the archaeological park of Palenque, one of the most impressive ancient sites in Mexico. Located in the middle of a tropical rainforest, its pyramids, palaces and temples are magnificent examples of Mayan artistry.

**6th Day:** We continue our journey to the city of Campeche, where we explore the Fuerte San Miguel, a fort built to protect the city against Caribbean pirates. In the evening we visit the old city walls and enjoy the light-and-sound show on the history of the pirates. Overnight in Campeche.

**7th Day:** Today we explore the ruins of Edzna, an economic, political and religious center. Its Great Plaza contains beautifully preserved buildings. In the afternoon we visit Uxmal, one of the largest Mayan cities of the Yucatan peninsula. Inside the Pyramid of the Magician, its highest structure, four previous temples were discovered. Overnight in the town of Uxmal.

**8th Day:** After breakfast we travel to Mérida, the state capital of Yucatan, where we spend the next two nights. Along the way we visit the 17th-century Hacienda Yaxcopoil, with its museum and grounds, and the village of Uman, with its colorful market and colonial church. After lunch we tour Mérida, a friendly city with a rich Indian heritage and fine colonial architecture.

**9th Day:** This morning we visit Celestun Biosphere Reserve, the main feeding area for the American Flamingo. Here, on the Gulf of Mexico, we board a boat to cruise up the river and through the saltwater marsh to see these colorful birds, as well many other species that reside here. We have lunch at a seafood restaurant in the nearby fishing village and have time for a swim.

**10th Day:** Today we travel to the delightful city of Izamal, where all of the buildings are painted yellow. We visit a Franciscan convent that was built over a Mayan pyramid, ride through the cobblestone streets in a horse-drawn carriage and visit a pyramid. Then we continue on to Chichén Itzá to spend the night.

**11th Day:** In the morning we tour Chichén Itzá, the most widely studied and visited of the ancient Mayan cities. The Pyramid of Kukulcán, the ball court, the Observatory and the sacred well are only a few of the many fascinating sights in this huge archaeological zone. From here it is on to Cancun to spend our final two nights.

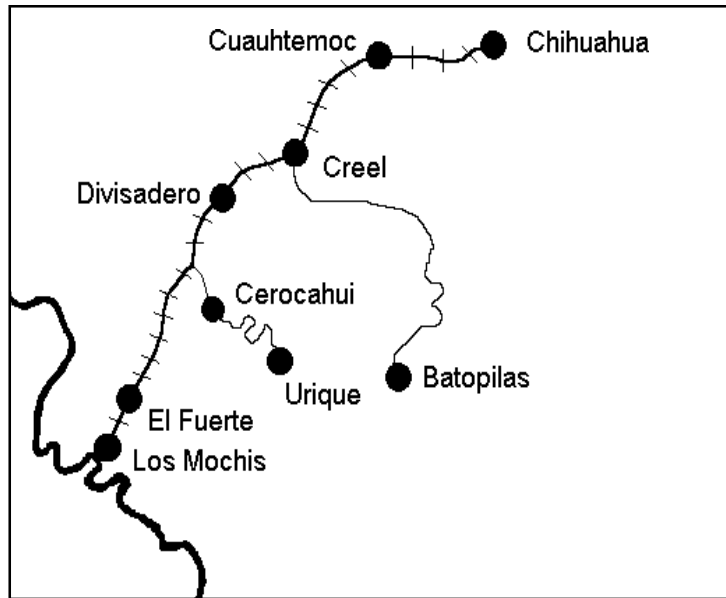
**12th Day:** The day is free to relax and enjoy Cancun's beaches, shops and restaurants. Cancun, a luxury vacation resort constructed completely within the last thirty years, is visited by more vacationers than any other part of Mexico.

**13th Day:** We transfer to the airport for our flight home.

**What's included:** The trips are fully escorted by English-speaking guides and include all accommodations, transportation, tours, 12 breakfasts and 11 lunches.

<b>Price per person, 2009*:</b>	Two to three persons	\$2970
	Four to five persons	\$2140
	Six to seven persons	\$1720
	Eight or more persons	\$1490

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# Copper Canyon

Copper Canyon is located in northern Mexico in the Sierra Madre Mountains, a vast scenic area of pine-forested mountains cleaved by huge, deep canyons. The canyon complex known as the “Barranca del Cobre,” or Copper Canyon, is four times larger than Arizona’s Grand Canyon and almost 300 feet deeper.

This is the homeland of the Tarahumara Indians, who in spite of encroaching civilization, have managed to preserve their ancient traditional lifestyle, living in caves and simple shelters while practicing subsistence farming. They are considered to be the world’s greatest long-distance runners, racing up and down the vast area of canyons for transportation and sport.

The Chihuahua al Pacifico Railroad, which traverses the area, took nearly one hundred years to build. It passes through 86 tunnels and crosses 37 bridges as it climbs almost 8000 feet into the rugged Sierra Madres. It has been called one of the most spectacular train rides in the Western Hemisphere.

For more than two decades we have been operating the very best trips through Copper Canyon. Our guides are known throughout the area for their work with the Tarahumara Indians, and we have become a major source of information on this remote area of Mexico.

# Copper Canyon

## Fully Escorted Tours

**T**hese fully escorted tours are led by experienced bilingual American guides, who enjoy sharing their extensive knowledge of the area with our guests. The groups are limited to a maximum of 16 persons. They include airfare from Los Angeles, Phoenix or El Paso and range in length from 7 to 14 days.

### 7-day Classic Tour

This trip is for just about anybody. For more than two decades we have shared this adventure with thousands of people of all ages. Since everything in Mexico is changeable, we cannot give a firm, set itinerary, but a typical itinerary is as follows:

**1st Day:** We fly to the city of Los Mochis, then transfer to the small colonial city of El Fuerte, where we spend the night and begin our Copper Canyon adventure.

**2nd Day:** In the morning we board the first-class Copper Canyon train and travel up into the Sierra Madre Mountains, passing through 86 tunnels and crossing 37 bridges. This is one of the most spectacular train rides in the Western Hemisphere. After lunch on the train, we arrive at Divisadero and stay at a picturesque lodge located right on the edge of the canyon. Here we make our first contacts with the cave-dwelling Tarahumara Indians. In the afternoon we hike along the canyon rim for magnificent views.

**3rd Day:** After breakfast we hike to Tarahumara caves and spectacular canyon views. In the afternoon we board the train for the ride to Creel, a lumber town high in the Sierra Madre Mountains, where we spend the next two nights.

**4th Day:** We explore the area surrounding Creel—an old Jesuit Mission, a Tarahumara cave dwelling and strange rock formations—and enjoy a picnic lunch at Lake Arereco. We also have the opportunity to hike to Cusarare Falls.

**5th Day:** Traveling to the city of Chihuahua, we stop at a Mennonite settlement for a homemade lunch, arriving in the afternoon at our deluxe hotel. The rest of the day is free to explore the city and discover its fine restaurants.

**6th Day:** We tour the city of Chihuahua—the State Capital with its murals, the State Museum and the home of Pancho Villa. The afternoon is free for shopping, relaxing and wandering. This evening we enjoy our traditional farewell banquet.

**7th Day:** We travel by van to Ciudad Juarez, then fly home from El Paso, sad to leave but returning home with wonderful memories of this remote area and the unique people who make it their home.

**What's included:** These trips are fully escorted by our experienced bilingual guides. The price includes transportation and accommodations: one night in El Fuerte, one night in Divisadero, two nights in Creel and two nights in Chihuahua; excursions, tips and most meals. Round-trip airfare from Los Angeles, Phoenix or El Paso is also included. Check with us for discounted air rates from other U.S. and Canadian cities.

**Price, 2009:** Per person, double occupancy \$2330\*  
Single room supplement \$ 340\*

**Dates, 2009:** Oct. 4–10, Nov. 22–28 (Thanksgiving),  
Dec. 28–Jan. 3 (New Year's)

**Price, 2010:** Per person, double occupancy TBA

**Dates, 2010:** Jan. 24–30, Mar. 2–8, May 16–22, Aug. 22–28, Oct. 3–9,  
Nov. 21–27 (Thanksgiving), Dec. 27–Jan. 2 (New Year's)

**\*NOTE:** Prices subject to change without notice.



## 8-day Special Tour

This exciting trip is similar to our 7-day Deluxe Escorted Tour but adds the adventure of traveling from Creel down to the village of Batopilas in the canyon bottom. During our two-night stay in Batopilas, we hike or ride to the “Lost Cathedral” and explore the many sights of this unique little town where time seems to have stopped in the 19th century.

**What’s included:** These trips are fully escorted by our experienced bilingual guides. The price includes transportation and accommodations: one night in El Fuerte, one night in Divisadero, two nights in Creel, two nights in Batopilas and one night in Chihuahua; excursions, tips and most meals. Round-trip airfare from Los Angeles, Phoenix or El Paso is also included. Check with us for discounted air rates from other U.S. and Canadian cities.

**Price, 2009:** Per person, double occupancy \$2520\*  
Single room supplement \$ 390\*

**Dates, 2009:** Oct. 3–10, Nov. 1–8, Nov. 21–28 (Thanksgiving),  
Dec. 20–27 (Xmas), Dec. 27–Jan. 3 (New Year’s)

**Price, 2010:** Per person, double occupancy TBA

**Dates, 2010:** Jan. 23–30, Feb. 13–20, Mar 20–27, Mar. 28–Apr. 4 (Easter),  
April. 11–18, Oct. 2–9, Nov. 2–9,  
Nov. 20–27 (Thanksgiving), Dec. 19–26 (Xmas),  
Dec. 29–Jan. 5 (New Year’s)

\*NOTE: Prices subject to change without notice.

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## 11-day Ultimate Tour

In addition to all that is included in our 8-day Special Tour, this trip spends a night at Norítari, located in the woods just outside the town of San Juanito; two nights at Cerocahui, the prettiest little village in the Sierras; a day trip to the village of Urique in the canyon bottom; and a visit to the famous Basaseachic Falls.

**What's included:** These trips are fully escorted by our experienced bilingual guides. The price includes transportation and accommodations: one night in El Fuerte, two nights in Cerocahui, one night in Divisadero, one night in Norítari, two nights in Creel, two nights in Batopilas and one night in Chihuahua; excursions, tips and most meals. Round-trip airfare from Los Angeles, Phoenix or El Paso is also included. Check with us for discounted air rates from other U.S. and Canadian cities.

**Price, 2009:** Per person, double occupancy \$2990\*  
Single room supplement \$ 570\*

**Dates, 2009:** Oct. 10–20, Nov. 7–17, Dec. 23–Jan. 2 (Xmas & New Year's)

**Price, 2010:** Per person, double occupancy TBA

**Dates, 2010:** Feb. 6–16, Mar. 6–16, Mar. 27–Apr. 6 (Easter),  
Apr. 7–17, Oct. 9–19, Nov. 6–16,  
Dec. 23–Jan. 2 (Xmas & New Year's)

**\*NOTE:** Prices subject to change without notice.

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## 14-day Everything Tour

We've extended our 11-day Ultimate Tour to allow more time for exploring and relaxing. An additional day has been added to our visits to the towns of El Fuerte, Noritari and Chihuahua.

Since everything in Mexico is changeable, we cannot give a firm, set itinerary, but a typical itinerary is as follows:

**1st Day:** We fly to the city of Los Mochis, then travel to the colonial city of El Fuerte, where we spend the next two nights.

**2nd Day:** Today we tour a Mayo Indian village, then have the rest of the day free to wander and explore El Fuerte.

**3rd Day:** We board the first-class Copper Canyon train for one of the most spectacular train rides in the Western Hemisphere. Leaving the train at Bahuichivo station, we drive to the Paraiso del Oso Lodge (Paradise of the Bear), located in a beautiful valley a few miles from the little village of Cerocahui.

**4th Day:** This morning we travel to the bottom of the canyon and the town of Urique. There is plenty of time to explore the village before returning to the Paraiso del Oso Lodge.

**5th Day:** We board the train for the short ride to Divisadero, where we stay at a picturesque hotel located right on the edge of the canyon. In the afternoon we hike along the canyon rim for magnificent views.

**6th Day:** After breakfast we hike to the Tarahumara caves and even more spectacular views of the canyon. This afternoon we board the train for Creel, a lumber town high in the Sierra Madre Mountains, where we spend the next two nights.

**7th Day:** We spend the day exploring the area surrounding Creel—an old Jesuit Mission, a Tarahumara cave dwelling and strange rock formations. We also enjoy an optional hike to Cusarare Falls and a picnic lunch at Lake Arereco.

**8th Day:** Today we travel to the little town of Batopilas, passing through mountains and valleys down the winding dirt road that leads to the bottom of the canyon. For the next two nights we stay in a charming little Mexican hotel in this village where time seems to have stopped in the nineteenth century.

**9th Day:** We hike or ride, at our option, to the “Lost Cathedral” of Satevo and explore Batopilas and the surrounding area.

**10th Day:** This morning we travel back up the canyon and continue into a forested area just outside of San Juanito. For the next two nights we stay at Norítari in cozy log cabins.

**11th Day:** Today we visit the famous Basaseachic Waterfall. This single drop waterfall is the second highest in Mexico and ranks 29th in the world.

**12th Day:** Traveling to the city of Chihuahua, we stop at a Mennonite settlement for a homemade lunch, then arrive in the afternoon at our deluxe hotel and have the rest of the day free to explore the city and discover its fine restaurants.

**13th Day:** We tour the city of Chihuahua—the State Capital, the Spanish aqueduct, the State Museum, the home of Pancho Villa and the cathedral. We have the afternoon free to shop, relax and wander, and in the evening we enjoy our traditional farewell banquet.

**14th Day:** We travel by van from Chihuahua to Ciudad Juarez, then fly home from El Paso, sad to leave but returning home with wonderful memories of this remote area of Mexico and the unique people who make it their home.

**What's included:** These trips are fully escorted by our experienced bilingual guides. The price includes transportation, accommodations, excursions, tips and most meals. Round-trip airfare from Los Angeles, Phoenix or El Paso is also included. Check with us for discounted air rates from other U.S. and Canadian cities.

**Price, 2009:** Per person, double occupancy      \$3540\*  
Single room supplement                      \$ 740\*

**Dates, 2009:** Oct. 5–18, Nov. 30–Dec. 13

**Price, 2010:** Per person, double occupancy      TBA

**Dates, 2010:** Jan. 30–Feb. 12, Mar. 14–27, Oct. 4–17, Nov. 29–Dec. 12

**\*NOTE:** Prices subject to change without notice.

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# Copper Canyon Independent Trips

**F**or those who prefer to travel on their own, we offer a full range of independent adventures. The trips, which depart daily, range in length from 4 to 11 days and are suitable for all ages. We make all the arrangements, including accommodations, transfers, transportation and guided local tours. The trips either explore the area along the rim (best for the warmer months and for those who wish to avoid the dirt roads to the bottom) or visit the rim and then go down to the canyon bottom (a far more primitive and exciting area).

## 4-day Independent

This four-day, three-night trip along the rim is for those who wish to see Copper Canyon but only have minimum time to spend. It can begin in either El Fuerte or Chihuahua, and includes accommodations: two nights in Chihuahua or El Fuerte, and one night in Divisadero; five meals, train, transfers from train to hotels, and transportation between Los Mochis and El Fuerte (when trip begins in El Fuerte).

**Price, 2009:**

Per person, double occupancy	\$810*
Single room supplement	\$180*

**Departures:** Any time    **Best Time:** All year

**Minimum number of persons:** One

## 5-day Independent

This five-day, four-night trip is the same as our 4-day Independent Trip but also includes a night in Creel. The trip includes accommodations: two nights in El

Fuerte or Chihuahua, one night in Divisadero and one night in Creel; nine meals, train, transfers from train to hotels, tour of Creel, and transportation between Los Mochis and El Fuerte (when trip begins in El Fuerte).

**Price, 2009:** Per person, double occupancy \$950\*  
Single room supplement \$230\*

**Departures:** Any time **Best Time:** All year  
**Minimum number of persons:** One

## 6-day Independent

On this six-day, five-night adventure, you'll enjoy spectacular vistas from Divisadero, visit Tarahumara caves and Indian schools at Creel, and ride the famous Chihuahua al Pacifico Railroad. The trip includes accommodations: two nights in El Fuerte or Chihuahua, one night in Divisadero and two nights in Creel; ten meals, train, transfers from train to hotels, tour of Creel, and transportation between Los Mochis and El Fuerte (when trip begins in El Fuerte).

**Price, 2009:** Per person, double occupancy \$1010\*  
Single room supplement \$290\*

**Departures:** Any time **Best Time:** All year  
**Minimum number of persons:** One

## 8-day Independent

This eight-day, seven-night adventure through the rugged Copper Canyon area is available round-trip from either Los Mochis or Chihuahua. The trip includes accommodations: two nights in El Fuerte or Chihuahua, one night in Divisadero, two nights in Cerocahui and two nights in Creel; 16 meals, train, transfers from train to hotels, tour of Creel, transportation to Cerocahui, and transportation between Los Mochis and El Fuerte (when trip begins in El Fuerte).

**Price, 2009:** Per person, double occupancy \$1180\*  
Single room supplement \$ 390\*

**Departures:** Any time **Best Time:** All year  
**Minimum number of persons:** One

\*NOTE: Prices subject to change without notice.

## 7-day Independent to the Bottom

You can begin this trip in either El Fuerte or Chihuahua. You'll spend the first night in El Fuerte or Chihuahua, then travel to Creel via the Chihuahua al Pacifico railway. After one night in Creel, you'll travel to the bottom of the canyon along the narrow dirt road that winds its way past Indian villages and spectacular scenery to the remote pueblo of Batopilas. Here you'll spend two days exploring this fascinating area. One more night will be spent in Creel before you reboard the train for the return journey to El Fuerte or Chihuahua.



The trip includes accommodations: two nights in El Fuerte or Chihuahua, two nights in Creel and two nights in Batopilas; seven meals, train, transfers from train to hotels, transportation between Creel and Batopilas, and transportation between Los Mochis and El Fuerte (when trip begins in El Fuerte).

**Price, 2009:** Per person, double occupancy \$1240\*  
Single room supplement \$ 340\*

**Departures:** Any time **Best Time:** October thru March  
**Minimum number of persons:** Two

## 8-day Independent to the Bottom

This trip is the same as our 7-day Independent trip, with the addition of one night spent in Divisadero. Includes accommodations: two nights in El Fuerte or Chihuahua, two nights in Creel, two nights in Batopilas and one night at Divisadero; ten meals, train, transfers from train to hotels, and transportation between Los Mochis and El Fuerte (when trip begins in El Fuerte).

**Price, 2009:** Per person, double occupancy \$1370\*  
Single room supplement \$ 390\*

**Departures:** Any time **Best Time:** October thru March  
**Minimum number of persons:** Two

\*NOTE: Prices subject to change without notice.

## 9-day Independent to the Bottom

This trip is the same as our 7-day Independent trip, with the addition of two nights spent at the Paraiso del Oso Lodge at Cerocahui. Includes accommodations: two nights in El Fuerte or Chihuahua, two nights in Creel, two nights in Cerocahui and two nights in Batopilas; 13 meals; train; transfers from train to hotels; transportation between Los Mochis and El Fuerte (when trip begins in El Fuerte).

<b>Price, 2009:</b>	Per person, double occupancy	\$1450*
	Single room supplement	\$ 450*

**Departures:** Any time    **Best Time:** October thru March  
**Minimum number of persons:** Two

## 10-day Independent to the Bottom

This trip is the same as our 9-day Independent trip, with the addition of one night spent in Divisadero. Includes accommodations: two nights in El Fuerte or Chihuahua, two nights in Creel, two nights in Cerocahui, two nights in Batopilas and one night at Divisadero; 16 meals; train; transfers from train to hotels; transportation between Los Mochis and El Fuerte (when trip begins in El Fuerte).

<b>Price, 2009:</b>	Per person, double occupancy	\$1590*
	Single room supplement	\$ 510*

**Departures:** Any time    **Best Time:** October thru March  
**Minimum number of persons:** Two

## 11-day Independent to the Bottom

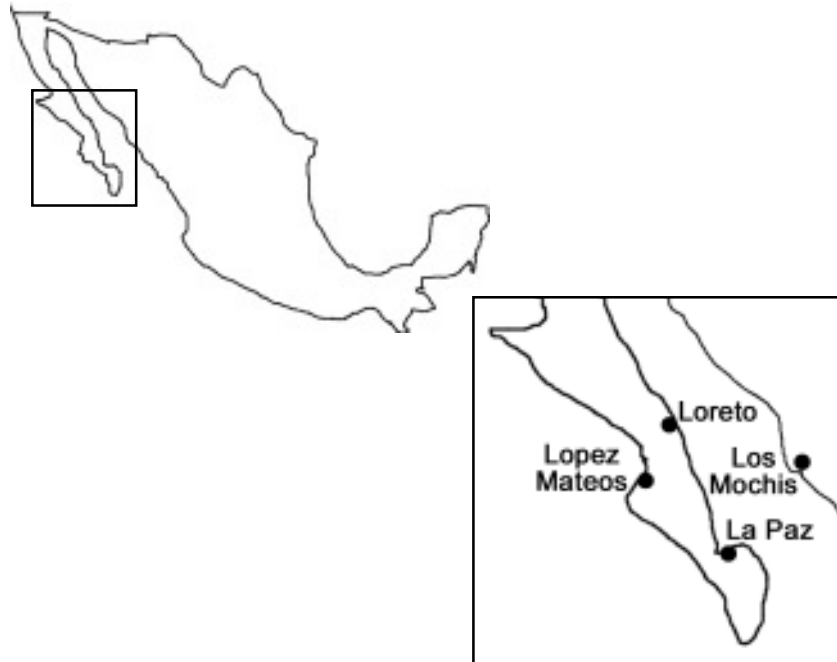
This trip travels from El Fuerte to Chihuahua and includes a one-night stay in El Fuerte, two nights in Cerocahui, one night in Divisadero, two nights in Creel, two nights in Batopilas and two nights in Chihuahua. Includes accommodations, 18 meals, train, transportation to Batopilas, transfers from train to hotels, tour of Chihuahua, transportation from Los Mochis to El Fuerte.

<b>Price, 2009:</b>	Per person, double occupancy	\$1650*
	Single room supplement	\$ 570*

**Departures:** Any time    **Best Time:** October thru March  
**Minimum number of persons:** Two

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## Baja California

Bordered on the west by the Pacific Ocean and on the east by the Sea of Cortez (also known as the Gulf of California), the Baja peninsula is the Mexican version of the Galapagos—rich in natural history and unspoiled beauty. It was here that California received its name from the mythical island in the stories of the 15th-century Spanish romantic author, Garcia Ordonez de Montalvo, who wrote about a wondrous island of gold and pearls ruled by a beautiful black Amazon queen named Calafia.

Besides its beautiful beaches and resorts, the peninsula is the destination of the California Grey Whales' annual migration from the chilly waters of the arctic to the warm bays of Baja.

In addition to its history and natural beauty, Baja is a wonderful destination for relaxing weekend getaways, and our Baja trips can be added on to our Copper Canyon adventures at special low prices.

## Whale Watching

On this trip we spend three nights in a resort hotel in Loreto, the original capital of California. On one of our days we travel to Puerto Lopez Mateos on Magdalena Bay to board a panga boat and search for California Gray Whales. We usually see a great many of them, and they sometimes come close enough for us to touch. We also have plenty of time to relax around the pool, explore the town and enjoy great seafood and margaritas. Includes accommodations, whale watching, transfers and airfare from Los Angeles.

**Price:** Call for prices

**Departures:** Daily, Late January thru early March

**Special Copper Canyon Add-on:** This trip is also available as an add-on to our Copper Canyon trips. We stay in La Paz instead of Loreto, and the trip is one day longer.

**Price:** Call for prices

**Departures:** Daily, Late January thru early March

## La Paz Getaway

Fly to La Paz—the name means “peace” in Spanish—and spend four nights at a great beach resort, soaking up the sun, sipping margaritas and unwinding by the pool. You can also fish, scuba dive, snorkel or whale watch. Includes accommodations, transfers and airfare from Los Angeles or Tucson.

**Price:** Call for prices

**Departures:** Any time    **Best Time:** All year

**Special Copper Canyon Add-on:** This trip is also available as an add-on to our Copper Canyon trips.

**Price:** Call for prices

**Departures:** Any time    **Best Time:** All year

# Terms, Conditions and Stuff Like That

## **RESERVATIONS:**

Please reserve as early as possible, as space is limited on all of our trips. A \$200 deposit is required at the time of booking (\$300 for Expreso Maya trips). Airfare not included in packages must be paid in full at time of booking. Final payments are due 60 days prior to the trip date. All deposits and payments are **nonrefundable**. For your convenience, we accept most major credit cards.

## **CANCELLATIONS:**

In the case of cancellation by participants, **no refunds** will be made. To protect yourself against unforeseen illness or other emergencies, we encourage you to purchase travel insurance.

## **TRAVEL INSURANCE:**

We offer optional travel insurance.

## **RESPONSIBILITY:**

Each participant must sign a Waiver of Liability Form before participating in any escorted trip. The California Native is acting only as an agent for the particular airlines, lodgings and other providers of services. Accordingly, these arrangements are made for you upon the express condition that neither The California Native nor its officers or employees shall have any responsibility for, nor shall they be liable for, any claim or loss whether or not arising from any personal injury, illness, property loss or damage, wrongful death, monetary loss, accident, delay, inconvenience, irregularity, omission, failure to provide adequate service, additional charge, failure to warn, defect or failure in any vehicle, facility, roadway or structure or by any breach of contract, negligence or wrongful act by any person.

## **SUBSTITUTIONS:**

We reserve the right to substitute accommodations, transportation and itinerary when we deem it necessary or advisable.

## **HEALTH CONSIDERATIONS:**

The altitude at the rim of Copper Canyon is 8000 feet. We urge those with a history of heart problems to consult their physician before participating in these trips.

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