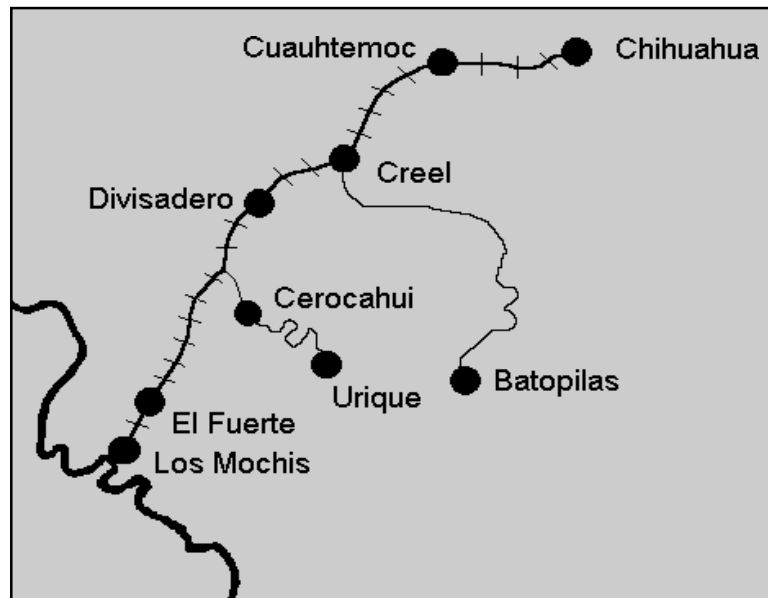


# Copper Canyon

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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.

Since 1983, 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Lee Klein". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping underline.

November 2019

# Copper Canyon Fully Escorted Tours

**T**hese fully escorted tours are led by experienced bilingual guides, who enjoy sharing their extensive knowledge of the area with our guests. The groups are limited to a maximum of 16 persons. The price includes transportation; accommodations; excursions; tips and most meals 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.

**1st Day:** We arrive at 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. Optional aerial tram rides and zip-line adventures are available. Dinner is at the lodge's dining room, with its majestic view of the canyon.

**3rd Day:** After breakfast we hike to Tarahumara caves and spectacular canyon views. Usually our guides can make arrangements with the Indians to put on demonstrations of their famous foot races and folk dances. 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 Cusare 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:** Today we transfer to the Chihuahua airport for your flight home, sad to leave but taking along 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 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.

<b>Price:</b>	Per person, double occupancy	\$2480*
	Single room supplement	\$ 340*

**Dates, 2020:** Jan. 27–Feb. 2, May 2–8, Sep. 26–Oct. 2

**See Page 14 for our optional Add-Ons.**

**\*NOTE:** Since everything in Mexico is changeable, all itineraries and prices are 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.

<b>Price:</b>	Per person, double occupancy	\$2610*
	Single room supplement	\$ 390*

**Dates, 2020:** Feb. 17–24, Mar. 23–30, Apr. 9–16\*\*, Oct. 3–10,  
Nov. 9–16, Dec. 21–28\*\*

\*\*Our Easter and New Year's Trips have a special itinerary where we'll celebrate the holidays at the Hotel Paraiso del Oso and visit the town of Urique at the bottom of the canyon. Contact us for details.

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## 11-day Ultimate Tour

In addition to all that is included in our 8-day Special Tour, this trip spends 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, two nights in Creel, two nights in Batopilas and two nights in Chihuahua; excursions, tips and most meals.

**Price:** Per person, double occupancy \$3540\*  
Single room supplement \$ 570\*

**Dates, 2020:** Feb. 6–16, Mar. 12–22, Oct.29–Nov.8, Dec. 3–13

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## 14-day Everything Tour

We've extended our 11-day Ultimate Tour to include a visit and historical tour of Los Mochis plus a boat trip on Topolobampo Bay. We've also added an additional day to our visits to the towns of El Fuerte, Divisadero and Chihuahua to allow more time for exploring and relaxing.

**1st Day:** We arrive at the city of Los Mochis and head to the hotel to meet up with our guide and fellow travelers for a welcoming dinner together.

**2nd Day:** This morning we head out for a fantastic day adventure. We visit the Historical Botanical gardens and take a boat trip on Topolobampo Bay for a Bird Island and Dolphin Encounter before enjoying a seafood lunch right along the beach. After free time at Marviri's beach, we arrive at the small colonial town of El Fuerte where we spend the next 2 nights.

**3rd Day:** Today we tour a Mayo Indian village, then have the rest of the day free to wander and explore El Fuerte.

**4th Day:** Early this morning we board the first-class Copper Canyon train for one of the most spectacular train rides in the Western Hemisphere. The train travels through the lowlands of Sinaloa State and up into the Sierra Madre Mountains, passing through 86 tunnels and crossing 37 bridges. Leaving the train at Bahuichivo station, we drive to the Paraiso del Oso Lodge (Paradise of the Bear), located in a beautiful valley a couple of miles from the little village of Cerocahui. The lodge is named for a natural rock formation that overlooks the valley and resembles Yogi Bear.

**5th 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.

**6th Day:** We board the train for the ride to Divisadero, a very picturesque area where several of the canyons join together. After checking in at our hotel, we hike along the canyon rim and enjoy the magnificent views. Dinner is at the lodge's dining room.

**7th Day:** We have a whole day for hiking to Tarahumara caves, walks along the rim for spectacular canyon views and visiting the Copper Canyon Adventure Park. You may choose to do an optional ride on the Copper Canyon sky tram and/or sail along the zip lines for the most exciting ride.

**8th Day:** Enjoy your lunch while taking in the majestic views from the dining room before boarding the train for the short ride to Creel, a lumber town high in the Sierra Madre Mountains.



**9th Day:** We travel from Creel to the little town of Batopilas, passing through mountains and valleys and, after reaching the Tarahumara community of Kirare, we head down the long, windy dirt road that leads to the bottom of the canyon. We spend the next two nights in a charming little Mexican hotel in this village that seems suspended in time somewhere in the nineteenth century.

**10th Day:** We hike or ride, at our option, to the "Lost Cathedral" of Satevo and explore Batopilas and the surrounding area.

**11th Day:** Today we travel back up the mountain road taking in many spectacular views and stopping at any sights we might have missed on the way down. We overnight in Creel.

**12th Day:** Today we visit the famous Basaseachic Waterfall. This single drop waterfall is the second highest in Mexico and ranks 29th in the world. We continue our journey on to Chihuahua City, making a brief stop at the Mennonite museum.

**13th Day:** This morning we tour Chihuahua City visiting the state capital with its murals, the State museum, and the home of Pancho Villa. The afternoon is free to further explore and perhaps do some last minute shopping. This evening we enjoy a wonderful dinner at a restaurant in Chihuahuas Golden Zone.

**14th Day:** Today we transfer to the Chihuahua airport for your flight home, sad to leave but taking along wonderful memories of this remote area of Mexico and the unique people who make it their home.

**Whats included:** These trips are fully escorted by our experienced bilingual guides. The price includes transportation; accommodations: one night in Los Mohcis, two nights in El Fuerte, two nights in Cerocahui, two nights in Divisadero, two nights in Creel, two nights in Batopilas and two nights in Chihuahua; excursions; tips and most meals.

<b>Price:</b>	Per person, double occupancy	\$4610*
	Single room supplement	\$ 740*

**Dates, 2020:** Feb. 25–Mar. 9, Oct. 13–26

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train, transfers from train to hotels, tour of Creel, and transportation between Los Mochis and El Fuerte.

**Price:** Per person, double occupancy      \$1280\*  
Single room supplement                      \$ 280\*

**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; eight meals, train, transfers from train to hotels, tour of Creel, and transportation between Los Mochis and El Fuerte.

**Price:** Per person, double occupancy      \$1380\*  
Single room supplement                      \$ 340\*

**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; 14 meals, train, transfers from train to hotels, tour of Creel, transportation to Cerocahui, and transportation between Los Mochis and El Fuerte.

**Price:** Per person, double occupancy      \$1670\*  
Single room supplement                      \$ 440\*

**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; five meals, train, transfers from train to hotels, transportation between Creel and Batopilas, and transportation between Los Mochis and El Fuerte.

**Price:** Per person, double occupancy \$1620\*  
Single room supplement \$ 370\*

**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 to the Bottom 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 in Divisadero; eight meals, train, transfers from train to hotels, and transportation between Los Mochis and El Fuerte.

**Price:** Per person, double occupancy \$1760\*  
Single room supplement \$ 440\*

**Departures:** Any time **Best Time:** October thru March

**Minimum number of persons:** Two



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## 9-day Independent to the Bottom

This trip is the same as our 7-day Independent to the Bottom 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; 11 meals, train, transfers from train to hotels, and transportation between Los Mochis and El Fuerte.

**Price:** Per person, double occupancy \$1880\*  
Single room supplement \$ 490\*

**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 to the Bottom 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; 14 meals, train, transfers from train to hotels, and transportation between Los Mochis and El Fuerte.

**Price:** Per person, double occupancy \$2060\*  
Single room supplement \$ 530\*

**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, 15 meals, train, transportation to Batopilas, transfers from train to hotels, tour of Chihuahua, and transportation from Los Mochis to El Fuerte.

**Price:** Per person, double occupancy \$2150\*  
Single room supplement \$ 590\*

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

# Copper Canyon Add-ons

## Topolobambo Bay & Los Mochis

Most travelers miss out experiencing historic Los Mochis and scenic Topolobambo Bay. This tour and boat trip adds an additional day/night to the beginning of any of our Copper Canyon escorted adventures, or to either end of our Copper Canyon independent tours.

**What's included:**

Historical Botanical garden tour  
Topolobambo tour  
Bird Island and Dolphin Encounter tour  
Free time to relax at Marviri's Beach  
Special Mariscada Lunch (special seafood lunch)  
Soft Drinks and snacks  
Hotel night in Los Mochis  
Private transfer to or from El Fuerte with bilingual guide

**Price:** Per person, double occupancy \$290

## El Fuerte

Add an extra night in the colonial city of El Fuerte and enjoy exploring the town, floating down the river and visiting with the Mayo Indians.

**Price:** Per person, double occupancy: \$85\*  
Single room: \$140\*

**Departures:** Daily

**Best Time:** All year

**Minimum Number of Persons:** One

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# People Love Our Copper Canyon Adventures:

“We had a great time on the Copper Canyon trip. It was a wonderful trip. Everything went as scheduled and the plans you made for us were great. We took the van to Batopilas and it was well worth the ride. Very exciting and not one I would have wanted to miss. El Fuerte is a particularly nice town. We were invited to a fiesta which was a birthday celebration for some descendants of the original founders and there were relatives brought in by bus from all over Mexico. A really fun evening—dancing horses, free beer and food and lots of music. Another highlight was our stay at Divisadero. A beautiful facility, wonderful service, outstanding scenery. It was so peaceful that it was hard to leave. Thanks for your good planning efforts.”

*Donna and Russ Redick*

“It was really a spectacular journey. I couldn’t help but feel that somehow Copper Canyon is the very heart and soul of Mexico.”

*Carolyn Kreisman*

“I had a wonderful time and I appreciated the thoughtfulness that obviously went into structuring the trip. I have recommended your company to many people and will continue to do so. It was a very good experience; thanks for making my vacation so enjoyable!”

*Alison Miner*

“One cannot imagine how beautiful and impressive the Copper Canyon is until you see it from the top and from below and meet some of the Indian people.”

*John and Jane Rolfes*

“The guide was fabulous—the best we have ever had. The close up meeting of people and history/background information of the entire area shared by the guide was excellent.”

*Glenn Storck*

“It was a beautiful trip—everything was perfect. Such a country and good new friends. Here is to more of it.”

*Leona Sparks*

# More Mexico Adventures

## Yucatan and Chiapas

With its beautiful scenery, fascinating history and varied cultures, Mexico has so much to discover. We now offer vacations in the Yucatan and Chiapas, where we visit magnificent Mayan ruins, colonial cities and Indian villages.

We invite you to enjoy these trips for another exciting vacation or combine them with your Copper Canyon adventure. Please check our website ([www.calnative.com](http://www.calnative.com)) or phone us for details.



## Special Interest Trips

Over the years we have conducted custom trips for groups of students, photographers, birders, anthropologists, artists, naturalists and many other “special interest” groups. We would be happy to develop a special trip for your group. Please phone us for information.



## **Terms, Conditions and Stuff Like That**

### **RESERVATIONS:**

Please reserve as early as possible, as space is limited on all of our trips. A \$300 deposit is required at the time of booking. 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.

### **ACCOMMODATIONS & SINGLE SUPPLEMENTS:**

On escorted trips, we can usually arrange for roommates for nonsmokers. A single supplement will be charged for those desiring a room by themselves.

### **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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# A Little About the Area

**COPPER CANYON:** Copper Canyon, also called “Barranca del Cobre,” is actually a series of large, interconnected canyons at the southernmost end of the Rocky Mountains. These canyons were carved by a series of rivers from volcanic rock 1000 to 1500 feet thick, which was laid down around 30 million years ago, and cover a vast area almost four times larger and 280 feet deeper than Arizona’s Grand Canyon. Unlike the Grand Canyon, which is relatively unpopulated, Copper Canyon is home to a large population of Tarahumara Indians, who have lived in the area for thousands of years.

**LOS MOCHIS:** Named by the Mochicha Indians as “Place of the Land Turtles,” today Los Mochis is the agricultural capital of Sinaloa State. Los Mochis was originally developed by a group of Americans in an attempt to create a socialist utopia that would rival San Francisco as a major seaport. Although the colony never succeeded, the completion of the Chihuahua al Pacifico Railway helped bring prosperity and opportunity to this coastal city. Nearby Topolobampo Bay is a shrimp and fishing port.

**EL FUERTE:** A small colonial town with cobblestone streets located about 50 miles east of Los Mochis, El Fuerte, “The Fort,” was founded in 1564 by Spanish Conquistador Don Francisco de Ibarra as a military post. For three hundred years it served as a trading post for gold and silver miners.

**CEROCAHUI:** A small, peaceful farming village of about 600 residents, Cerocahui is located at an altitude of 5000 feet. The valley is dotted with apple and peach orchards and is surrounded by the Sierra Madres. A narrow dirt road leads from Cerocahui down to the village of Urique in the bottom of the Urique Canyon.

**URIQUE:** A small village at the bottom of the canyon, Urique was founded in 1690. It remained isolated until it was connected by dirt road to Cerocahui in 1975. Gold mining is still conducted there on a small scale, and the town serves as a county seat and economic center for this rugged and remote section of the mountains.

**EL DIVISADERO:** “The View Point.” At an altitude of nearly 8,000 feet, this magnificent vista point overlooks a whole series of intertwined *barrancas* (canyons) with rivers deep in their bottoms. This is also the point where most visitors first encounter the remote and cave-dwelling Tarahumara Indians. El Divisadero provides many photo opportunities and short hikes to local caves, a Tarahumara school, a balancing rock and several dramatic viewpoints.

**CREEL:** Situated at an altitude of approximately 7,200 feet, Creel is a small lumber town located in the high Sierras close to Copper Canyon. At one point the terminus of the Chihuahua al Pacifico rail line, Creel is now the midway stopping and departure point for several Indian villages in the area. From Creel, many Tarahumara caves can be visited along with beautiful lakes, waterfalls, pine forests and strange rock formations.

**BATOPILAS:** Located at the bottom of the deepest canyon, Batopilas is now a sleepy little village, but in the 19th century it was one of the richest silver mining areas in the world. A visit to Batopilas is a step back in time. Cowboys ride their horses down its dirt streets while Indians pack their burros with supplies for their remote villages. On the outskirts of the town are the ruins of a Gothic adobe mansion built in 1880 by an American entrepreneur. The surrounding hills are still riddled with abandoned mine shafts. Nearby lie many remote Tarahumara villages and a 400-year-old Jesuit mission. The mission, recently restored, is known as the “Lost Cathedral” of Satevo because over the course of time all records of the cathedral were lost. The climate is semitropical, and it is best visited during the winter time.

**CUAUHTEMOC:** A modern Mexican city, Cuauhtemoc lies on route to the state capital of Chihuahua. Named after the mighty Aztec leader, Cuauhtemoc is now the home of several thousand Mennonites who came to the area shortly after the Mexican Revolution to farm lands that were formerly owned by William Randolph Hearst. The Mennonites live in a series of numbered “campos” just outside of the city and still preserve their traditional pious lifestyle. They are very prosperous farmers and market their crops throughout Mexico along with their famous cheese.

**CHIHUAHUA CITY:** Capital of the state of Chihuahua, this large Mexican city is one of the most important cities in Northern Mexico. During both the War for Independence and the Mexican Revolution, Chihuahua was an important center of activity. Father Miguel Hidalgo, champion of Mexico’s Independence, was executed in what now serves as the government palace. This was also the headquarters for famous leaders such as Benito Juarez and the Revolution’s controversial hero, Pancho Villa. Here, visits can be made to several interesting sites, including the Chihuahua State Museum, the home of Pancho Villa and the Museum of the Revolution, the old aqueduct and the Chihuahua Cathedral, which took one hundred years to complete.