



Hola Mexico! Crammed full of rich cultural tradition, fiery eats and bursting with biodiversity, there's something for everyone in this colourful nation. From the bustle of vibrant Mexico City to the palm-fringed beaches of the Yucatán Peninsula, we've created a 13 day adventure to immerse yourself in ancient wonder and natural beauty at every turn. Oh, and did we mention that you'll be doing all this with a knowledgeable group leader, plus an instant crew of new mates? The trip of a lifetime just got even better... get ready to dial up the HEAT!

MEXICO CITY	➔	PLAYA DEL CARMEN
Transport:		Private Minivan
Meals:		12B, 2L, 1D
Group size:		4 - 14
Age Range:		18 - 40's
Local Fees:		None

HIGHLIGHTS

- Explore the lively capital of Mexico City
- Tantalise your taste buds at an authentic mezcal distillery
- Visit the Indigenous communities of San Juan Chamula and Zinacantan
- Discover ancient Mayan ruins at the famous archaeological sites of Chichén Itzá & Cenote Chukum
- Experience the tropical paradise of Isla Holbox on a boat tour, maybe even spotting wild pink flamingos
- Unwind on blissful white beaches and swim in the secret subterranean worlds of the Yucatán Peninsula

INCLUSIONS

- ✓ Airport Pickup to Our Accom 24/7
From Mexico City Airport (MEX) only
- ✓ 12 Nights Accommodation
- ✓ 15 Meals
- ✓ All Transport Including the Internal Flight
- ✓ Orientation Tours of Mexico City, Oaxaca & San Cristobal de las Casas
- ✓ Mezcal Distillery Tour
- ✓ Boat Tour of Sumidero Canyon
- ✓ Indigenous Community Visit
- ✓ Island Boat Tour of Isla Holbox
- ✓ Natural Pools
- ✓ Pink Flamingos
- ✓ Sandbank Sunrise
- ✓ Chichén Itzá
- ✓ Chukum Cenote
- ✓ Tulum Ruins
- ✓ Help with Onward Travel



NOT INCLUDED:

Flights, travel insurance, visas & some meals

ITINERARY & IMPORTANT INFO

DAY 1 - ARRIVE IN MEXICO CITY!

• **MEXICO CITY** Hola and welcome to Mexico City! On arrival we'll meet you at the airport and take you to our hotel in the heart of the country's biggest city. You'll have time to relax before meeting up with your new group of mates, and this evening we'll head out and get excited for the adventures to come!

DAY 2 - EXPLORE MEXICO CITY

• **MEXICO CITY** Today we explore the fascinating historical centre of Mexico City. We'll gain insight into the Aztec Empire and learn about the history of the Spanish conquest. Passing icons like the Cathedral Metropolitan and Zocalo, we'll have free time to explore and even listen to a mariachi song. Tonight we enjoy a traditional Mexican dinner and show together in Plaza Garibaldi.

DAY 3 - TRAVEL TO PUEBLA & OAXACA

• **OAXACA** famous volcanoes. This is the perfect opportunity to learn about the history of the area – especially considering this is where Cinco de Mayo originates from! Following lunch, we'll continue our journey to the famous Oaxaca (pronounced wah-HAH-kah). Once checked in, we'll head out and discover the charming streets by moonlight, finding tucked away gems. Memelas, mole and empanadas are all on the menu!

DAY 4 - EXPLORE OAXACA

• **TEHUANTEPEC** Today we'll wander traditional markets and see stunning cathedrals before heading into the nearby valley to visit a local family and learn how hand-made textiles are produced. But the culture kicks don't stop there, as next up we're heading to a traditional mezcal distillery. We'll learn all about this energizing spirit and knock back a shot or two before continuing our journey to Tehuantepec for an overnight stop.

DAY 5 - MOUNTAINS & VALLEYS

• **SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS** Hopping on a local boat we'll cruise through the immense Canyon of Sumidero, spotting towering waterfalls, lush jungle valleys, searching for monkeys and even coming face to face with crocodiles! We'll then head up into mountains to our next destination - the iconic city of San Cristobal de las Casas. Enjoy a short walking tour and Pox tasting - a traditional drink from Chiapas region, before heading out for an incredible dinner.

DAY 6 - ANCIENT CULTURE

• **SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS** This morning we visit a local family in the beautiful small town of Zinacantan and learn to make a traditional breakfast which we'll enjoy together with the family. We'll then head to the small town of San Juan Chamula to explore and visit a one-of-a-kind church before heading back to San Cristobal de las Casas. You have free time to explore this cobblestoned city, local markets, and try Chiapas coffee – some of the smoothest in the world.

DAY 7 - FLY TO CANCUN

• **CANCUN** Leaving beautiful San Cristobal, today we hop on an included flight across Mexico and land in the wonderful hustle and bustle of Cancun, no time wasted. Situated on the Yucatán Peninsula, we'll get our first taste of Caribbean bliss and boujee-ness. This afternoon all you need to worry about is which cocktail to order by the pool – what a life.

DAY 8 - PARADISE AWAITS

• **ISLA HOLBOX** This morning we're off on a ferry to the paradise of Isla Holbox. When we say paradise, we mean it – think sun-drenched, powder-white beaches, emerald waters, rich marine life and rustic villages. We'll have time to settle into the pace of island life, tuck into some authentic food, watch the sunset and pull up at a beach bar for an evening of tropical beats under the stars.

DAY 9 - BOAT TOUR

• **ISLA HOLBOX** Today we get to dive deep (literally) into the beauty of Isla Holbox with a boat tour. Keeping our eyes peeled for the famously photogenic pink flamingos, we'll stop off at hidden island oasis's and check out a local cenote. This afternoon is yours to find a hammock to lounge in, and maybe crack into that book you've been carrying around. Sea, relax, repeat, it's the perfect day to unplug.

DAY 10 - PLAYA DEL CARMEN

• **PLAYA DEL CARMEN** An early start to create some core memories – we'll catch sunrise on the sandbank in Holbox before our Mexican adventure continues back into the Yucatán. Swapping slow island vibes for something a bit more high energy, we'll check into our final hotel in Playa del Carmen and have plenty of time to explore all the beaches, bars and tacos this world-famous hotspot has to offer. Souvenir shopping, anyone?

DAY 11 - CHICHEN ITZA & CENOTES

• **PLAYA DEL CARMEN** Getting into explorer mode, today we head to one of the New Seven Wonders of the World - Chichén Itzá. A local guide will introduce us to the myths and majesty of these iconic ruins, including Temple of Kukulcan ('El Castillo'), the Platform of the Skulls, and the Plaza of a Thousand Columns. Later, we'll have a once-in-a-lifetime experience in the crystal waters of a stunning cenote, a natural limestone swimming hole in a secret subterranean world.

DAY 12 - TULUM RUINS & BEACHES

• **PLAYA DEL CARMEN** Fiesta, siesta, today we do it all! Hitting the road this morning, we're off to see the incredible ruins of Tulum. Elegantly perched on seaside cliffs, we'll tick off this archeological marvel before diving into bluer-than-blue waters of Tulum beach. Back in Playa there's time to get ready before our final group dinner and drinks. Let's smash some avocado, down a tequila shot (or more), get a little loco – new friends by our side.

DAY 13 - DEPART PLAYA DEL CARMEN OR EXTEND YOUR STAY

• **PLAYA DEL CARMEN** Time to say adiós as our unforgettable Mexican adventure comes to an end. You can check out and make your way back home, or continue your travels in Central America. If you need any assistance planning onward travel, we'll be there to help every step of the way.



FLIGHTS AND ARRIVAL INFORMATION

Viva Mexico starts in Mexico City. It's best to arrive on the actual start date. There's no activities on the first day, so you can arrive at any time. If you do arrive early, we'll still pick you up from the airport (pick up from Mexico City Airport MEX only) if you're staying at our accommodation. You can book and pay for extra nights accommodation in the [Manage My Booking](#) area.

AFTER VIVA MEXICO

Viva Mexico finishes in Playa Del Carmen. The closest airport from Playa Del Carmen is Cancun International, which takes approx. 1 hour by taxi or bus. If you plan to leave straight after the trip we'd recommend flying out of Cancun (so fly into Mexico City and out of Cancun if possible for this tour). If you need to return to Mexico City straight after the trip, please be aware you will still have to fly from Cancun International to get back to Mexico City. The flight is approx. 2.5 hours, so we would recommend booking any return flights out of Mexico City after 3:00pm on Day 13 at the earliest.

Your group leader can help with any other onward travel options within Mexico.

VISAS

If you are a permanent resident of the United States, Canada, United Kingdom or Japan you do not need a visitor visa to enter as a tourist. Although you don't need a visa from any of those countries, you can be given anywhere between 10-180 days on arrival. Make sure to ask for the correct number of days from the agent and double-check the stamp in your passport for the departure date to make sure it aligns with your travel plans. We recommend checking visa requirements before you travel.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

Travel insurance for Mexico is compulsory for you to join our trip. Your group leader will ask to see proof of your cover before your trip begins. You can organise travel insurance [here](#).



ACCOMMODATION GUIDE

MEXICO CITY - SOY LOCAL HOTEL

2 NIGHTS

Situated in the historic district of Mexico City.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi & Laundry

Restaurant & Bar



OAXACA - PARADOR DEL DOMINICO HOTEL

1 NIGHT

Perfect location in the heart of the city.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi & Air Con

Restaurant



TEHUANTEPEC - HOTEL CALLI

1 NIGHT

Experience the magical town of Tehuantepec.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry



SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS - GRAN BARRIO HOTEL

2 NIGHTS

A pink-lovers dream, boasting with bright colours in the centre of the city.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi

Outdoor Terrace Area



CANCUN - AMBIANCE SUITES

1 NIGHT

Tropical paradise close to the action!

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Gym & Swimming Pool

ISLA HOLBOX - MY BLUE HOTEL

2 NIGHTS

A beautiful beachfront hotel.

Twin/Double Rooms

Ensuite

WiFi & Air Con

Swimming Pool

PLAYA DEL CARMEN - HOTEL RIVIERA

CARIBE MAYA

3 NIGHTS

A perfect end to your trip.

Twin/Double Rooms

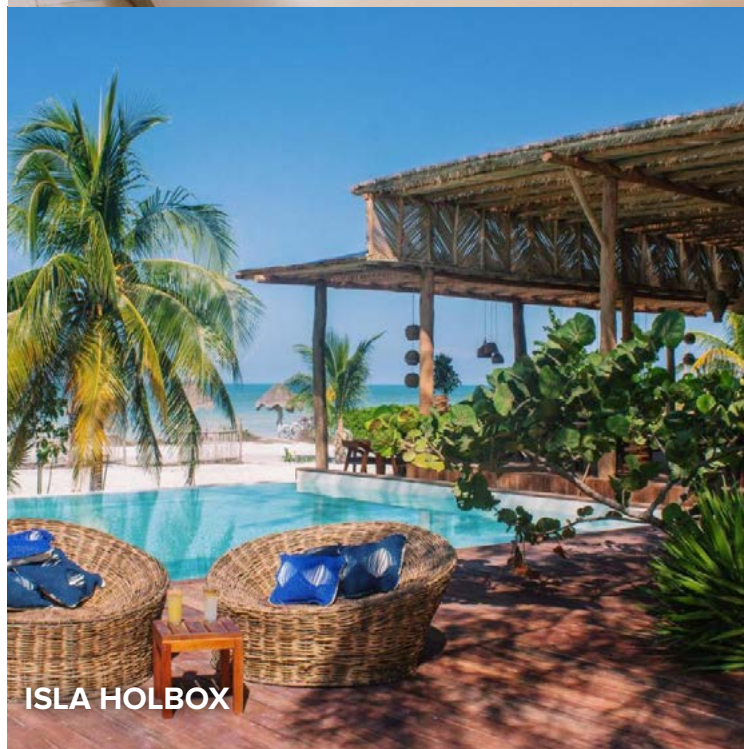
Ensuite

WiFi, Air Con & Laundry

Swimming Pool & Bar



CANCUN



ISLA HOLBOX



PLAYA DEL CARMEN

IMPORTANT NOTE



The accommodation featured in this document is our usual properties. At certain locations we use alternative accommodation (of equal standard) when needed.

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SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL



PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT



SUPPORTING LOCAL COMMUNITIES



CULTURAL EXCHANGE & EDUCATION



ANIMAL WELFARE

Making a positive difference to the amazing destinations we travel is at the core of what we do, and we are proud to say that every INTRO tour is 100% carbon neutral.

Small Change is our socially conscious initiative aimed at travelling responsibly and changing the world for the better!

[Find out more.](#)

FAQS



DO MANY PEOPLE TRAVEL ALONE?

Yes. Lots of people on our trips are travelling solo. But by doing our trip you'll instantly be part of a group, so it's a great way to meet others and make friends! Most of our accommodation is twin or triple share, so we will put you in a room with someone of the same gender.



IS MEXICO SAFE TO TRAVEL?

While there are certain areas within Mexico known for crime, these are limited and nowhere near where INTRO goes. Mexico is a very popular tourist destination and safe to travel to, with only the need for the usual commonsense precautions we recommend for all our destinations.



CAN I CHAT TO MY GROUP BEFORE I LEAVE?

You can start chatting to people in your group and other travellers before you leave. Just go to our Facebook page, click on 'Groups' and choose [Mexico](#).

At INTRO we have not only chosen the most beautiful and fascinating areas of Mexico but also places we know to be safe. Another benefit of travelling Mexico as part of a guided group tour.



HOW WILL I ACCESS MY MONEY WHILE I'M AWAY?

We recommend getting a travel currency card through [Wise](#). You can use the Wise card almost everywhere and withdraw cash and use it with Google or Apple Pay. If you transfer your money into the local currency, you can avoid paying foreign exchange fees when you use the card. There are ATM's available throughout Mexico and some places only accept cash.



CAN I CHANGE MY START DATE?

Enjoy ultimate peace of mind and flexibility with INTRO. Should your travel plans change or be disrupted you can change your start date or tour for free up to 30 days before your start date.

Or simply transfer your booking to 100% travel credit that will never expire and can be used on any tour with us at any time in the future.



IS THERE WI-FI THROUGHOUT THE TRIP?

All accommodations we stay at have free Wi-Fi available. Mexico's network quality is often lower than you're used to but you can generally connect and do basic stuff.



WHEN IS THE BEST TIME TO VISIT MEXICO?

Between December and April it's the dry season and there's virtually no rain, and the coolest months are between December and February. Rainy season is June/ July to November. It can get cold in Mexico City, Oaxaca, and San Cristobal at night during the winter (October-April) so bring a jacket to keep warm. Palenque to Playa del Carmen are typically warm year-round.



TERMS & CONDITIONS

For the full set of terms & conditions for our tours including your responsibilities as a traveller with us, please see the [Terms & Conditions](#) section of our website.

That's about it for now!

Once you've booked you'll get access to Manage My Booking and the INTRO Travel App, which will give you all the information you'll need on Mexico and Viva Mexico, so you can just relax and enjoy the experience.

Of course if you have any more questions just contact us. We're happy to help!

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