



Monarch Butterflies in Mexico

Every year, after traveling more than 5,000 kilometers from Canada to México, the weary Monarchs descend upon the same Oyamel Woods located in the highest part of the Michoacán Mountains. This remote portion of México has become a sanctuary for the majestic Monarch which hibernates here before traveling north to the United States and Canada. No other place in the world hosts these amazing and wonderful creatures.

DAY 1 • Friday, February 19

Arrive at México City and transfer to hotel. Overnight in México City. (D)

DAY 2 • Saturday, February 20

Tour of San Ángel and Coyoacán, visit to Bazaar del Sabado and Frida's Museum with lunch at Casa Azul. Return to hotel for Welcome Dinner tonight. (B L)

DAY 3 • Sunday, February 21

After breakfast depart for Tlalpujahua, Michoacán and the city of Toluca to visit the Botanical Museum and the Candy Market. Lunch on your own. Arrive at to the hotel near the town of Tlalpujahua by early afternoon and check in at the hotel for happy hour and Michoacán folkloric presentation.

Dinner and overnight. (B D)

DAY 4 • Monday, February 22

Breakfast at the hotel and then visit the Sanctuary of El Rosario for our first Monarch experience. Lunch at the park and then return to the hotel for a relaxing afternoon. Dinner and overnight. (B L D)

DAY 5 • Tuesday, February 23

Breakfast at the hotel and then depart for the Sierra Chincua Sanctuary for our second Monarch experience. Lunch at the park and then visit the town of Tlalpujahua to learn about its historical mining industry and its world famous Christmas ornaments sold across the globe. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight. (B L D)

7 days, 6 nights

From \$1,495

Per person, double occupancy

Single \$1,995

Deposit: \$200 per person due at time of booking, non-refundable – final payment due 45 days prior to departure

Cancellation policy: Cancellations between 45 days prior and 72 hours prior to departure date will be assessed 50% cancellation fee. Cancellations less than 72 hours before departure are fully non-refundable.

TOUR INCLUSIONS:

- ★ Deluxe round trip transportation
- ★ 3 nights hotel México City
- ★ 3 nights hotel in Tlalpujahua
- ★ Meals as per itinerary (B) = Breakfast, (L) = Lunch, (D) = Dinner
- ★ All sightseeing as per itinerary
- ★ All taxes and entry fees
- ★ Gratuities for bag handlers, servers and room attendants
- ★ Tour Manager and step-on guides

NOTES ABOUT ACCESSIBILITY:

- ★ Tour operates with 10 passengers minimum
- ★ Tour includes strenuous hiking at 8,000 feet altitude
- ★ Horseback riding is not required, but is recommended
- ★ Tour is not recommended to those with walking difficulties
- ★ Cold mountain temperatures – dress appropriately



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DAY 6 • Wednesday, February 24

Travel back to México City for a city tour of the historical district with visits to the Cathedral, National Palace and the Templo Mayor, Museum Del Tequila and Plaza Garibaldi. Farewell

Dinner at the Sanborns Restaurant at Casa de los Azulejos. **(B D)**

DAY 7 • Thursday, February 25

Breakfast at hotel and transfer to airport. **(B)**

Hotels and itinerary subject to change (of equal or greater value), not affecting the cost of the tour. Airfare not included.

Pyramids of Teotihuacan



**Optional Pre-Tour: The Place of the Gods
(Teotihuacan and Basilica of
Our Lady of Guadalupe)**

COST PER PERSON (Minimum 2): \$75 USD

*Additional hotel room night not included
(\$220 per room night)

The City of Teotihuacan was built between 100 BC and 700 AD housing over 200,000 people making this one of the most impressive archaeological sites in Mesoamerica. The city was abandoned when the Aztecs arrived in 1200 AD and according to Aztec legend, the sun, moon and entire universe were created there. We view the Citadel, the Temple of Quetzalcoatl, the pyramid of the Sun, the pyramid of the Moon, and other monuments along the Avenue of the Dead.

Later, visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe, known as the holiest place in Mexico and one of the most important pilgrimage sites of Catholicism. This national shrine holds the cloak containing the image of the Virgin.

Includes:

Tour of the archaeological site of Teotihuacan
Visit the Basilica of Our Lady Guadalupe
Lunch
Transportation
Tour Manager
All taxes and entry fees

Historic church in Cholula Puebla



Optional Post-Tour: Cholula and Puebla

COST PER PERSON (minimum 2): \$90 USD

*Additional hotel room night not included
(\$220 per room night)

Located about 78 miles from Mexico City are the cities of Puebla and Cholula. In Cholula, visit the largest pre-Hispanic structure on the continent. The towering great pyramid of Tepanampa is topped by a Spanish church, in addition to a subterranean maze on the grounds to explore. We also visit the town of Tonantzintla, well-known for its pottery. This is a great place to admire the view of the volcanoes, Popocatepetl and Ixtaccihualt.

Adjacent to Cholula, lies the City of Puebla de Los Angeles which was founded in 1531 and is the capital city of the state of Puebla. The city has a collection of rich colonial church structures and ornate buildings of magnificent stonework, adorned with gold leaf and the famous Talavera tiles that cover the church domes, fountains, and also kitchens.

Includes:

Transportation
Visit Puebla, Cholula, and Tonantzintla
Lunch
Tour Manager
All taxes and entry fees