



Mexico

When to go

Mexico is a great destination to visit throughout the year, though the peak season is July to August when many Mexicans take their annual holiday. On the high central plateau, in cities like Mexico City, the weather is mild throughout the year. Inland, northern Mexico is mostly desert, hot in the day and cold in the night. The country's central pacific coast and Yucatán Peninsula is hot, sunny and humid almost throughout the year, but in the late summer months, heavy rains come with the hurricanes.

Flying time

From London to Mexico City is 11 hours 40 minutes; From London to Cancun is 10 hours 40 minutes. Direct flights are operated by British Airways.

Time difference

GMT -6 (GMT -5 from first Sunday in April to last Sunday in October).

Passport & Visa

Visa Required?

British USA Other EU

Passports must be valid for a minimum of 6 months.

Health requirements

Diphtheria Sometimes Hepatitis A Malaria
Tetanus Typhoid Yellow Fever

Recommendations do change from time to time and it is important to discuss your personal requirements with your doctor.

Vibrant Mexico City is the world's oldest and largest capital. Spend several days discovering the sophisticated and energetic capital of Mexico, visiting the excellent museums such as the Museum of Anthropology and exploring a variety of neighbourhoods including those best known for their beautiful residences, colourful markets, art galleries and boutiques. See murals and explore ruins such as Templo Mayor, the pyramids at Teotihuacan, and take a relaxing canal cruise through the floating gardens at Xochimilco.

350 miles southeast of Mexico City lays Oaxaca, known as one of Mexico's premier colonial gems. Framed by the Sierra Madre del Sur Mountains, the city is the perfect combination of modern day comforts and a 3,000 year old past. Though it is a city with more than half a million residents, it still has the cosy feel of a traditional village. The immaculate streets of downtown reflect the exquisite, baroque colonial architecture of the 16th century. An astonishing cathedral and perfectly preserved religious and municipal buildings, fine museums and unique art galleries all add to the city's magical charm. A walk through the cobbled streets of the Oaxaca will take you back to the days of the Spanish conquest and the colonial treasures they left behind.

The city of San Cristóbal de las Casas in Chiapas is another of Mexico's most beautiful colonial cities. Its welcoming cobblestone streets are lined with churches, plazas and flower-filled houses with central courtyards and red-tile roofs. Diverse architectural styles can be viewed in the many beautiful buildings that were built between the 16th and the 19th centuries. The city is a market centre with different ethnicities from around the state coming together to sell their food, textiles and pottery. It is an excellent base of operations for an exploration into the Mayan world. Here in Chiapas, the lowlands and highlands are abounding with natural beauty and home to a wealth of tradition. This green state also hides renowned archaeological sites such as the great cities of Palenque, Bonampak and Yaxchilan, as well

as striking natural attractions such as the Cañon del Sumidero National Park and the amazing waterfalls at Agua Azul. Ten minutes away from Agua Azul, the Misol-Ha waterfall has much less tourist traffic and plunges down into a spectacular deep pool.

Palenque was one of the most important Classical period cities and its impressive buildings hidden within the jungle include the Temple of Inscriptions and the Palace. The sculptures found here are simply exquisite. This city remains to this day an important ceremonial centre for the local Maya and is truly one of the most breathtaking examples of the Classic Mayan culture.

Finally, visitors will fall in love with the Yucatan Peninsula, one of the continent's most visited areas with its many archaeological sanctuaries and gorgeous beach resorts. Chichen Itza is the most visited archaeological site in the Yucatan Peninsula due to its extraordinary beauty and its geographical location. This site, declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, will take you back in time to the pre-Hispanic era as you discover the secrets awaiting you in the most important buildings that can still be seen today. These buildings stand as a demonstration of an extraordinary commitment to architectural space and composition. The magnificence of inheritance left by the Itzaes goes far beyond the Main Esplanade, The Observatory and the sacred Cenoté.

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The Magic of Mexico – 14 Days/13 Nights

Mexico City/Oaxaca/Veracruz/San Cristobal/Palenque/ Campeche/Merida/Cancun

Tour Itinerary

- Day 01: Evening arrival in Mexico.
- Day 02: Mexico City tour
- Day 03: Xochimilco Floating Gardens tour
- Day 04: Morning Puebla tour. Afternoon travel to Oaxaca
- Day 05: Monte Alban and Milta tour
- Day 06: Travel to Veracruz. Afternoon tour
- Day 07: Transfer to Chiapas Highlands. Boat ride in the Sumiredo Canyon. Transfer to San Cristóbal
- Day 08: Colonial towns tour
- Day 09: Travel to Palenque
- Day 10: Archaeological sites tour
- Day 11: Morning Campeche tour. Afternoon continue to Merida and walking tour
- Day 12: Morning Chichen Itza tour. Transfer to Cancun
- Day 13: Transfer to airport for departure flight
- Day 14: Arrival into London

