

MEXICO

MEXICO CITY & CHIAPAS - SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS / PALENQUE









Join Cretin-Derham Hall Alumni on a 10-day / 9-night tour to Mexico! This fully-escorted, private tour will take place from June 11 - 20, 2020 and includes overnight stays in Mexico City, and San Cristobal de las Casas and Palenque which are located in the beautiful southern state of Chiapas. Our tour will include active adventures, great food, and excursions to the ancient Mesoamerican Pyramids of Teotihuacán, the Mayan village of Zinacantán and the Maya Temples of Palenque.

2020 Itinerary* / Overnight City / Activities

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Thur 11 June	Mexico City - Flight to Mexico City + Orientation Walking Tour + Welcome Dinner
Fri 12 June	Mexico City - Transfer & Visit to Teotihuacán Pyramids + Lunch + Free Time
Sat 13 June	Mexico City - Tour Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe + Visit Historic Coyoacán
Sun 14 June	San Cristobal - Flight + Visit Sumidero Canyon + Transfer to La Casa de Mama
Mon 15 June	San Cristobal - Guided City Tour + Visit Zinacantán + Lunch + San Juan Chamula
Tue 16 June	Palenque - Transfer to Palenque + Stop at Agua Azul en route + Dinner
Wed 17 June	Palenque - Guided Tour of the Maya Temples of Palenque
Thur 18 June	San Cristobal - Transfer to San Cristobal + Lunch en route + Evening Free
Fri 19 June	Mexico City - Flight to Mexico City + Afternoon/Evening Free to Explore
Sat 20 June	Depart Mexico City for Minneapolis

*This itinerary - including activities, the cities or the order in which cities are visited, may change to benefit the tour. Additionally, all listed activities to be determined by Tour Leader's preferences.

2020 Airline Itinerary

Thur 11 June	DL 451 dep Minneapolis 9:15am; arr Mexico City 1:30pm
Sun 14 June	Mexico City to San Cristobal de las Casas / Tuxla Gutierrez Airport
Fri 19 June	San Cristobal de las Casas to Mexico City
Sat 20 June	DL 452 dep Mexico City 2:20pm; arr Minneapolis 6:32pm



MEXICO CITY

Mexico City is a most enjoyable destination. Its historic center, better known as Zocalo, is declared World Heritage by UNESCO and is the heart of a living culture that exudes everything accumulated since the founding of Tenochtitlan. Visit its neighborhoods flooded with art nouveau and art deco, enjoy its cuisine and lose yourself in the streets of the city with the most museums in the world.

SAN CRISTOBAL DE LAS CASAS

The colonial city of San Cristóbal de las Casas emerges from the valley surrounded by mountains inhabited by the Tzoltzil and the Tzatzal people. Today, it forms a mosaic of local cultures and people from all over the world who have chosen the city as their home. The main square is the heart of the city, which is a meeting place filled with residents passing by or relaxing on one of the many wrought iron benches. Explore the narrow, cobblestone streets of the traditional neighborhoods with houses painted in bright colors that are home to quaint shops and markets. Admire the beautiful embroidery and the jewelry made from amber and wood pieces that are on display in the windows and on the shelves of the local shops. Visit the temple of Santo Domingo church with his pink baroque facade. Climb the stone staircase that leads to the Temple and the ExConvent of Santo Domingo to admire the city and the mountains on the horizon.

PALENQUE

Palenque, also anciently known as *Lakamha*, was a Maya city state in southern Mexico that flourished in the 7th century. The Palenque ruins date from ca. 226 BC to ca. AD 799. After its decline, it was absorbed into the jungle of cedar, mahogany, and sapodilla trees, but has since been excavated and restored. Swathed in morning jungle mists and echoing to a dawn chorus of howler monkeys and parrots, the mighty Maya temples of Palenque are deservedly one of the top destinations of Chiapas and one of the best examples of Maya architecture in all of Mexico.



Tour Package Includes

- Roundtrip airfare between Minneapolis / Mexico City.
- Roundtrip domestic airfare in Mexico.
- All overnight accommodations (double / triple occupancy).
- All ground transportation in Mexico.
- Full-time licensed Tour Leader / Guide.
- All tourist attractions / entry fees.
- Daily hotel breakfast.
- 7 additional meals (lunches or dinners), excluding drinks.
- All gratuities for your Tour Leader, Driver, and hotel staff.
- City-imposed Tourist Taxes.
- One checked bag, per airline baggage policy.

Tour Package Does Not Include

- Passport (required) Please refer to the U.S. State Department website for all passport requirements. Currently, Mexico requires that your passport be valid at time of entry.
 - https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages/Mexico.html
- Activities and meals not mentioned.
- Pre-assigned seating on flights (airlines assign seating).
- Items of a personal nature.

Tour Package Price (limited to 20 travelers, must be 21+ to participate)

- \$2,980* per person. Please Note: If group falls below 20 travelers, the per person tour package price may increase.
 *Price includes a \$150 tax-deductible contribution to Cretin-Derham Hall's "Justice Education Trip Scholarship Fund".
- Single Hotel Supplement is \$450 (single rooms are limited availability).
- Ground-Only Tour Package Price (upon request).

Payment Schedule & Terms

- A \$500 per person deposit payment is due to hold your reservation. Space is limited, awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.
- 50% Installment Payment is due on or before February 11, 2020.
- Final Payment is due on or before March 11, 2020.
- Deposit payment is fully refundable up to February 10, 2020. All payments thereafter are non-refundable.

Please remit all payments to: Rebecca Medellin at address below. All payments should be made payable to: "Cretin-Derham Hall". Rebecca Medellin Cretin-Derham Hall

550 S. Albert Street, St. Paul, MN 55116

Required Passenger Information (due at time of reservation)

 Copy of Passport, Cell #, Email Address, Food Allergies, Rooming List, Emergency Contact.

Overnight Accommodations (We use these and other equivalent quality accommodations. Reservations not yet confirmed.)

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