

## The Heartbeat of Mexico Tour

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### **The Heartbeat of Mexico,** An all-inclusive tour to San Miguel de Allende & Guanajuato, Mexico

**March 12 - 18, 2025**

The state of Guanajuato is home to the City of Guanajuato and the town of San Miguel de Allende. Nestled in the heart of Mexico, Guanajuato and San Miguel de Allende are both UNESCO World Heritage Sites and they are known for their rich colonial architecture, narrow alleyways, rich culture, exquisite gastronomy, and a strong relationship to the arts. Today, it captivates visitors with its enchanting atmosphere, inviting them to uncover the secrets of the past while enjoying its modern comforts.

This exclusive tour, hosted by [travelwithclaudialopez.com](http://travelwithclaudialopez.com) in partnership with renowned opera composer Héctor Armienta, offers more than just stunning sights & art – it provides the unique opportunity to experience opera in the heart of Mexico ! The Bel Canto Institute: San Miguel and Opera Guanajuato, upon Héctor's request, have gracefully agreed to delight his group with two different opera recitals.

Join us in an unforgettable exploration of the vibrancy of San Miguel de Allende and Guanajuato, where culture, history, music, and opera come together in perfect harmony.

**Pack your bags and join us on this magical adventure!!!**

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Single Occupancy \$2328

Double Occupancy \$1998

## Tour Highlights:

- Intimate Opera recital in SMA. Performances featuring some of Mexico's most promising vocal talents. This is a direct collaboration between Hector Armienta and the Bel Canto Institute: San Miguel
- Walking tour of San Miguel de Allende. Including Centro Historico, iconic landmarks, Bellas Artes, galleries, boutiques, and the famous Mercado de Artesanias, etc.
- Wine is exquisite in Mexico. We'll visit a family owned local winery where we'll enjoy a tour of the vineyard and we'll finish up tasting the local wine in an intimate setting
- Day trip to visit the Sanctuary of Jesús de Nazaret in Atotonilco, also known as Mexico's Sistine Chapel.
- Visit to The Cultural Center of Art and Design, La Aurora, which has been unveiled as one of the main attractions of the city of San Miguel de Allende
- Intimate Opera recital in Guanajuato at the famous Casa de Museo Gene Byron in Marfil - Guanajuato. This is another collaboration between Hector Armienta and Opera Guanajuato
- Listen to the heartbeat of Mexico - As a special highlight, Héctor Armienta will grace us with a live piano performance, offering an excerpt from his nationally acclaimed opera "Zorro".
- Walking tour of Guanajuato. Let's visit some of the city's most popular attractions, such as the Teatro Juarez, Mercado Hidalgo, Basilica de Guadalupe, Alohondiga de Granaditas, Callejon del Beso, El Pipila Monument, and more.



## What's included in the price?

- Transportation to and from Leon, Guanajuato International Airport
- Lodging (6 nights) Hotel
- Most meals: 6 Breakfast / 3 Lunches / 3 Dinners (One entrée and one non-alcoholic beverage)
- Transportation and entries to activities included in the itinerary (substitutions are not allowed)
- Certified Bilingual guide

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- Minimal tips for drivers, guides, and restaurant staff

### Excluded from the price:

- Airfare (US / Mexico)
- Travel Insurance
- Personal Shopping
- Alcoholic beverages
- Any extra food/drink ordered at meal time (One entrée/one nonalcoholic drink).
- Activities not included in the itinerary

### How do I reserve a spot?

- A deposit in the amount of \$500.00 is needed in order to secure your spot
- Final payment is due 60 days prior to departure
- Refunds: 100% - 60 days prior to departure / 50% -45 days prior to departure / NO REFUNDS 44 days prior to departure. Purchasing travel insurance can provide you with peace of mind and it is not too expensive. I can furnish information. Zelle, Venmo, and Cash are preferred. Credit Card payments will incur an additional 3.5% fee imposed by the bank

### Is this tour for me?

- During this tour you will be walking on cobble stones, uneven pavement, and dirt roads. You will need to be on your feet and you will have to climb stairs in order to explore most museums, sites, and hotels. Please note that most buildings are old and DO NOT have elevators or ramps. In addition, you'll have to stand while touring museums and sites. We will pace ourselves and we'll take breaks. Most buildings we will visit are only two to three stories high.
- Sometimes you will have to sleep with street noise and no (or weak) air conditioning or heater
- Flexibility is crucial when traveling. Changes to the itinerary may occur due to unforeseen circumstances.
- Are you a patient person? Service is great in Mexico but it is considered slow per American standards. Meals can take up to 1.5hrs or longer for a large group....patience comes in handy!

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### **Additional Information:**

Our group will be meeting at 4:30pm on March 12, 2025 at the León, Guanajuato International airport (BJX). Our driver will meet us at the airport and we will be transported to our first destination.

Please feel free to contact Claudia López for more information at [info@travelwithclaudialopez.com](mailto:info@travelwithclaudialopez.com) or call 408-644-3557. You can also visit [www.travelwithclaudialopez.com](http://www.travelwithclaudialopez.com) to view upcoming tours and itineraries.

