The Spirit of Mexico
An all-inclusive tour to Oaxaca

January 29 – February 5, 2025

The state of Oaxaca is colorful and possibly the most ethnically and linguistically diverse in Mexico. Of the 570 municipalities, 418 of them are predominantly indigenous. This translates to the fact that there are more speakers of indigenous languages in the state of Oaxaca than in any other state in Mexico. These groups have a rich history and traditions that continue to shape the region's identity. Oaxaca's indigenous communities are known for their intricate folk art forms, such as pottery and textiles, as well as unique rituals, celebrations, and ancestral gastronomy.

The state of Oaxaca (pronounced wah-HAH-KAH) is home to ancient ruins, colonial architecture, world renowned gastronomy, markets, Mezcal, and friendly, relaxed people. Wandering the cobblestone streets of Oaxaca and indulging in the wide array of exquisite foods can quickly become your favorite activities.

Travel with Claudia López offers you a unique small group travel experience. The itinerary is carefully curated including daytrips to vibrant towns, historical sites, traditional restaurants, and local markets. You will be staying in the Centro Historico (historic center) of the city of Oaxaca, a UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1987.

Pack your bags and join me on this magical adventure!!!

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Single Occupancy $2375.00
Double Occupancy $2075.00

Tour Highlights:

Daytrips to: Monte Albán, Santa María del Tule, Teotitlán del Valle, San Martín Tilcajete, San Bartolo Coyotepec, Santa María Atzompa, Hierve el Agua, Cuilapan de Guerrero, Tlacolula (market day), Ocotlán (market day).

Activities: Walking tours of Centro Historico and iconic neighborhoods. Guided visits to local markets and Museums. Alebrije Workshop (paint your cat or dog) with Paula and her husband. Black Clay demonstration. Earth colored clay pottery demonstration. Mezcal, chocolate & street food tastings.

What's included in the price?

- Transportation to and from Oaxaca airport (OAX)/ Xoxocotlán Airport
- Lodging (7 nights) Hotel TBD
- Most meals: 7 Breakfast / 5 Lunches / 3 Dinners (One entrée and one non-alcoholic beverage)
- Roundtrip transportation and entries to activities included in the itinerary (substitutions are not allowed)
- Certified Bilingual guide
- 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!

Additional Information:

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

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