

15 DAY CULTURAL TOUR

BEST OF MEXICO

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CHICHEN ITZA • MEXICO CITY • PUEBLA • OAXACA • TEOTIHUACAN

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Towering Mayan pyramids and sprawling Zapotec ruins, snowcapped volcanic peaks and cities tailor-made for fiestas, siestas and everything between; Mexico is even more wonderful than you know. From Mexico City to Puebla, Campeche, Palenque and beyond, this 15 day tour is a chance to discover the beauty, history, culture and vibrancy of magical Mexico for yourself.

Kick things off with a full day guided tour in Mexico City, from iconic Zocalo Square and the grand Metropolitan Cathedral. Stroll among the ancient pyramids of Teotihuacan, a vast temple complex founded in around 300BC. Admire the baroque architecture of Santo Domingo Church in Oaxaca City; stroll through Puebla's exquisite city centre; and explore the Zapotec archaeological site of Mitla. Cool down in the waters of Agua Azul Waterfall, marvel at the ruins of Palenque; enjoy a walking tour of colourful Campeche; feel like you've been transported to Europe in the city of Merida; visit the 'new world wonder' pyramid complex of Chichen Itza - and a whole lot more.

With return international flights, 12 nights in quality hotel accommodation, English speaking tour leader and guides, as well as return airport transfers, the only thing missing from this trip is you!

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15 Day Standard Tour

Day 1 Australia - Mexico City, Mexico

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Overnight: Hotel Regente City or similar, Mexico City

Meals included: In-Flight

Day 2 Mexico Full Day City Tour

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Afterwards head to Alameda Park, here you will find the most important cultural building in Mexico City, the Palacio de Bellas Artes (Palace of Fine Arts) where you can view some of the beautiful murals within the palace. From there walk via the

beautiful avenue La Reforma to Parque Chapultepec. Here you can find several interesting museums, among them the famous Museum of Anthropology, the largest museum in Mexico. You will be able to enter the Museum of Anthropology (Museo de Antropología) and view the impressive collection of pre-hispanic artifacts. A must for those who would like to know more about the different cultures of Mexico. This afternoon arrive back at the hotel for an evening at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Regente City or similar, Mexico City

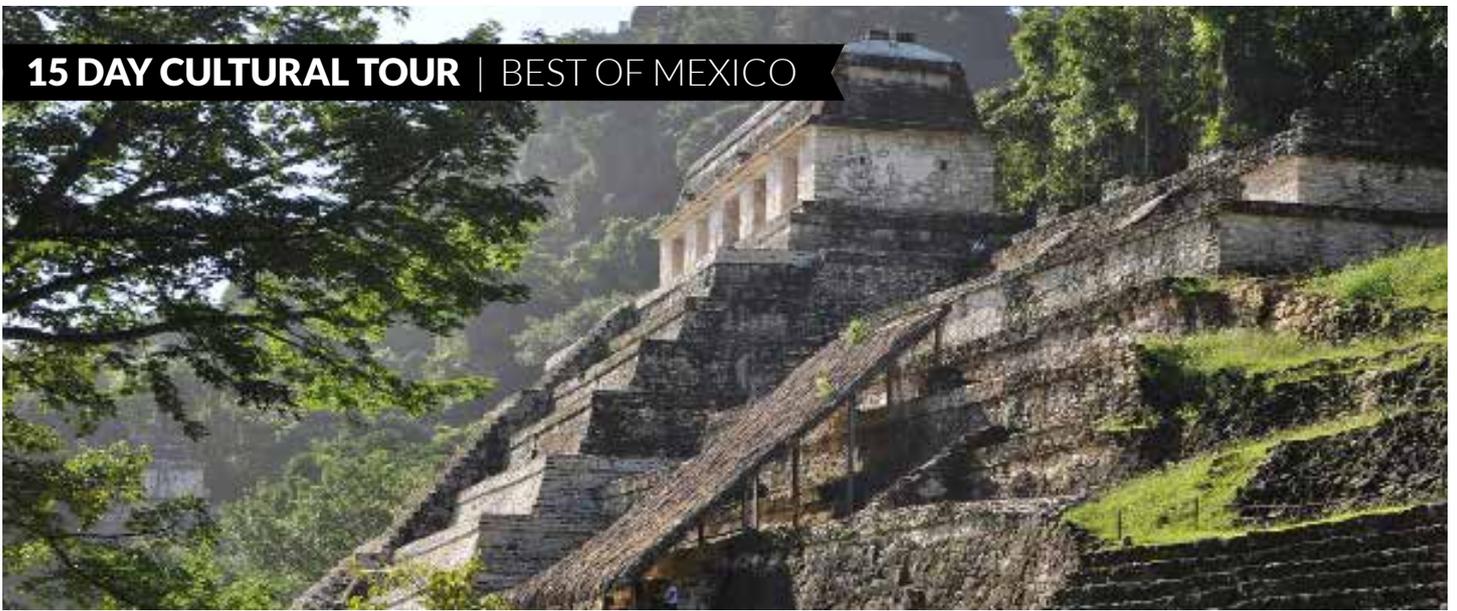
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Day 3 Teotihuacan - Cholula Walking Tour - Puebla (approx. 200km day)

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Afterwards continue to Cholula, a wonderful town that combines history, magic, religion and archaeology. It stands out for having the largest archaeological site of a pyramid (temple) in the New World, as well as the largest pyramid base known to exist in the world today. Here, you will enjoy another short walking tour and visit the amazing pyramid. Afterwards continue onwards to the beautiful colonial city of Puebla and

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check into the hotel for an evening at leisure.

Overnight: Hotel Colonial de Puebla or similar, Puebla

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 4 Puebla Walking Tour - Oaxaca City (approx. 340km day)

Puebla, also known as the City of Angels, was founded in 1531 by the Spaniards and to this day remains a very pleasant town with a rich history. Today it's a modern and thriving city, but it preserves its colonial charm nevertheless. Its streets are swarming with architectural jewels, many of them covered with the regional Talavera tiles. Churches and convents are witnesses of the past, as Puebla was once an important religious centre. This morning, enjoy a walking tour through the city centre and see the main plaza and cathedral. Afterwards travel onwards to Oaxaca City in the state of Oaxaca in Mexico's South-West. Upon arrival, check-in and enjoy an evening at leisure.

Overnight: Oaxaca Real Hotel or similar, Oaxaca City

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 5 Oaxaca City Walking Tour - Free Afternoon/Monte Alban Tour

Today enjoy a walking tour of Oaxaca's beautiful city centre. Learn about the history of the city, its architecture and local customs. See Santo Domingo Church, the best example of Mexican baroque architecture, then stroll along some of the picturesque streets of the historical centre as you see more of Oaxaca's landmarks. See the Benito Juarez and 20 de Noviembre markets, and stop at a chocolate factory to see the process of grinding cocoa beans to make Oaxacan chocolate.

Enjoy the afternoon at leisure or alternatively take the opportunity to visit the ruins of the former Zapotec stronghold Monte Alban in the outskirts of the city and enjoy a guided tour of the area. Transportation and the guided tour is complimentary, you will only have to pay your own entrance fee to the site (approx. \$5AUD). Monte Albán, site of ruins of an ancient centre of Zapotec and Mixtec culture, located in what is now Oaxaca state, Mexico. The initial construction at the site has been placed at circa 8th century BC. It contains great plazas, truncated pyramids, a court for playing the ball game tlachtli, underground passageways and about 170 tombs, the most elaborate uncovered in the Americas to date. The site is located on high ground, probably chosen for its defensibility. The great plaza atop the highest hill is flanked by four platforms; two temples stand on the platform to the south. After this visit, return to Oaxaca City for an evening at leisure.

Overnight: Oaxaca Real Hotel or similar, Oaxaca City

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 6 Oaxaca City - Mitla - Tehuantepec - Mezcal Brewery Tour (approx. 250km day)

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Overnight: Hotel Calli or similar, Tehuantepec

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 7 Tehuantepec - Sumidero Canyon - San Cristobal de las Casas (approx. 360km day)

After an early start, begin the journey to the city of San Cristobal, in the state of Chiapas in the very south of Mexico. Along the way enjoy a stop at the gateway to the magnificent Sumidero Canyon. Sumidero Canyon is a narrow and deep canyon surrounded by a national park and located just north of the city of Tuxtla Gutierrez. Take an optional 2 hour boat ride up the canyon (not included – approx. \$15 USD per person). Travellers who do not wish to take the boat trip may stretch their legs and enjoy a lunch break (not included) at one of the nearby restaurants at the port.

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Overnight: Arrecife de Coral or similar, San Cristobal de las Casas

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 8 San Cristobal Free Day

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Day 9 San Cristobal - Agua Azul Waterfall - Palenque (approx. 220km day)

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Overnight: Hotel Nututun Palenque or similar, Palenque

Meals included: Breakfast

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Overnight: Hotel Del Paseo or similar, Campeche

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 11 Campeche Walking City Tour - Uxmal Guided Tour - Merida (approx. 200km day)

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Overnight: Hotel Colonial or similar, Merida

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 12 Merida - Chichen Itza Guided Tour - Cancun (approx. 300km day)

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Overnight: La Quinta Inn or similar, Cancun

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 13 Cancun, Mexico - Australia

Today transfer to Cancun Airport for your return flight back to Australia.

Meals included: Breakfast; In-Flight

Day 14 In Transit

Day 15 Arrive in Australia

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Overnight: Beachscape Kin Ha Villas & Suites Cancun or similar, Cancun

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 13 Cancun Free Day

Enjoy the day exploring or relaxing on the stunning beaches of Cancun.

Overnight: Beachscape Kin Ha Villas & Suites Cancun or similar, Cancun

Meals included: Breakfast

Day 14 Cancun Free Day

Enjoy another day either exploring or relaxing.

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Meals included: Breakfast

Day 15 Cancun, Mexico - Australia

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TOUR INCLUSIONS

HIGHLIGHTS

- Discover the highlights of Mexico on tour
- Visit Oaxaca, Campeche, Cholula, Merida and more
- Uncover the best of Mexico City on a full day guided tour
- See the National Palace and Metropolitan Cathedral
- Explore the National Museum of Anthropology, the largest in Mexico
- Stroll among the vast pyramids of Teotihuacan
- Visit the Great Pyramid of Cholula, the world's largest pyramid base
- See the baroque architecture of Santo Domingo Church in Oaxaca City
- Stroll Puebla's colourful main plaza and city centre
- Explore the Zapotec archaeological site of Mitla
- Stop for a photo stop at the impressive 'El Tule'
- Sample traditional Mezcal at a local distillery
- Enjoy free time in colonial San Cristobal de las Casas
- Swim in the waters of the Agua Azul Waterfall
- Admire stunning Mayan architecture in Palenque
- Enjoy a walking tour of colourful Campeche
- Explore the ancient Mayan ruins of Uxmal, a UNESCO world heritage site
- Stay the night in the beautiful European-style city of Merida
- Visit the 'new world wonder' pyramids and complex of Chichen Itza
- Spend the night in vibrant Cancun

FLIGHTS

Return international flights (economy class) ex SYD/*MEL/*BNE/*ADL/*PER

ACCOMMODATION

12 nights quality hotel accommodation

DINING

Enjoy daily breakfast

TOUR ESSENTIALS

- English speaking tour leader and guides
- All sightseeing and entrance fees as mentioned in the itinerary
- Airline taxes and surcharges

TRANSPORT

Transportation by private A/C Vehicles

TRANSFERS

Return airport transfers

17 DAY PACKAGE WITH CANCUN EXTENSION

- All of the above plus the following:
- 2 nights additional hotel accommodation
- Upgraded beachfront hotel in Cancun for all 3 nights
- Enjoy 2 additional meals
- Discover vibrant Cancun with 2 days at leisure

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

*Please note: all information provided in this brochure is subject to both change and availability. Prior to purchase please check the current deal for up-to-date information. If you have already purchased this deal, the terms and conditions on your Purchase Confirmation apply and take precedence over the information in this brochure.

BOOKING INFORMATION

After purchase, you will receive a receipt and a Purchase Confirmation, directing you to an online Passenger Information Form. The Passenger Information Form must be completed within 72 hours of purchase.

Any special requests, preferences and optional extras MUST be clearly stated in your Passenger Information Form. Any change requested after submitting your Passenger Information Form cannot be guaranteed, is strictly subject to availability and will incur surcharges as outlined in the Schedule of Fees below.

On purchasing this Travel Offer you are bound by the General Terms and Conditions, in addition to the specific terms and conditions outlined in this Important Information.

Please note: all additional charges are payable direct to your Travel Consultant in AUD (unless otherwise stated).

OFFER ESSENTIALS

Travel offer is valid for travel on selected dates until the 18th March 2021.

This travel offer is priced for one person based on twin share.

Single Traveller Supplement

For solo travellers a mandatory single supplement applies:

- 15 Day Package: \$500
- 17 Day Package: \$700

Departure Dates

Please see the TripADeal website for current departure dates.

Departure Cities

Sydney, *Melbourne, *Brisbane, *Adelaide or *Perth

Departure City Surcharges

*Melbourne, *Brisbane: \$50 per person
*Adelaide: \$150 per person
*Perth: \$250 per person

FLIGHTS

Full Service Airline(s) Used

Virgin Australia, United Airlines, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Air New Zealand, Qantas Airways, Air Canada, Cathay Pacific, Korean Airlines, China Airlines, Fiji Airways plus any codeshare partners (subject to availability).

Please note: One way flights can not be accommodated. Travellers must take all included flights within the package, and any flights intentionally forfeited will result in later flights being subject to cancellation.

Arrive early in Mexico City, Mexico

\$200 per person, subject to availability

Please note:

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.

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- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

- Blackout dates apply between the below date ranges:

- *17th September - 11th October 2020
- *21st - 29th November 2020
- *10th December 2020 - 20th January 2021
- *25th March - 19th April 2021
- *22nd June - 19th July 2021
- *9th September - 4th October 2021

*22nd - 29th November 2021

*6th December 2021 - 28th January 2022

Stay behind in Cancun, Mexico

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Stay behind in Los Angeles, United States

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Please note:

- If you are interested in this stay behind option, please contact our friendly reservations team at TripADeal to make this booking and provide your preferred travel dates. This stay behind option is not available through the online check out.

- This fee does not include extra nights accommodation, meals or airport transfers.

- This fee does however include an internal flight from Cancun to Los



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Angeles. If you wish to forfeit this flight please advise our friendly reservations team so we may secure your return flight back to Australia. Please note, by choosing to forfeit your connecting flight the cost does not change.

- If you fail to notify TripADeal that you will not be taking the Cancun to Los Angeles flight with this Stay Behind option, and do not show up for this flight, your entire return flight will be at risk of cancellation by the airline.

- No flight booking changes or cancellations permitted after air tickets have been issued.

- Flight changes are subject to availability at the time of booking.

- Blackout dates apply between the below date ranges:

*17th September - 11th October 2020

*21st - 29th November 2020

*10th December 2020 - 20th January 2021

*25th March - 19th April 2021

*22nd June - 19th July 2021

*9th September - 4th October 2021

*22nd - 29th November 2021

*6th December 2021 - 28th January 2022

Stopover Packages

Not available.

Flight Class Upgrades

- Premium Economy (Australia to USA and USA to Australia): Starting from \$3999 per person

- Business Class (All sectors): Buy now for \$8699 per person

Please note:

- *Starting from quotes will be processed and returned for your consideration.

- All Premium Economy and Business Class upgrades are subject to availability

(if we are not able to fulfill your business class request the upgrade cost will be refunded).

- On any upgrade purchase, short haul flights and domestic flight sectors are not guaranteed in a Premium or Business cabin; subject to aircraft configuration.

ACCOMMODATION

Accommodation Used

3 Star (self-rated):

- Mexico City: Best Western Hotel Majestic or similar

- Puebla: Hotel Colonial de Puebla or similar

- Oaxaca City: Oaxaca Real Hotel or similar

- Tehuantepec: Hotel Calli or similar

- San Cristóbal de las Casas: Hotel d'ronica or similar

- Palenque: Hotel Nututun Palenque or similar

- Campeche: Mision Campeche or similar

- Merida: Hotel Colonial or similar

- Cancun: Ambiance Suites Cancun or similar

Please note: Accommodation/rooms offered are based on a lead-in room type, and are subject to availability based on seasonality. Properties will be confirmed, no later than two weeks prior to travel.

Extra Nights

- Mexico City (Pre Tour): \$125 per room including breakfast.

- Cancun (Post Tour): Not available.

Please note: extra nights are subject to availability until the time of booking. Airport transfers are not included if you wish to arrive early or stay behind.

Maximum Room Capacity

2 people.

Child Policy

- No child discounts. Full price applies for all children travelling with their parents.

- Valid for Children/infants 12 years old and over.

Please note: Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult 18 years old and over to travel. No unaccompanied minors allowed.

Triple Share

Not available.

Bedding Configuration

2 x Single or 1 x Double (subject to availability).

Adjoining / Interconnecting Rooms

Subject to availability and at the hotels discretion. Please enquire on booking if you require this option.

GENERAL TOUR INFORMATION

Minimum group size 20, maximum group size 48 per vehicle.

Optional Tours / Activities

- Day 7: Sumidero Canyon Boat Trip: \$15 USD per person (subject to change)

Please note:

- Prices are based on per person, are subject to availability, time permitting and weather conditions, and are payable direct to the tour operator in the currency specified.

- Some tours require minimum numbers to operate.

EXCLUSIONS

- Visa fees and requirements (A tourist visa is not required for Mexico but is a strict requirement for the USA if travelling on an Australian passport)

- Meals/beverages not stated in the itinerary

- Recommended gratuities/tipping: \$3 USD per person per day payable on tour.



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- Optional activities/tours
- Personal expenses
- Travel insurance (Mandatory)

Please note: A comprehensive travel Insurance policy must be organised BEFORE all details can be finalised.

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TOUR GUIDE VS. TOUR LEADER

Tour Guide:

Often locals with intimate knowledge of an area, its culture, and history. Their role entails providing commentary, routing the tour, and seeing that people have a good time. They are a licensed, qualified expert who supplies specific information on history, art, architecture and culture of the city/village/attraction in which he or she is guiding the tour. The guide meets the group at the required place and leaves the group at the end of the tour, they do not travel with the group.

Tour Leader:

An experienced person tasked with ensuring the smooth operation of tours, as well as providing practical support to passengers throughout the whole trip. Their role primarily includes assisting with accommodation, transportation between locations, and communication with tour guides in each stop. A tour leader may provide general guidance around a city or village, and offer information on the place visited on the bus, however they are not required to have specific knowledge on art, architecture, or history. They are not allowed to provide a guided tour or commentary of a city/village/attraction once there and if caught doing so, can be fined.

Please note: Tour leaders/guides are not a standard inclusion in all travel offers. Tour leaders/guides will only be made available when particularly required to enhance the experience of the destination featured.

CLIMATE & AVERAGE TEMPERATURES

Mexico City:

Mexico City has a subtropical highland climate, due to its tropical location but high elevation. The average annual temperature varies from 12°C to 16°C, depending on the altitude of the borough.

Oaxaca City:

Oaxaca has a tropical savannah climate, closely bordering on a humid subtropical climate, due to its high altitude. During the dry season, temperatures during the day remain warm with an average high of 27°C in the coolest month, December, and an average high of 33°C (in April, just before the beginning of the wet season.) Although daytime temperatures are warm, night time temperatures are cool with an average low of 9°C in January. Due to its altitude of 1,555m the climate of Oaxaca is cooler than lowland areas at the same latitude.

Merida:

Mérida features a tropical wet and dry climate. The city lies in the trade wind belt close to the Tropic of Cancer, with the prevailing wind from the east. Mérida's climate is hot and its humidity is moderate to high, depending on the time of year. The average annual high temperature is 33°C, ranging from 28°C in January to 36°C in May, but temperatures often rise above 38°C in the afternoon during this time. Low temperatures range between 18°C in January to 23°C in May and June. It is most often a few degrees hotter in Mérida than in coastal areas due to its inland location and low elevation.

FLIGHTS

Seat Selection & Frequent Flyer Points:

At TripADeal we do not arrange seat

selection. It is important to highlight that some Airlines do not allow pre-selected seats. We strongly suggest you contact the Airline directly with seating allocation requirements and or arrive at the airport earlier to arrange your seating. While we do not add frequent flyer member details to bookings, you can do this directly with the Airline once you have your flight information.

Passport Validity:

Customers are required to provide valid passport details either at the time of purchase, or no later than 45 days prior to departure date. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of the booking. In this instance customers will be responsible for any costs and fees incurred.

COACH TOUR

Meals:

Daily breakfast is included in the tour, for all other meals; lunches and dinners the tour leader (when available) will offer assistance with reservations, suggestions and directions to local restaurants. It is your responsibility to notify TripADeal of any dietary requests/requirements.

Please note: we will do our best to meet your requests/requirements, however cannot guarantee that we will always be able to.

Luggage:

You will be responsible for all your personal belongings whilst on the tour. With regards to luggage, you must carry your own luggage from the coach to the hotel room and back to the coach. The driver will assist with the uploading and off-loading of the luggage from the coach.

OTHER

Fitness Level Required / Mobility:

Our vehicles are not equipped with wheelchair access, so unfortunately our tours are currently not suitable for



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wheelchair users and those less mobile.

Please note: an average level of fitness will be required. Walking tours will be on cobbled streets and up to 2 hours in length. Hotels are generally located in historical centres, and may require a walk from the bus to the hotel with your luggage due to the narrow streets. Not all hotels will have elevators and may require you to walk up stairs. If you have any concerns please consult your healthcare provider prior to purchase/travel.

Yellow Fever:

A valid international certificate of vaccination against Yellow Fever is required in many countries. You may need to present this on arrival at the airport or border crossing. Some countries will refuse entry if you are unable to present your certificate. It's also quite common for your home country to request a Yellow Fever certificate on your arrival back home. It is your responsibility to check with your doctor well in advance of leaving home about the Yellow Fever requirements for the countries you'll be visiting.

Gratuities / Tipping:

Land

- Gratuities (tips) are not included in the tour price for services of the tour leader (when available) and driver throughout the tour. The recommended tip is \$3 USD per person per day this covers the guide/leader and the driver, which will be collected whilst on tour.

- Tipping for all services provided on tour is always a matter of personal discretion, however please be aware that tipping is considered by many locals to be a part of their normal remuneration and they may approach you for payment and there is no need to be intimidated by the request.

Sightseeing:

Please note: In the event entrance to a site is affected by changes in operating hours

or public holiday closures, your itinerary where possible, will be adjusted or a similar activity will be offered in its place (subject to availability).

Shopping:

Shopping overseas can be a daunting and confusing experience, especially when there is a language barrier. Please be very cautious when foreign currencies and prices are involved. If paying by credit card, please pay close attention to the amount you are being charged and keep all of your receipts.

Do not make any purchases you are not comfortable with or feel pressured into. If you are uncertain or need assistance with the language barrier, please seek assistance from your Tour Guide/Leader.

Please refer to our Terms and Conditions in regards to shopping for further information.

VISAS

Mexico

For stays in Mexico for 180 days or less on an Australian Passport, you won't need a visa. But you'll need to complete a Multiple Immigration Form (FMM) and make sure your passport is stamped by Mexican immigration officials on arrival. If you fail to complete this form or to have your passport stamped upon entry into Mexico, you could be detained and deported. If you enter Mexico by air, you can either complete the FMM in advance online or on arrival. Present your completed FMM for inspection at immigration. Visa and other entry and exit conditions (such as customs and quarantine regulations) can change at short notice. Contact an Embassy or Consulate of Mexico for up-to-date information.

United States

- An ESTA (Visa Waiver) for the USA is a strict requirement when travelling to or flying through the USA. Once a

USA ESTA Visa Waiver is issued it is valid for 2 years or until your passport expires (whichever is sooner) and will allow multiple entries into the USA. For information on ESTA eligibility or to apply, please visit: <https://esta.cbp.dhs.gov/esta/>

Canada

Please note:

- If your flights are ticketed with Air Canada you will be required to obtain an ETA visa waiver. You can apply via this link: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/eta-start.asp> Flight information will be provided in your travel pack which you will receive 4 - 6 weeks prior to your departure.

Important: Please start arranging your visa at least 3 weeks prior to departure to account for any delays due to consulate operating hours.

Please note: Passengers who are not Australian citizens must check with the respective consulate or visa agency to determine what their visa requirements are and what personal identification is required. It is also important to note, some areas of employment such as journalism, government authorities and charity organisations may have additional restrictions in applying for Visas. This may in turn affect the type of application required.

INSURANCE

We are proud to offer a range of travel insurance products - please ask your Travel Consultant for more information.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Voluntary Changes

This includes booking changes requested by you, including but not limited to those changes requiring an airline ticket or a Purchase Confirmation reissue.

- 1st Change - \$100.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other



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travel provider.

- 2nd Change - \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Subsequent changes - \$250.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Changes within 30 days of departure \$350.00 person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.
- Changes within 14 days of departure \$500.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

Name Changes Due To Passenger Error

- If the incorrect name has been advised to TripADeal, charges of \$150.00 per person + any additional charges applied by the airline/cruise company/accommodation/other travel provider.

