



Signature Sabbatical Itinerary: Intrepid Mexico - Central Highlands & Pacific Coast

Introducing LiNGER

We are an independent travel company, specialising in tailor-made sabbatical travel and extended holidays throughout the world.

Whether you are a solo traveller on holiday, a family with children on sabbatical, friends seeking an epic break or a couple celebrating a milestone, we would be thrilled to plan your trip.

LiNGER was born out of a passion for travel and a desire to do a little more to help protect our planet. Our philosophy is to engage you in a richly authentic and contrasting travel experience which balances meaningful, active and altruistic experiences.

Our travellers LiNGER longer, travel responsibly, immerse themselves in the culture, absorb, engage and explore.

Call, e-mail or request a call-back from us. We love to talk about travel and inspire you with our knowledge.

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Introducing Mexico

A riot of colours, flavours and music, Mexico is a vast and varied country which has much more to offer than the stereotypes of tequila, tacos and sombreros. From the glittering waters of the Pacific coast and the wildlife rich Sea of Cortez to the white powdery sands of the Caribbean coast, there's a wealth of choice for a beach break. Inland you'll find vibrant colonial towns, ornate architecture, towering volcanoes, rugged canyons, cactus-strewn desert and the exciting metropolis of Mexico City.

As well as a rich and diverse cuisine, you'll also find a thriving art scene and impressive Mayan and Aztec archaeological sites. However, it's the people that will likely make your stay in Mexico unforgettable. Friendly, welcoming and decidedly proud of their country, Mexicans will charm you with their honest and open nature and will be sure to teach you a thing or two about Mexico beyond the stereotypes.

How to Get to Mexico

Although you can drive across the border from the US, Guatemala or Belize, most will fly here.

There are regular direct flights from major US cities (1.5-2.5 hours) and across Europe (around 12 hours). You'll likely arrive in Mexico City, although Cancun, Puerto Vallarta and Guadalajara are major international hubs, too.

To get around, hop between domestic airports then private transfer, self-drive, or long-distance buses are excellent and offer you a chance to admire the scenery.

When & Weather – Mexico

Mexico is generally sunny and the climate varies between Pacific and Caribbean coasts, as well as tropical lowlands and mountainous highlands.

Peak Season is the most popular time to visit (December – April). However the shoulder months of October and November are also a good time to visit certain areas.

Rainy season lasts from May to early October, but it tends to be short bursts of rain, in the afternoon. It can get very hot and humid from June to August.

Temperatures are varied and range between 6°C (42.8 °F) and 26°C (78 °F).

Who will Mexico Appeal To?

The idyllic landscapes and fascinating history and modern-day influences offer an enormous range of varied and unique experiences. In particular, it's suited to: Honeymooners - Beach and Culture lovers - Active travellers - Solo travellers - Families with children of all ages.

Accommodation

We work with boutique hotels in the cities, colonial casas in the smaller towns, luxury hideaways, rustic beach cabanas, glamping and everything in between.

Off The Beaten Path

Swim in the secret cenotes of the northern Yucatan - magical sunlit limestone caves with spring-water pools. Ek Balam, X'keken and Samula are our favourites. Bypass over-touristy Chichen Itza and head to lesser-visited Uxmal or south to Palenque, where you can explore atmospheric Mayan ruins enveloped in jungle. Puerto Escondido is charming – a laid-back little town with rustic seafood *palapas* and world-class surfing.

Wildlife

Watch humpback whales breach from Puerto Vallarta (Jan and Feb). Or watch the annual grey whale migration in the Baja lagoons.

From November to March, walk amongst thousands and thousands of monarch butterflies during the annual migration in Michoacan.

The wild and untouched areas of the Pacific Coast are host to astonishing biodiversity: manta rays, turtles, whales, iguanas and a huge array of bird species.

Mexico Experiences you shouldn't miss

Hot-Air Ballooning over the Aztec pyramids of Teotihuacan

Eating tacos at local taquerias in Oaxaca – try the pibil (slow-roasted pork).

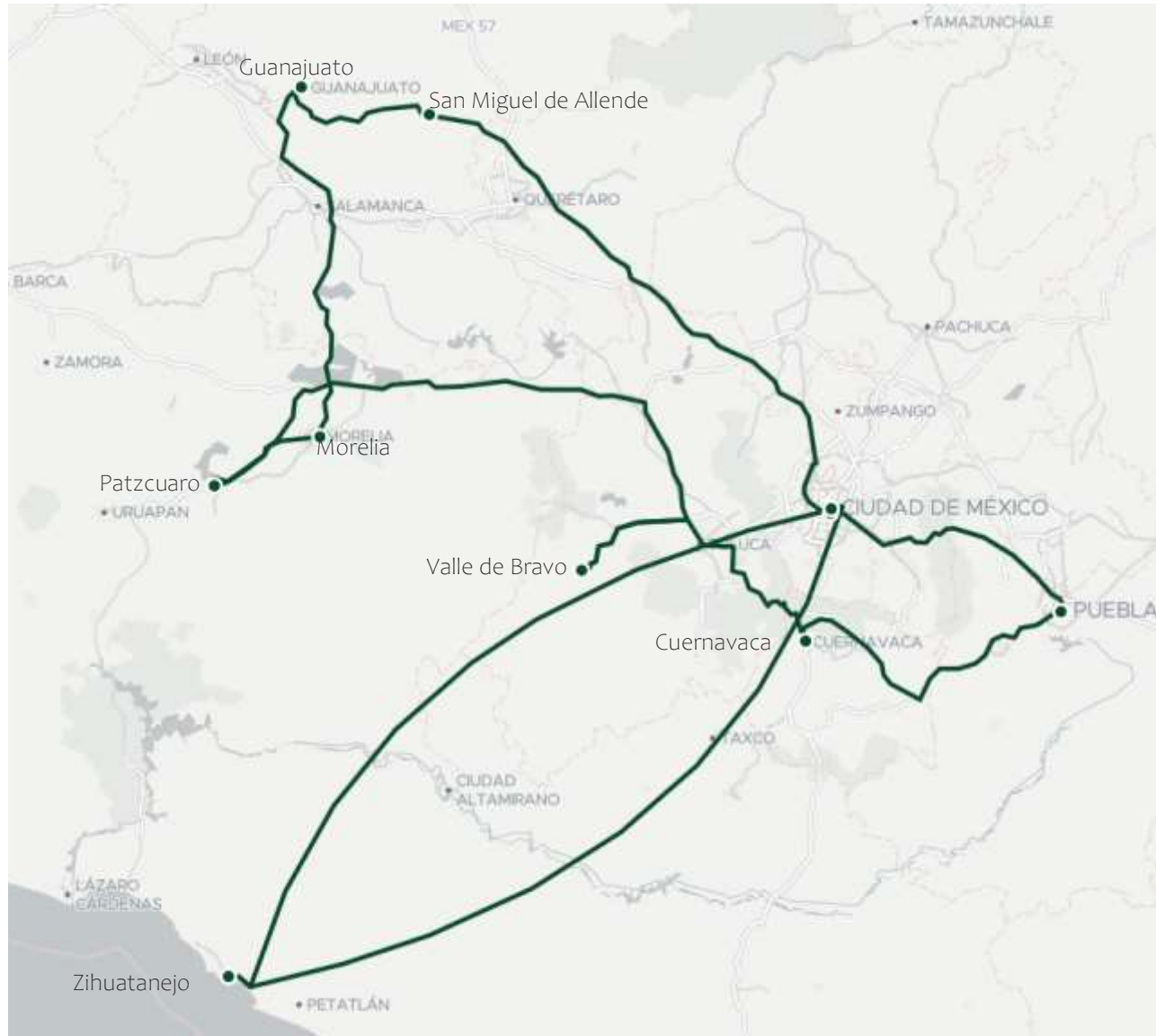
Celebrating Day of the Dead in Lago de Patzcuaro.



Life Experiences & Encounters in Mexico



Mexico - Journey Map



Flight Details

Day	Airline & Flight Number	Departure City	Departure Time	Arrival City	Arrival Time	Class	Baggage Allowance	Journey Time
1				MEXICO CITY				
23		MEXICO CITY		ZIHUATANEJO				1 HR 5 MINS
29		ZIHUATANEJO		MEXICO CITY				1 HR 15 MINS
29		MEXICO CITY						

Your trip in a nutshell

Day 1

Arrive in Mexico City & transfer to your hotel in the historical centre.
Historico Central Hotel

Day 2

Walking highlights of Mexico City's historic centre, exploring the city's colonial & Aztec past. *Historico Central Hotel*

Day 3

Explore the charming neighbourhood of Coyoacán, the former home of artist Frida Kahlo & the impressive Museum of Anthropology. *Historico Central Hotel*

Day 4

Visit the floating gardens of Xochimilco, exploring the canals by boat.
Historico Central Hotel

Day 5

Soar over the ruins of Teotihuacán by hot air balloon & continue by road to the beautiful city of Puebla. *Hotel Azul Talavera*

Day 6

Hands-on lesson in how to make mole, a Poblano delicacy & visit to a talavera pottery factory. *Hotel Azul Talavera*

Day 7

Cultural highlights of Puebla, visiting America's oldest public library and the impressive Baroque Museum. *Hotel Azul Talavera*

Day 8

Visit Cholula & explore the city or climb to the top of the Great Pyramid of Cholula for striking views. *Hotel Azul Talavera*

Day 9

Road transfer to Cuernavaca. Explore the highlights of the city & visit the botanical gardens. *Hotel Las Mañanitas*

Day 10

Day at leisure to explore Cuernavaca & its surroundings.
Hotel Las Mañanitas

Day 11

Travel to the charming town of Valle de Bravo by road, stopping to explore the silver mining town of Taxco. *Hotel Mesón de Leyendas*

Day 12

Explore Valle de Bravo & enjoy a relaxing boat ride on the lake.
Hotel Mesón de Leyendas

Day 13

Observe thousands of migrating butterflies at a nearby monarch butterfly sanctuary. *Hotel Mesón de Leyendas*

Day 14

Drive to the indigenous town of Patzcuaro, stopping at an avocado plantation & climbing to La Tzaráracua waterfall. *Posada de Don Vasco*

Day 15

Explore the highlights of lakeside Patzcuaro in Michoacan.
Hotel Best Western Plus - Posada de Don Vasco

Day 16

Day at leisure in Patzcuaro.
Posada de Don Vasco

Day 17

Take a relaxing boat trip to Janitzio Island on Lake Patzcuaro & continue by road to Morelia. *Hotel Virrey de Mendoza*

Day 18

Highlights of Morelia, exploring on foot & uncovering its colonial history.
Hotel Virrey de Mendoza

Day 19

Sample tequila at a local distillery, visit one of Mexico's largest strawberry plantations & continue by road to Guanajuato. *Hotel Villa Maria Cristina*

Day 20

Explore Guanajuato's colourful historic plazas & take the funicular railway.
Hotel Villa Maria Cristina

Your trip in a nutshell

Day 21

Road transfer to San Miguel de Allende via a church known as 'Sistine Chapel of Mexico'. *Belmond Hotel Casa de Sierra Nevada*

Day 22

Highlights of San Miguel de Allende & visit to La Aurora art & design centre.
Belmond Hotel Casa de Sierra Nevada

Day 23

Transfer to Mexico City and fly to Zihuatanejo on the Pacific Coast.
Hotel La Casa Que Canta

Day 24-28

Days at leisure to enjoy Zihuatanejo's most beautiful beaches.
Hotel La Casa Que Canta

Day 29

Fly back to Mexico City & international flight home.

Travelling Responsibly

At LiNGER we firmly believe that in travel we can do more to help protect our planet.

We take our responsibilities to the environment, local communities, customers, suppliers, partners and employees very seriously and our intention is to constantly review our policies and strive to make improvements where we can.

We offer the opportunity to Give Back by partaking in a meaningful activity in an area that matters to you or where you may have a skillset.

This could be as simple as a beach clean in Sri Lanka to help protect our oceans or caring for orphaned sloths in a wildlife sanctuary in Costa Rica.

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Included

- Accommodation on a double/twin basis
- Daily breakfast
- Other meals as described
- Local English speaking private guides
- Private and shared transfers with air-conditioned vehicles
- Entrance fees for included activities
- Private excursions

Excluded

- International flights
- Domestic flights
- Visas
- Tips / Gratuities
- Items of a personal nature - minibar, laundry, etc
- Any activity listed as optional
- Early check-in & late check-out at all hotels
- Meals and drinks where not mentioned in the itinerary
- Travel Insurance

Quotation

- From GBP £11,980.00 per person, based on two travelling together.

Booking Terms & Conditions:

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Start Planning

Our experienced team will guide you through a number of ideas based on how you would like to experience Mexico. Consider visiting Mexico in combination with Guatemala, Belize or the US and Canada.

No matter how long you have to travel, we'll guide you through the planning process to ensure a trip is carefully pieced together to suit your interests, pace of travel and budget.

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