

OUR MEXICO CITY TRAVEL GUIDE

110 curated options across eight colorful days.
Churches, music, cantinas, food, history & family.

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FAITH. TACOS. MUSIC. HISTORY. TOGETHER.

Our choose-your-own adventure: 110 stops, eight days, one familia.

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OUR TRIP AT A GLANCE

Eight days. Endless stories.

A personal field guide, not a rigid schedule. Take spontaneous breaks for music, patios, tacos, churches and street photography. All dates and venue times are subject to reconfirmation.

06 — **A pilgrimage of gratitude**
Mass, Juan Diego and the sacred hill of Tepeyac
3 travelers • 13 possible stops

07 — **The city of the gods**
Teotihuacán, cave dining and a colonial parish
3 travelers • 12 possible stops

08 — **Secret chapels & city flavors**
A choose-your-own sacred-art scavenger hunt
3 travelers • 19 possible stops

09 — **All five together!**
Guadalupe encore, mariachis and Juan Gabriel
5 travelers • 11 possible stops

10 — **Castle & the sound of Mexico**
Castles, sacred art, Reforma and Garibaldi
5 travelers • 13 possible stops

11 — **The greatest Centro treasure hunt**
Catholic chapels, China Town, Tío Pepe and LUCHA LIBRE
5 travelers • 24 possible stops

12 — **Floating fiestas & old-world plazas**
Colorful canals, chapels and music in Coyoacán
5 travelers • 15 possible stops

13 — **Hasta pronto, familia!**
A relaxed breakfast, one last photo, then home
Breakfast only • 3 possible stops

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DAY 01 / SUN · DEC 6

DAY 01

A pilgrimage of gratitude

Mass, Juan Diego and the sacred hill of Tepeyac



ROUTE + TRANSPORT

Private driver • Basilica campus on foot • private ride home

THE BIG MOMENTS

01 **Gran Hotel — early departure**

02 **Basílica de Santa María de Guadalupe — Mass**

03 **Old Basilica — Templo Expiatorio a Cristo Rey**

04 **Capilla de Indios**

05 **Capilla del Pocito**

06 **Capilla del Cerrito — Tepeyac hill**

TAKE A DETOUR, FOLLOW THE MUSIC, OR JUST LINGER.

Travel note: Expect heavy Guadalupe pilgrimage traffic. Dress respectfully; carry water. The chapel climb is optional.

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DAY 01 / STOPS 1 OF 3

A pilgrimage of gratitude

SUN · DEC 6

01 Gran Hotel — early departure

Zócalo / 7:30 AM • HOTEL

Meet your private driver early and bring water, comfortable shoes and an extra layer.

From hotel: 0.0 mi direct | Separate transfer / travel segment

Tip: Arrange pickup point outside any pedestrian or crowd control perimeter.

MAPS >

02 Basílica de Santa María de Guadalupe — Mass

La Villa / 9:00 AM • CHURCH

The modern sanctuary (opened in 1976) houses the revered image on Saint Juan Diego's tilma; begin with 9:00 AM Mass if running as published.

From hotel: 3.7 mi direct | Separate transfer / travel segment

Tip: Mass and security procedures may change for Guadalupe week.

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03 Old Basilica — Templo Expiatorio a Cristo Rey

La Villa / Morning • CHURCH

The 18th-century former Basilica has a dramatic Baroque façade and dome; admire its sacred art.

From hotel: 3.7 mi direct | ~0.1 mi from previous (walk est.)

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04 Capilla de Indios

Tepeyac / Morning • CHURCH

Early Guadalupe shrine associated with Juan Diego and the beginnings of devotion here.

From hotel: 3.7 mi direct | ~0.1 mi from previous (walk est.)

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05 Capilla del Pocito

Tepeyac / Late morning • CHURCH

Ornate 18th-century Baroque chapel built at the site of a spring linked to Guadalupe tradition.

From hotel: 3.8 mi direct | ~0.2 mi from previous (walk est.)

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06 Capilla del Cerrito — Tepeyac hill

Tepeyac / Late morning • CHURCH

Hilltop chapel on the traditional site of the Marian apparitions; beautiful complex views and family photographs.

From hotel: 3.9 mi direct | ~0.2 mi from previous (walk est.)

Tip: Climb includes steps and slopes; skip if needed.

MAPS >

07 Templo y Convento de Capuchinas

La Villa / Late morning • CHURCH

Former Capuchin convent complex; graceful architecture and spiritual history.

From hotel: 3.6 mi direct | ~0.4 mi from previous (walk est.)

MAPS >

08 Museo de la Basílica de Guadalupe

La Villa / Early afternoon • MUSEUM

Religious paintings, sculptures and Guadalupan objects in the sanctuary complex.

From hotel: 3.6 mi direct | Very short walk from previous (est.)

Tip: Museum officially lists Tue–Sun 10–17; holiday access may change.

MAPS >

09 Traditional gorditas and aguas frescas

La Villa / Lunch • FOOD

Choose busy, established food stands near the complex for a relaxed lunch; no particular stall is required.

From hotel: 3.7 mi direct | ~0.2 mi from previous (walk est.)

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10 Santuario Nacional de San Juan Diego

Gustavo A. Madero / Afternoon • CHURCH

Separate sanctuary north of the Basilica complex honoring San Juan Diego; requires a short vehicle transfer rather than assuming it is part of the same courtyard.

From hotel: 4.2 mi direct | ~0.7 mi from previous (walk est.)

Tip: Check access and route under pilgrimage traffic.

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A pilgrimage of gratitude

SUN · DEC 6

11 Plaza de las Tres Culturas

Tlatelolco / Afternoon • PHOTO

Powerful photographic contrast of pre-Hispanic ruins, a colonial church and modern buildings.

From hotel: 1.3 mi direct | Separate transfer / travel segment

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12 Templo de Santiago Tlatelolco

Tlatelolco / Afternoon • CHURCH

A historic Franciscan church within the Three Cultures area.

From hotel: 1.3 mi direct | ~0.1 mi from previous (walk est.)

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13 Gran Hotel rooftop — Zócalo sunset

Zócalo / 6:30–8:00 PM • FOOD

Return to your hotel for a magnificent Cathedral and Zócalo view; dinner and people-watching without another transfer.

From hotel: 0.0 mi direct | ~1.6 mi from previous (walk est.)

Tip: Ask for rooftop reservation or lobby access.

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DAY 02 / MON · DEC 7

DAY 02

The city of the gods

Teotihuacán, cave dining and a colonial parish



ROUTE + TRANSPORT

Private car/van all day • site walking

THE BIG MOMENTS

01 **Private car — early departure**

02 **Teotihuacán — Pyramid of the Sun**

03 **Avenue of the Dead**

04 **Pyramid of the Moon & Plaza de la Luna**

05 **La Gruta — cave restaurant**

TAKE A DETOUR, FOLLOW THE MUSIC, OR JUST LINGER.

Travel note: No pyramid climbing should be assumed; respect restricted areas. Travel times depend on traffic.

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DAY 02 / STOPS 1 OF 3

The city of the gods

MON · DEC 7

01 Private car — early departure

Zócalo / 7:00–7:30 AM • HOTEL

Start ahead of the tour crowds; this is a full-day private-driver excursion.

From hotel: 0.0 mi direct | Separate transfer / travel segment

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02 Teotihuacán — Pyramid of the Sun

Teotihuacán / 8:30 AM • LANDMARK

One of the monumental landmarks of the ancient city. Ancient Teotihuacán was a major Mesoamerican metropolis.

From hotel: 26.1 mi direct | Separate transfer / travel segment

Tip: INAH notes 8 AM–5 PM; site visit commonly takes 3–5 hours.

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03 Avenue of the Dead

Teotihuacán / Morning • PHOTO

Take your wide-angle photographs along the grand ceremonial avenue.

From hotel: 26.1 mi direct | ~0.3 mi from previous (walk est.)

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04 Pyramid of the Moon & Plaza de la Luna

Teotihuacán / Morning • LANDMARK

Look back across the main axis from the northern ceremonial precinct.

From hotel: 26.4 mi direct | ~0.5 mi from previous (walk est.)

MAPS >

05 Palace of Quetzalpapálotl

Teotihuacán / Morning • MUSEUM

Palatial compound featuring beautiful carved motifs; opening areas may vary.

From hotel: 26.5 mi direct | ~0.1 mi from previous (walk est.)

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The city of the gods

MON · DEC 7

06 Temple of the Feathered Serpent

Teotihuacán / Late morning • LANDMARK

Spectacular sculpted serpent heads at the southern end; add only if energy/time allow.

From hotel: 25.3 mi direct | ~2.0 mi from previous (walk est.)

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07 Site museum — Museo de la Cultura Teotihuacana

Teotihuacán / Late morning • MUSEUM

Archaeological finds and context for life in this extraordinary ancient city.

From hotel: 26.3 mi direct | ~1.3 mi from previous (walk est.)

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08 La Gruta — cave restaurant

San Juan Teotihuacán / 12:30–2:00 PM • FOOD

Have your family cave-lunch experience in the underground grotto restaurant near the ruins.

From hotel: 26.4 mi direct | ~0.2 mi from previous (walk est.)

Tip: Reserve a table and confirm vehicle pickup at the restaurant.

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09 Catedral del Divino Redentor / San Juan Bautista

San Juan Teotihuacán / Afternoon • CHURCH

Historic colonial-era parish church in the town of San Juan Teotihuacán.

From hotel: 24.5 mi direct | ~2.8 mi from previous (walk est.)

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10 Town plaza & artisan shops

San Juan Teotihuacán / Afternoon • PHOTO

Easy colorful photos, handmade souvenirs and a chance to sit for coffee.

From hotel: 24.5 mi direct | Very short walk from previous (est.)

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11 El Cardenal — traditional dinner

Centro Histórico / 6:00–8:00 PM • FOOD

Classic Mexico City cooking near the hotel; save room for a comforting supper.

From hotel: 0.2 mi direct | Separate transfer / travel segment

Tip: Choose the Centro branch with opening hours that fit return traffic.

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12 Evening Zócalo lights

Zócalo / Before 8 PM • PHOTO

A short after-dinner wander for photos of the Cathedral and lit-up square.

From hotel: 0.1 mi direct | ~0.3 mi from previous (walk est.)

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DAY 03 / TUE · DEC 8

DAY 03

Secret chapels & city flavors

A choose-your-own sacred-art scavenger hunt



ROUTE + TRANSPORT

Walk • optional short Uber if tired

THE BIG MOMENTS

01 **Breakfast — Café de Tacuba**

02 **San Bernardo church**

03 **Hospital de Jesús Nazareno church**

04 **Templo de Regina Coeli**

05 **Templo de Balvanera / San Charbel**

06 **Pulquería Las Duelistas**

TAKE A DETOUR, FOLLOW THE MUSIC, OR JUST LINGER.

Travel note: This route deliberately offers more churches than one can realistically enter. Choose 6–8 and skip the rest.

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DAY 03 / STOPS 1 OF 4

Secret chapels & city flavors

TUE · DEC 8

01 Breakfast — Café de Tacuba

Centro / 8:30 AM • FOOD

Beautiful old-world dining rooms in a historic restaurant; delicious start to the Centro day.

From hotel: 0.2 mi direct | Separate transfer / travel segment

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02 San Bernardo church

Centro / Morning • CHURCH

A hidden Baroque-era religious landmark on Venustiano Carranza close to the hotel.

From hotel: 0.1 mi direct | ~0.3 mi from previous (walk est.)

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03 Parroquia de San Miguel Arcángel

Centro / Morning • CHURCH

Historic parish church in southern Centro; pause for its altars and paintings.

From hotel: 0.3 mi direct | ~0.3 mi from previous (walk est.)

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04 Hospital de Jesús Nazareno church

Centro / Morning • CHURCH

Church linked to the long history of Hospital de Jesús, founded in the colonial period.

From hotel: 0.3 mi direct | ~0.2 mi from previous (walk est.)

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05 Templo de Regina Coeli

Regina / Morning • CHURCH

An impressive colonial-era church associated with a former convent; rich Baroque atmosphere.

From hotel: 0.5 mi direct | ~0.5 mi from previous (walk est.)

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06 Templo de Porta Coeli

Centro / Morning • CHURCH

Historic church of a former Dominican college, tucked into the old street pattern.

From hotel: 0.3 mi direct | ~0.2 mi from previous (walk est.)

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07 Café Regina & pedestrian lane

Regina / Late morning • FOOD

Stop for coffee and lively street scenes around the pedestrian corridor of Regina.

From hotel: 0.5 mi direct | ~0.3 mi from previous (walk est.)

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08 Templo de Balvanera / San Charbel

Centro / Midday • CHURCH

Baroque church now known for devotion to Saint Charbel; a distinctive stop in southern Centro.

From hotel: 0.6 mi direct | ~0.2 mi from previous (walk est.)

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09 Templo de Jesús María

Centro / Midday • CHURCH

Old convent church offering another glimpse of New Spanish sacred architecture.

From hotel: 0.2 mi direct | ~1.0 mi from previous (walk est.)

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10 Parroquia de Santa Inés

Centro / Midday • CHURCH

Small church associated with the former convent across from the Museo José Luis Cuevas.

From hotel: 0.4 mi direct | ~0.3 mi from previous (walk est.)

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11 Templo de la Santísima Trinidad

Centro / Midday • CHURCH

Beautifully sculpted 18th-century Baroque façade; one of the east Centro gems.

From hotel: 0.6 mi direct | ~0.2 mi from previous (walk est.)

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12 Iglesia de Nuestra Señora de Loreto

Centro / Midday • CHURCH

Its expansive neoclassical dome makes it a distinctive church of eastern Centro.

From hotel: 0.6 mi direct | ~0.3 mi from previous (walk est.)

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13 La Casa de las Sirenas rooftop

Centro / 1:00–2:30 PM • FOOD

A relaxed rooftop with a view toward the Cathedral; good long-lunch option.

From hotel: 0.3 mi direct | ~0.4 mi from previous (walk est.)

Tip: Reserve and request a rooftop table.

MAPS >

14 Mercado de San Juan

Centro / Afternoon • FOOD

Browse market stalls and choose a snack; good people-watching and food photography.

From hotel: 0.5 mi direct | ~0.9 mi from previous (walk est.)

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15 Pulquería Las Duelistas

Aranda 28, Centro / 3:00–4:00 PM • BAR

Historic neighborhood pulquería with pre-Hispanic-inspired murals. Try a little natural pulque or a flavored curado.

From hotel: 0.6 mi direct | ~0.1 mi from previous (walk est.)

Tip: Carry cash. Published Monday–Saturday 10 AM–9 PM; Sunday closed.

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TUE · DEC 8

16 **Churrería El Moro — historic churros**

Eje Central / Afternoon • FOOD

Hot churros and thick chocolate are an excellent afternoon pick-me-up.

From hotel: 0.5 mi direct | ~0.2 mi from previous (walk est.)

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17 **Palacio de Bellas Artes — exterior**

Alameda / Golden hour • PHOTO

One of the city's most photogenic façades, especially toward golden hour.

From hotel: 0.5 mi direct | ~0.2 mi from previous (walk est.)

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18 **Torre Latinoamericana observation deck**

Centro / Sunset • PHOTO

Big skyline and Zócalo views if weather and energy cooperate.

From hotel: 0.4 mi direct | ~0.1 mi from previous (walk est.)

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19 **Zócalo terrace dinner**

Zócalo / 6:30–8:00 PM • FOOD

End your first full Centro exploration comfortably above the square.

From hotel: 0.0 mi direct | ~0.5 mi from previous (walk est.)

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DAY 04 / WED · DEC 9

DAY 04

All five together!

Guadalupe encore, mariachis and Juan Gabriel



ROUTE + TRANSPORT

Private van to Basilica if early • UberXL to Reforma/Juárez

THE BIG MOMENTS

01 **Family arrivals / hotel bags**

02 **Basilica family pilgrimage encore**

03 **Reforma 222 — Turibus check-in**

04 **Cantando Mariachi Turibus**

05 **Palapa Cantina Caribeña**

06 **Private return to Gran Hotel**

TAKE A DETOUR, FOLLOW THE MUSIC, OR JUST LINGER.

Travel note: Two fixed Wednesday anchors: Turibus boarding 3:30 PM, 4–6 PM ride. Juan Gabriel show venue known; 2026 appearance/time not confirmed.

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All five together!

WED · DEC 9

01 Family arrivals / hotel bags

Zócalo / Morning • HOTEL

Meet your sister and brother-in-law; get a sense of their arrival time before committing to the Basilica.

From hotel: 0.0 mi direct | Separate transfer / travel segment

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02 Basilica family pilgrimage encore

La Villa / Early AM only • CHURCH

Return together to the tilma and main sanctuary during the feast of Saint Juan Diego.

From hotel: 3.7 mi direct | Separate transfer / travel segment

Tip: If arrivals are late or routes are blocked, move this visit to Thursday AM or skip; nev..

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03 Museo de la Basílica de Guadalupe

La Villa / Late morning • MUSEUM

Guadalupan religious paintings and New Spanish sacred art; worthwhile if morning access is feasible.

From hotel: 3.6 mi direct | ~0.2 mi from previous (walk est.)

Tip: Museum normally lists Tue–Sun 10–17 but feast-week arrangements may differ.

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04 Capilla del Pocito — family visit

La Villa / Morning • CHURCH

Return to the beautiful Baroque chapel if it was a highlight on Sunday.

From hotel: 3.8 mi direct | ~0.3 mi from previous (walk est.)

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05 Rooftop / quick lunch near hotel

Zócalo / Lunch • FOOD

A convenient regrouping lunch if the Basilica trip is not feasible.

From hotel: 0.0 mi direct | Separate transfer / travel segment

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06 Reforma 222 — Turibus check-in

Juárez / 3:30 PM • EVENT

Arrive 30 minutes early for the special Mariachi Turibus; check-in is at 3:30 PM.

From hotel: 1.8 mi direct | ~2.3 mi from previous (walk est.)

Tip: Do not plan the Basilica close to this deadline.

MAPS >

07 Cantando Mariachi Turibus

Juárez / 4:00–6:00 PM • MUSIC

Special sightseeing ride with live mariachi, history and serenade. Official schedule: 4–6 PM on December 9.

From hotel: 1.8 mi direct | Very short walk from previous (est.)

Tip: This is the specifically requested sightseeing bus; all other transport remains private.

MAPS >

08 Ángel de la Independencia — quick photo

Reforma / Evening • PHOTO

If the bus/return timing works, grab an iconic family photo on Reforma.

From hotel: 2.2 mi direct | ~0.4 mi from previous (walk est.)

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09 Palapa Cantina Caribeña

Calle Versalles 113, Juárez / Evening — confirm show • MUSIC

Your dad’s chosen Wednesday karaoke/impersonator restaurant. Reports show Juan Gabriel imitator appearances, but confirm the Dec 9 start time directly.

From hotel: 1.8 mi direct | ~0.7 mi from previous (walk est.)

Tip: Phone +52 56 4770 6405. Ask specifically for December 9 Juan Gabriel impersonator perfo..

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10 Juárez restaurant patio backup

Juárez / Evening • FOOD

Choose a restaurant/patio around Versalles or Reforma if you have time before the show.

From hotel: 1.8 mi direct | ~0.3 mi from previous (walk est.)

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11

Private return to Gran Hotel

Zócalo / After show • RIDE

Book UberXL or a driver after the show; no roaming for street taxis.

From hotel: 0.0 mi direct | Separate transfer / travel segment

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DAY 05 / THU · DEC 10

DAY 05

Castle & the sound of Mexico

Castles, sacred art, Reforma and Garibaldi



ROUTE + TRANSPORT

Private ride to castle • mixed walking/Uber • private ride at night

THE BIG MOMENTS

01 **Chapultepec Castle — Museo Nacional de Historia**

02 **Alcázar terraces and gardens**

03 **Ángel de la Independencia**

04 **Parroquia de San Hipólito / San Judas Tadeo**

05 **Plaza Garibaldi**

06 **Salón Tenampa — dinner & mariachi**

TAKE A DETOUR, FOLLOW THE MUSIC, OR JUST LINGER.

Travel note: If Wednesday Basilica was impossible, swap part of Thursday morning for the family pilgrimage; preserve the Castle as best you can.

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Castle & the sound of Mexico

THU · DEC 10

01 Breakfast — El Cardenal

Centro / 8:00 AM • FOOD

A celebrated Mexico City breakfast option for hot chocolate, fresh bread and Mexican classics.

From hotel: 0.1 mi direct | Separate transfer / travel segment

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02 Chapultepec Castle — Museo Nacional de Historia

Chapultepec / 9:00–11:30 AM • MUSEUM

Imperial rooms, murals, terraces and city views in Mexico's hilltop history museum.

From hotel: 3.1 mi direct | Separate transfer / travel segment

Tip: Wear walking shoes for the ascent; verify tickets/hours.

MAPS >

03 Alcázar terraces and gardens

Chapultepec / Morning • PHOTO

One of your best full-family photo spots: city skyline and castle gardens.

From hotel: 3.2 mi direct | Very short walk from previous (est.)

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04 Bosque de Chapultepec

Chapultepec / Late morning • PHOTO

Tree-lined walks, music and people-watching as the mood strikes.

From hotel: 2.9 mi direct | ~0.3 mi from previous (walk est.)

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05 Ángel de la Independencia

Reforma / Midday • LANDMARK

The iconic victory monument in the Reforma traffic circle; use safe marked crossings for photos.

From hotel: 2.2 mi direct | ~1.0 mi from previous (walk est.)

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Castle & the sound of Mexico

THU · DEC 10

06 Museo Nacional de San Carlos

Tabacalera / Afternoon • MUSEUM

Neoclassical building with European painting, including historic Christian subjects and sacred imagery.

From hotel: 1.1 mi direct | ~1.8 mi from previous (walk est.)

Tip: Check exhibitions and ticketed access.

MAPS >

07 Parroquia de San Hipólito / San Judas Tadeo

Centro west / Afternoon • CHURCH

Popular devotional church honoring Saint Judas Thaddeus; often very busy with worshippers.

From hotel: 0.9 mi direct | ~0.2 mi from previous (walk est.)

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08 Iglesia de Santa Veracruz

Alameda / Afternoon • CHURCH

One of the old parish sites near Alameda; rich centuries of city history.

From hotel: 0.6 mi direct | ~0.4 mi from previous (walk est.)

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09 Iglesia de San José

Centro west / Afternoon • CHURCH

Historic church near the city center, worth a brief visit if open.

From hotel: 0.8 mi direct | ~0.3 mi from previous (walk est.)

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10 Palacio de Bellas Artes & Alameda music

Alameda / Late afternoon • PHOTO

Photograph the dome and pause for possible street performers by the park.

From hotel: 0.5 mi direct | ~0.5 mi from previous (walk est.)

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Castle & the sound of Mexico

THU · DEC 10

11 Plaza Garibaldi

Garibaldi / 6:00 PM • MUSIC

People-watch and listen to mariachi groups performing around the historic music square.

From hotel: 0.8 mi direct | ~0.6 mi from previous (walk est.)

Tip: Stay near established venues and return by private ride.

MAPS >

12 Salón Tenampa — dinner & mariachi

Garibaldi / 6:30–8:30 PM • MUSIC

Historic mariachi venue dating to the 1920s; a high-energy group dinner and music highlight.

From hotel: 0.8 mi direct | ~0.1 mi from previous (walk est.)

Tip: Reserve and ask about live show times.

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13 Private car/UberXL back to hotel

Zócalo / After dinner • RIDE

Finish the evening safely with a prebooked ride.

From hotel: 0.0 mi direct | Separate transfer / travel segment

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DAY 06 / FRI · DEC 11

DAY 06

The greatest Centro treasure hunt

Catholic chapels, China Town, Tío Pepe and LUCHA LIBRE



ROUTE + TRANSPORT

Walk the old center • private ride to Arena México

THE BIG MOMENTS

01 **Grand breakfast / Gran Hotel lobby photo**

02 **Catedral Metropolitana**

03 **Sagrario Metropolitano**

04 **Templo de La Enseñanza / Nuestra Señora del Pilar**

05 **Iglesia de Santo Domingo**

06 **La Profesa — San Felipe Neri**

TAKE A DETOUR, FOLLOW THE MUSIC, OR JUST LINGER.

Travel note: Many religious stops are OPTIONAL, not all achievable in one day. Friday wrestling is after 8 PM by design.

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The greatest Centro treasure hunt

FRI · DEC 11

01 Grand breakfast / Gran Hotel lobby photo

Zócalo / 8:30 AM • FOOD

Start with the gorgeous Art Nouveau glass ceiling; easy family photograph.

From hotel: 0.0 mi direct | Separate transfer / travel segment

MAPS >

02 Catedral Metropolitana

Zócalo / 9:30 AM • CHURCH

Mexico’s monumental cathedral was built over centuries; seek the Altar de los Reyes, choirs and many side chapels.

From hotel: 0.1 mi direct | ~0.2 mi from previous (walk est.)

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03 Sagrario Metropolitano

Zócalo / Morning • CHURCH

A jewel of Mexican Churrigueresque architecture directly beside the Cathedral.

From hotel: 0.1 mi direct | ~0.1 mi from previous (walk est.)

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04 Templo de Santa Teresa la Antigua

Centro east / Morning • CHURCH

Old convent site with major Baroque architecture; verify actual liturgical vs cultural access.

From hotel: 0.3 mi direct | ~0.2 mi from previous (walk est.)

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05 Templo de La Enseñanza / Nuestra Señora del Pilar

Centro / Morning • CHURCH

A wonderful Baroque church and former teaching-convent associated with the city’s colonial education.

From hotel: 0.2 mi direct | ~0.2 mi from previous (walk est.)

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DAY 06 / STOPS 2 OF 5

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FRI · DEC 11

06 Parroquia de Santa Catarina Mártir

Centro north / Morning • CHURCH

Colonial-era parish church north of the main square.

From hotel: 0.4 mi direct | ~0.4 mi from previous (walk est.)

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07 Iglesia de Santo Domingo

Santo Domingo / Morning • CHURCH

Dominican church facing one of the city's loveliest historic plazas.

From hotel: 0.4 mi direct | ~0.1 mi from previous (walk est.)

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08 Plaza Santo Domingo / Portal de Evangelistas

Santo Domingo / Late morning • PHOTO

Historic square for street photography, architecture and people-watching.

From hotel: 0.3 mi direct | Very short walk from previous (est.)

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09 Templo de San Lorenzo Mártir

Centro north / Late morning • CHURCH

Quiet downtown church whose history reaches back through the colonial era.

From hotel: 0.4 mi direct | ~0.2 mi from previous (walk est.)

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10 La Profesa — San Felipe Neri

Madero / Midday • CHURCH

Baroque church full of devotional art and history; the separate Pinacoteca has been listed closed.

From hotel: 0.1 mi direct | ~0.4 mi from previous (walk est.)

Tip: The art gallery reopening should not be assumed.

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11 Templo de San Felipe de Jesús

Madero / Midday • CHURCH

Compact Franciscan church on Madero, excellent for a brief prayer stop.

From hotel: 0.3 mi direct | ~0.2 mi from previous (walk est.)

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12 Templo de San Francisco

Madero / Midday • CHURCH

Part of the enormous former Franciscan complex; striking devotional art and ruins of old Mexico.

From hotel: 0.3 mi direct | ~0.1 mi from previous (walk est.)

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13 Casa de los Azulejos — tiled house

Madero / Early afternoon • PHOTO

Iconic blue-and-white tile façade; stop for a photo or a bite inside.

From hotel: 0.4 mi direct | ~0.1 mi from previous (walk est.)

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14 Café de Tacuba

Centro / Lunch • FOOD

Old-world Mexican restaurant with beautiful interior; a good lunch option if the group is hungry.

From hotel: 0.2 mi direct | ~0.3 mi from previous (walk est.)

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15 La Ópera cantina

Centro / Afternoon • BAR

Legendary old-fashioned bar with ornate carved wood and historic atmosphere; ask about the Pancho Villa bullet-hole legend.

From hotel: 0.3 mi direct | ~0.1 mi from previous (walk est.)

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16 Palacio Postal

Centro / Afternoon • PHOTO

Grand gilded interior and soaring staircases; photograph respectfully if access permits.

From hotel: 0.4 mi direct | ~0.1 mi from previous (walk est.)

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17 Bellas Artes & Alameda Central

Alameda / Afternoon • PHOTO

Golden dome photos, music and street entertainers in nearby walkable spaces.

From hotel: 0.5 mi direct | ~0.1 mi from previous (walk est.)

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18 Barrio Chino — Dolores street

Dolores Street / Afternoon • PHOTO

Festive Chinese arch, lanterns and colorful street food stalls.

From hotel: 0.6 mi direct | ~0.3 mi from previous (walk est.)

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19 Cantina Tío Pepe — vintage saloon

Independencia & Dolores / 3:30–4:30 PM • BAR

One of Mexico City's oldest cantinas, dated to 1869. Swinging doors and dark wood interior at Independencia 26.

From hotel: 0.6 mi direct | ~0.1 mi from previous (walk est.)

Tip: Open Fri according to recent listings; excellent atmospheric drink stop.

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20 Las Duelistas — optional pulque encore

Aranda 28 / Afternoon • BAR

If everyone wants to sample a traditional pulque or curado, it is a short detour south.

From hotel: 0.6 mi direct | ~0.3 mi from previous (walk est.)

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21 Los Cocuyos — street tacos

Centro / Food stop • FOOD

Classic central taco counter for adventurous traditional fillings; check line and hygiene preference.

From hotel: 0.1 mi direct | ~0.7 mi from previous (walk est.)

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22 Terraza Gran Hotel / City view

Zócalo / 6:00–7:00 PM • FOOD

Convenient early meal or rest before the evening wrestling outing.

From hotel: 0.0 mi direct | ~0.1 mi from previous (walk est.)

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23 Arena México — CMLL Friday Night Lucha Libre

Doctores / 8:30 PM • EVENT

The full-family wrestling must-do. Target 8:00 PM arrival for an 8:30 PM event, subject to final ticket verification.

From hotel: 1.5 mi direct | ~1.8 mi from previous (walk est.)

Tip: Buy five seats together and avoid bringing prohibited items.

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24 UberXL/private ride back

Zócalo / Late night • RIDE

Arrange pickup away from the densest exit crowd.

From hotel: 0.0 mi direct | Separate transfer / travel segment

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Palomino *Fonseca*

DAY 07 / SAT · DEC 12

DAY 07

Floating fiestas & old-world plazas

Colorful canals, chapels and music in Coyoacán



ROUTE + TRANSPORT

Private driver all day • boats + neighborhood walks

THE BIG MOMENTS

01 **Private van — leave early**

02 **Embarcadero Nuevo Nativitas**

03 **Xochimilco private trajinera cruise**

04 **Parroquia de San Juan Bautista**

05 **Jardín Hidalgo & Centenario**

06 **Capilla de la Conchita**

TAKE A DETOUR, FOLLOW THE MUSIC, OR JUST LINGER.

Travel note: December 12 is Guadalupe feast day: avoid northern pilgrimage routes. Xochimilco restroom stops must be prearranged.

Palomino *Fonseca*

DAY 07 / STOPS 1 OF 3

Floating fiestas & old-world plazas

SAT · DEC 12

01 Private van — leave early

Zócalo / 7:30–8:00 AM • RIDE

A dedicated driver makes the entire southern Mexico City excursion much smoother.

From hotel: 0.0 mi direct | Separate transfer / travel segment

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02 Embarcadero Nuevo Nativitas

Xochimilco / 9:15 AM • LANDMARK

Board a decorated private trajinera from the established dock.

From hotel: 12.7 mi direct | Separate transfer / travel segment

Tip: Use toilets at the dock first; confirm the boatman knows the waterside bathroom stop.

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03 Xochimilco private trajinera cruise

Xochimilco / 9:30–11:30 AM • MUSIC

Enjoy mariachis on passing boats, flowered canals, snacks and a family photo session.

From hotel: 12.8 mi direct | ~0.2 mi from previous (walk est.)

Tip: NO restroom on the boat. Ask boatman to dock at an authorized shoreside restroom or ret..

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04 Local boat snack / music request

Xochimilco / Mid-cruise • FOOD

Optional snacks and a paid mariachi serenade if musicians are available along your route.

From hotel: 12.8 mi direct | Very short walk from previous (est.)

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05 Parroquia San Bernardino de Siena

Xochimilco center / Before lunch • CHURCH

Beautiful sixteenth-century Franciscan complex near the historic center of Xochimilco.

From hotel: 12.2 mi direct | ~0.8 mi from previous (walk est.)

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06 Parroquia de San Juan Bautista

Coyoacán / 12:45 PM • CHURCH

Historic Franciscan complex right on the lively heart of Coyoacán.

From hotel: 6.0 mi direct | Separate transfer / travel segment

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07 Jardín Hidalgo & Centenario

Coyoacán / Afternoon • PHOTO

Lively square with fountains, musicians, families and excellent people-watching.

From hotel: 6.1 mi direct | ~0.1 mi from previous (walk est.)

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08 Mercado de Coyoacán — tostadas

Coyoacán / Lunch • FOOD

Busy traditional market for tostadas and regional snacks.

From hotel: 5.9 mi direct | ~0.2 mi from previous (walk est.)

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09 Fuente de los Coyotes

Coyoacán / Afternoon • PHOTO

Iconic fountain — one of the easiest memorable family snapshots.

From hotel: 6.1 mi direct | ~0.3 mi from previous (walk est.)

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10 Capilla de la Conchita

La Concepción, Coyoacán / Afternoon • CHURCH

Small picturesque chapel with connections to the earliest colonial period of Coyoacán.

From hotel: 6.3 mi direct | ~0.3 mi from previous (walk est.)

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Floating fiestas & old-world plazas

SAT · DEC 12

11 Churros / chocolate on the plaza

Coyoacán / Afternoon • FOOD

Choose a lively café or churro stand and enjoy the weekend atmosphere.

From hotel: 6.0 mi direct | ~0.3 mi from previous (walk est.)

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12 Museo de El Carmen — sacred art

San Ángel / 3:00 PM • MUSEUM

Former Carmelite monastery with chapels, paintings, altarpieces and a remarkable religious history.

From hotel: 7.0 mi direct | ~2.1 mi from previous (walk est.)

Tip: Separate 15–25 min private ride; closes 5 PM according to published schedule.

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13 San Jacinto church and plaza

San Ángel / Afternoon • CHURCH

Beautiful historic church and neighborhood square in San Ángel, if you choose the museum detour.

From hotel: 6.9 mi direct | ~0.4 mi from previous (walk est.)

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14 Dinner near Coyoacán or hotel

Coyoacán / 6:00–8:00 PM • FOOD

Enjoy a patio or café if timing permits; otherwise return to your hotel for a relaxed evening.

From hotel: 6.0 mi direct | ~2.5 mi from previous (walk est.)

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15 Return to Gran Hotel

Zócalo / By evening • RIDE

Prebooked private ride back; Xochimilco and Coyoacán are long trips from Zócalo.

From hotel: 0.0 mi direct | Separate transfer / travel segment

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Palomino *Fonseca*

DAY 08 / SUN · DEC 13

DAY 08

Hasta pronto, familia!

A relaxed breakfast, one last photo, then home



ROUTE + TRANSPORT

Hotel breakfast • prebooked airport car

THE BIG MOMENTS

01 **Farewell breakfast — Gran Hotel rooftop**

02 **Airport transfer / checkout**

TAKE A DETOUR, FOLLOW THE MUSIC, OR JUST LINGER.

Travel note: No Sunday sightseeing commitment. Flights/check-out take priority.

Palomino *Fonseca*

DAY 08 / STOPS 1 OF 1

Hasta pronto, familia!

SUN · DEC 13

01 Farewell breakfast — Gran Hotel rooftop

Zócalo / Breakfast only • FOOD

Last family breakfast and Zócalo view with no need to leave the hotel.

From hotel: 0.0 mi direct | Separate transfer / travel segment

Tip: Confirm rooftop breakfast service with the hotel.

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02 Stained-glass lobby family photo

Gran Hotel / After breakfast • PHOTO

Take one final group picture below the hotel's magnificent Art Nouveau ceiling.

From hotel: 0.0 mi direct | Very short walk from previous (est.)

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03 Airport transfer / checkout

Zócalo / Flight-dependent • RIDE

Check out and leave at the time needed for your flight.

From hotel: 0.0 mi direct | Separate transfer / travel segment

Tip: Allow for unpredictable traffic and security checks.

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Palomino *Fonseca*

IMPORTANT NOTES

The practical stuff

PILGRIMAGE WEEK

Dec 9 celebrates Saint Juan Diego; Dec 12 is Guadalupe feast day. Basilica access roads, chapels, Mass schedules and crowds may change.

WEDNESDAY MUSIC

Basilica encore only if the group arrives early enough. Mariachi Turibus check-in is planned for 3:30 PM, Reforma 222. Dad's Juan Gabriel impersonator at Palapa Cantina Caribeña still needs showtime confirmation.

FRIDAY LUCHA LIBRE

Entire family: CMLL at Arena México, scheduled for Friday Dec 11 at 8:30 PM. Confirm tickets and transportation before travel.

XOCHIMILCO RESTROOMS

No toilets aboard standard trajineras. Use the dock bathrooms before boarding; arrange a stop at an authorized waterside location or return to the dock.

TRANSPORT

Uber/UberXL and private drivers; Centro church clusters on foot. No Metro, public buses or street taxis. Printed map lines are schematic.

SUNDAY DEC 13

Breakfast, hotel photos, checkout and airport departure only.

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