



TOUR:
**OAXACA CULTURAL
 TOUR**

9 DAYS

HIGHLIGHTS:
Sightseeing tour
Workshops
Archaeological Sites
Language Lessons
Day of the Dead

Tour Summary

Destination	Overnight	Activities
<u>OAXACA</u>	Moderate hotel accommodation – 8 nights	Monte Alban / Alebrijes workshop / San Bartolo Coyotepec / Spanish lessons / Oaxaca walking tour / Cooking Workshop / Volunteering experience / Chocolate making workshop / Mitla / Hierve el Agua / Teotitlan del Valle / Dinners at local restaurants.



**SUGGESTED ITINERARY PERPARED FOR:
SOUTHRIDGE SCHOOL
OAXACA LANGUAGE TOUR
OCTOBER 26 – NOVEMBER 3, 2024**

OCTOBER 2024

SATURDAY 26: VANCOUVER – OAXACA, MEXICO

Make your own way to Vancouver Airport.

Fly from Vancouver to Oaxaca, Mexico.

Clear customs and meet your Educational World Tours Representative who will escort you to your waiting private coach.

Upon arrival transfer to hotel and check in.

Group Dinner at a local restaurant.

Accom: El Diablo y La Sandia hotel, Boca Del Monte, Oaxaca – 8 nights.

SUNDAY 27: OAXACA

Breakfast at your accommodation.

Meet your local guide and private coach for a full day of sightseeing.

Start your day with a visit of the pre-Columbian **archaeological site of Monte Alban**.

Lunch at your own expense.

Transfer to **San Martin Tilcajete** where you will take part in an **alebrijes workshop**.

Discover the process of making the colourful figures from Oaxacan-Mexican folk art and use your creative side to paint your own figures.

After the workshop, continue to the magic town of **San Bartolo Coyotepec** to visit a **black ceramic** workshop.

Transfer back to your hotel.

Dinner at your own expense.

MONDAY 28: OAXACA – IXTLÁN DE JUÁREZ – OAXACA

Breakfast at your accommodation.

Walk to **Becari School for your morning Spanish lesson** (subject to availability). The classes will last 3 hours and will be divided into two sessions with a different teacher for each session. The first session includes a review of specific grammar points through dynamic and interactive learning. In the second session, the students practice what they have learned through conversation and do practical exercises.

Lunch at your own expense.

Afternoon walking tour of Oaxaca. Your private guide will take you through the street of Oaxaca to discover the main landmarks and discuss the history of the city. You will make several strategic stops including at two local markets.

Group dinner at a local restaurant.

TUESDAY 29: OAXACA

Breakfast at your accommodation.

Walk to **Becari School for your morning lesson** (subject to availability).

Lunch at your own expense.

This afternoon, take part in a **cooking class** (subject to availability). Start the class with a visit of a local market to gather ingredients, then learn how to make traditional dishes and finish with a delicious meal that you've created.

You may wish to have a late dinner this evening (own expense).

WEDNESDAY 30: OAXACA

Breakfast at your accommodation.

Walk to **Becari School for your morning lesson** (subject to availability).

Lunch at your own expense.

Afternoon **volunteering experience.** Your group will engage in a collaborative community project with a local organization (availability dependent).

Dinner at your own expense.

THURSDAY 31: OAXACA

Breakfast at your accommodation.

Walk to **Becari School for your morning lesson** (subject to availability).

Lunch at your own expense.

Afternoon **chocolate-making workshop**. Learn about the Oaxacan cocoa and its production process and enjoy some delicious chocolate tasting.

Dinner at your own expense.

NOVEMBER 2024

FRIDAY 1: OAXACA

Breakfast at your accommodation.

Walk to **Becari School for your morning lesson** (subject to availability).

Lunch at your own expense at a local market.

Visit a **local market** to purchase necessary ingredients to create an **altar de Muertos**; enjoy tamales, pan de Muertos, hot chocolate and sugar skull.

Dinner at your own expense.

This evening visit a **local cemetery** with your guide.

SATURDAY 2: OAXACA

Breakfast at your accommodation.

Meet your local guide and private coach for a full day of sightseeing.

Start your day with a visit of **Mitla**, the second-most important archaeological site in Oaxaca. It comprises five groups of monumental architecture: North Group, of Adobe, of the Columns, of the Stream and of the South.

Lunch at your own expense.

Continue to **Teotitlán Del Valle**, the "Place where there are temples for the gods", in Nahuatl. It is famous for its wool textile products: rugs, jackets, bags, sarapes, carpets, curtains and dresses, dyed with natural pigments and made in large wooden looms. The designs range from traditional Greek and Zapotec and Mixtec glyphs, to reproductions of contemporary painters. 25 km from Oaxaca.

Finally, visit **Hierve El Agua**, where the calcified mineral formations resemble waterfalls.

Group Dinner at a local restaurant.

This evening, enjoy the **Dia De Los Muertos festivities**.

SUNDAY 3: OAXACA – VANCOUVER

Breakfast at your accommodation.

Transfer to Oaxaca Airport.

Fly from Oaxaca to home city.



**SAMPLE TOUR: MEXICO SPANISH
LANGUAGE TOUR**

DURATION: 9 DAYS

PRICE:

15 students + 3 adults free of charge

CA \$5,160.00

Please note that prices may alter if tour numbers or room numbers change.

INCLUSIONS:

- Return flights Vancouver / Oaxaca, including taxes.
- Private charter bus transfers, touring and sightseeing as per the suggested itinerary.
- 8 nights of hotel accommodation at El Diablo y La Sandia, Boca Del Monte in the centre of Oaxaca. Cost is based on students in double or triple rooms and adults in single rooms.
- Breakfasts as per the itinerary (8).
- Dinners as per the itinerary (3).
- Site entrances as per the itinerary.
- Activities as per the itinerary.
- One checked suitcase per person.
- Morning Spanish classes – 3 hour classes for 5 days.
- Service of an English-speaking guide.
- Services of Educational World Tours.
- Drivers accommodation and expenses where necessary.
- All local taxes.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Items of a personal nature.
- Meals not listed in the itinerary.
- Drinks with meals listed in the itinerary.
- Sightseeing entrances not listed in the itinerary.
- Passport or visa fees.
- Any charges by the airline for excess baggage – this includes additional pieces and/or oversize and/or overweight.
- Tips and gratuities.

OPTIONAL SERVICES:

- **Package insurance** including cancellation, interruption and medical insurance (up to \$2,000,000 medical coverage per person) – recommended.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

- A first deposit of \$750 per person is required to secure your reservations. *(Please note that all prices are subject to availability – it is recommended you make reservations as soon as possible).*
- A second deposit of \$1000 is required – payment date for this will be made at a convenient time for you.
- A third deposit of \$1000 is required – payment date for this will be made at a convenient time for you.
- Final payment is required 8 weeks prior to departure.

Please note that all payments are non-refundable

****All itineraries and prices are strictly confidential****

Adjustments to the original quotation may occur resulting from changes in fuel costs, exchange rates, tariff revisions, attractions, airline pricing, etc.

All prices and bookings may be subject to change and cannot be guaranteed until deposits are received.

Airline pricing is available 11 months prior to departure.

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