

## Morelia, Michoacán October 2022

This trip is designed to be a combination of meeting/visiting with family and seeing some of the amazing historic, cultural, significant Fraga family related and natural sites of Morelia and Michoacán.

We are still developing the itinerary but wanted to get this information out as quickly as possible since visiting Michoacán around the time of Día De Los Muertos is a popular and busy time. So it is important to start booking accommodations and excursions – the sooner, the better.

Our cousin, Laura Solís Chávez and I have been working with **Margarita Guzmán Romero** (a travel agent) to assist us with excursions, accommodations, and other travel needs. Her contact info is at the end. (Personal note: As I am not a “travel agent” please understand that these are my efforts to provide information as best I can to help you get an overview of this experience/trip. Please utilize Mago for specific questions, information, etc. I’ll definitely give you my thoughts, experience, etc. but it’s completely from my own “unprofessional” perspective. Also, our cousins Greg and Dean have said they are happy to share their experiences in Mexico City (CDMX) and related info on accommodations, transportation and more!)

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MORELIA, MICHOACAN.

### **Key points**

- **October 27 – November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Design your own trip – add days before and/or after this time frame to spend time in Mexico City or other parts of Mexico.

**Noche de Muertos** starts on the evening of Nov 1<sup>st</sup>

### **Flight info**

- Usually, people fly into/out of Mexico City (CDMX). Then it’s a four hour bus ride to Morelia (**ETN** bus line has many, direct runs to Morelia <https://etn.com.mx/>). You may want to add a few days in CDMX before/after. We have suggestions about transportation to Morelia, where to stay in CDMX, etc.
- Flights are available into Morelia’s International Airport (an option)
- We recommend NOT trying to leave Morelia on November 2<sup>nd</sup> as that day is often when many people are trying to leave. Flights often cost more and fill up quickly.

### **General Notes**

- Current exchange rate is approximately \$1 US = 20 pesos MX  
\$10 = 200 pesos, \$50 = 1000 pesos
- Using a credit card where it is accepted usually gives you the best exchange rate although craft mercados and street vendors are cash only
- ATM’s are widely available although transactions are not always trouble-free
- Uber, taxis are plentiful and inexpensive

- A few links that will provide more information about Morelia and the other places listed in the excursions below:  
<https://www.visitmexico.com/en/michoacan>  
<https://pueblosmagicos.mexicodesconocido.com.mx/michoacan> (several of these on some of the tours)

### Accommodations (Hotels, Air BnB's)

- Air BnB's are widely available. If you decide to go with an AirBnB, the arrangements are your responsibility.
- Hotels are also widely available. If you are interested in staying at a hotel, **contact Mago** (see her contact info at the end) and she will work with you to help you find a hotel that matches your interests, budget, etc.

## Example of possible Itinerary

(we will continue to inform you about changes and more specifics as this solidifies in the months ahead)

DATE	ACTIVITIES	SPANISH	NOTES
<b>DRAFT ONLY</b>			
Thursday October 27	Arrival Day - GET IN, GET SETTLED, IMPROMPTU GATHERINGS. DINNER ON YOUR OWN EVENING - INTRODUCTIONS	Día de Llegada - ENTRAR, INSTALARSE, REUNIONES IMPROVISADAS. CENA EN SU PROPIA NOCHE - PRESENTACIONES	
Friday October 28	<b>FAMILY GATHERING - General. To meet each other</b>	<b>Reunión familiar - general. Para conocerse</b>	
Saturday October 29	EXCURSIONS	EXCURSIONES/TOURS	
Sunday October 30	<b>FAMILY GATHERINGS</b> -(possibly smaller, informal groups)	<b>REUNIONES FAMILIARES</b> - posiblemente grupos informales más pequeños	
Monday October 31	EXCURSIONS	EXCURSIONES/TOURS	
Tuesday November 1	NIGHT OF THE DEAD TOUR	RECORRIDO NOCHE DE MUERTOS	900 pesos per person. starts at approximately 4:30 pm. Tour is approx 10 hours. See map of the tour. Dinner is <b>not</b> included
Wednesday November 2	<b>FAMILY GATHERING</b>	<b>REUNION FAMILIAR</b>	
Thursday November 3	Departures	Salidas	
<b>DRAFT ONLY</b>			

## Excursions

We have asked Mago to assist us in providing a variety of possible excursions. Here is a list of those excursions with a short description:

Morelia, Uruapan, Pátzcuaro and Santa Clara del Cobre are known as ***Pueblos Magicos***, Magic Towns. Their architecture with colonial tones gives them a special feeling combining old and new

### Morelia Tour No. 1 Historical

Minimum: 2 persons Leave: 10:00 am Duration: 3 hours Cost: 300 pesos/person

Includes Transportation and Personal Guide

Clavijero Palace/*St. Nicholas College/Conservatory* and Temple of the Roses/*Palace of Justice/Birthplace of Morelos Cathedral/Government Palace/Fountain of the Tarascas/Aqueduct/Plaza Morelos/Sanctuary of Guadalupe/Regional sweets (optional)*



### Morelia Tour No. 2 Panoramic

Minimum: 2 persons Leave: 4:00 pm (not available on Sundays) Duration: 3 hours Cost: 300 pesos/person

Includes Transportation and Personal Guide

Zoological Park (Outside)/ *Columns of the Constitution /Panoramic City/Convention Center/Av Camelinas/Santo Niño of Health/ Immaculate Conception Parish/Sanctuary of Guadalupe/ Cuauhtémoc Forest/ House of the Artesanias/ Museum of Colonial Art and Regional Sweets (Optional)*. In routes 1 and 2 we enter each one of the places.



### Paricutín Tour No. 3

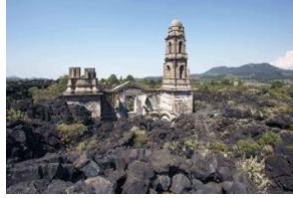
Minimum: 3 persons Leave: 9:00 am Duration: 9 hours Cost: 900 pesos/person

Includes Transportation, Guide and meal

Angahuan: Viewpoint to the Volcano

Ruins of the Temple of San Juan Parangaricuuro. \*

Paracho: Famous for its guitars



## Uruapan Tour No. 4

Minimum: 3 persons Leave: 10:00 am Duration: 8 hours Cost: 800 pesos/person

Includes Transportation, Guide and meal

\* Tzaráracua: Great waterfall that forms the Cunatitzio River

\* Uruapan: World Capital of the Avocado

- Plaza Morelos.
- Huatapera.
- Monument to Friar Juan de San Miguel.
- Charanda Deposit or the House of the smallest girl of the World.

\* National Park "Eduardo Ruiz"

- Natural and artificial waterfalls.
- Devil's Knee Spring ("Rodilla del Diablo")
- Trucha Hatchery



## Pátzcuaro (*Pueblo Magico*) Tour No. 5

Minimum: 2 persons Leave: 10:00 am Duration: 8 hours Cost: 600 pesos/person

Includes Transportation, Guide and meal

*Quiroga*: Artisan and Commercial Center of Michoacán

*Tzinizuntzan*: It was the Ceremonial Center of Tarasco and first capital of Michoacán, Ex-Franciscan convent of the XVI century, and Atrium of the Olive Trees

*Janitzio*: Beautiful island in the Lake of Pátzcuaro

*Pátzcuaro*: Episcopal headquarters of Don Vasco de Quiroga, Basilica of the Virgin of Health, Milagro Fountain, Temple Compañía, House of the Eleven Courtyards, Plaza Vasco de Quiroga



## Los Azufres Tour No. 7

Minimum: 3 persons Leave: 10:00 am Duration: 8 hours Cost: 700 pesos/person  
Includes Transportation, Guide and meal

\* National Park "Los Azufres"

Mountainous región surrounded by forests of pine and fir

Geothermal zone

Geysers

Green lagoon, Large lagoon

Crater of Mud

Time to bathe in the hot springs

Upon return to Morelia, you may purchase preserves and processed wines with fruit from the region



## Santa Clara Del Cobre Tour No. 8

Minimum: 3 persons Leave: 10:00 am Duration: 8 hours Cost: 700 pesos/person  
Includes Transportation, Guide and meal

Tupataro – Coffered ceiling from the XVIII century, considered the Sistine Chapel of Mexico

Cuanajo – important center of artisanal furniture

Santa Clara del Cobre – important artisanal center of hammered copper with exhibitions in their workshops

Zirahuén – beautiful lake with crystal waters and beautiful natural landscape



## Pueblos Mágicos Tour No. 9

Minimum: 3 persons Leave: 10:00 am Duration: 8 hours Cost: 700 pesos/person  
Includes Transportation, Guide and meal

Santa Clara del Cobre – Workshops, Museum, Market

Pátzcuaro – Basilica, House of Culture, Temple of the Company (Jesuits), House of the 11 patios, Vasco de Quiroga Plaza, Temple of the Tabernacle

Tzintzuntzan – Ex-convent of the Franciscans, Atrium of the Olive Trees, Temple of Solitude, The Christ Who Grows, Open Chapel, artisans \*Optional – Archaeological Zone

## Tour – Night of the Dead – November 1st

Minimum: 3 persons Leave: 4:30 pm Duration: 10 hours Cost: 900 pesos/person  
Includes Transportation, Guide . Note: meal is not included but it is free

Tzintzuntzan – Pantheon, Atrium of the Ex-convent

Santa Fe de La Laguna – Main plaza and altars of the dead

Santa Ana Chapitiro – Church and museum of [Santa Muerte](#)

Tzurumutaro – Pantheon

- Other pantheons are on the road that can be seen

Recommendations:

- Wear low shoes
- Wear clothing suitable for cooler weather
- Do not throw away garbage or waste at the lake, pantheons, etc
- Follow the instructions of your guide

Includes: Transportation, Guide service with explanations of the places and travel insurance.

NOTE: The program is subject to change without notice

**\*\*LIMITED SPACE\*\***



**1º. DE NOVIEMBRE  
NOCHE DE MUERTOS EN MICHOACÁN**

EL RITUAL DE VELACIÓN DE MUERTOS ES LA VOCACIÓN DE QUIENES EN UN RASGO DE CREENCIA PAGANO-RELIGIOSA, LA NOCHE DEL 1º. DE NOVIEMBRE LLEVAN HASTA EL LUGAR DONDE YACE LA TUMBA DE SUS ANTEPASADOS, LA OFRENDA SÍMBOLO DE RECUERDO Y PRESENCIA A LA MEMORIA DE SUS SERES FALLECIDOS.

EL RITUAL HA TENIDO UN GRAN ARRAIGO EN VARIOS PUEBLOS DE LA REGIÓN LACUSTRE, DONDE DESDE ÉPOCAS MUY REMOTAS Y SOLO CON PEQUEÑAS VARIANTES SEGÚN LAS COSTUMBRES DE CADA PUEBLO, SE REALIZA ESTA CELEBRACIÓN.

EL AMBIENTE EN TODOS LOS PUEBLOS VÍSPERA DEL DÍA DE MUERTOS ES DE GRAN FIESTA, HASTA QUE EMPIEZA EL TAÑER DE LAS CAMPANAS, CUANDO LAS ALMAS DE ULTRATUMBA SE PRESENTAN Y LOS VIVOS LLENOS DE AMOR ALMAS PIADOSAS VAN LLEGANDO CON LAS OFRENDAS, CORTAN FLORES, LLEVAN DULCES Y CONGREGAN ALIMENTOS COMO PAN, FRUTOS Y AQUELLOS QUE EN VIDA GUSTARON A LOS YA DESAPARECIDOS, ESTO Y MÁS PODEMOS OBSERVAR EN CADA UNA DE LAS POBLACIONES QUE VISITAMOS.

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