



Jewish Federation of Orange County
Mission to Mexico City
Suggested Itinerary
November 6-9, 2025

Day 1 **Thursday, November 6**

12:00pm **Arrival into Mexico City**

2:30 pm Arrive at to **Xochimilco** “Mexico’s Venice” for a ride on a Trajinera boat with mariachis

*Enjoy a boat ride in **Xochimilco** where the group will float along its tranquil waterways in a colorful boat called Trajinera, while eating a **taco** sipping a local **tequila**. Listen to the sounds of the **mariachis** permeate through the air as you sail past the beautiful floating gardens.*

5:00 pm Arrive at the hotel and check in

7:30 pm Group dinner at a local restaurant

Overnight: Mexico City

Day 2 **Friday, November 7**

8:15 am After breakfast depart hotel. Drive to the **Olami ORT school**.

9:15 am Tour the facilities and meet the school’s Directors. A vanguard new Jewish school, engaged with the values of Jewish and universal education of excellency. A space to explore, discover and innovate, where the student is the center. With a global vision, it focuses in the personal growth for the good of our society.

11:30 am Visit a **JDC** project. Drive to lunch.

1:30pm Lunch at a local restaurant

3:00 pm You will be guided through a tour of two prominent Synagogues in Mexico City, the **Justo Sierra** and the **Mount Sinai Synagogue**. Mount Sinai Synagogue was built in 1918 by Jews arriving from the Middle East while the Justo Sierra Synagogue was formed in 1941 for Orthodox Jews coming from Poland, Russia, Hungary, Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Austria during the Second World War.



- 4:30 pm** Upon arrival to the **Zócalo** your guide will have an explanation of the **Metropolitan Cathedral**. This beautiful, imposing cathedral dominates the vast expanse of Mexico City's central square, or **zócalo**. The Metropolitan Cathedral is not only one of Mexico's most treasured architectural masterpieces; it is also Latin America's largest and oldest cathedral.
- 6:00 pm** Return to the hotel
- 7:00 pm** Depart the hotel for **Kabbalat Shabbat** services
- 7:30 pm** **Kabbalat Shabbat** services at Betel synagogue followed by dinner with members of the community
- 10:00 pm** Return to the hotel

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Day 3 Saturday, November 8

8:45 am After breakfast, depart hotel. Drive to the **pyramids**. **Optional hot air balloon ride over the pyramids, 5:00am departure*

10:00 am Arrive at the **Pyramids of Teotihuacan**. What is now the heart of this modern city was also once the center of the Aztec world, Tenochtitlan. Famous for its large pyramids dedicated to the sun and the moon, the site also contains beautiful murals and carvings and several museums through which you can explore the city's fascinating history.

12:00 pm Drive back from the pyramids.

1:30 pm Eat lunch at **Saks** restaurant

3:00 pm Proceed to **Chapultepec Park and Castle (or free time to do some shopping)**

Chapultepec is one of the largest city parks in the Western Hemisphere, and the oldest and largest urban parks in all of Latin America. Once located on the outskirts of the city, today this large over 686 hectares park is completely surrounded by the urban center of the city. Follow your guide on a walking tour to Chapultepec Castle located in Chapultepec Park.

5:00 pm Return to the hotel.

**Optional visit to a Cigar store*



- 6:00pm** Reflection session at the hotel
- 8:00 pm** Farewell dinner at **Galea** restaurant
- 10:00 pm** Return to hotel

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Day 4 Sunday, November 9

- 9:00 am** Depart hotel
- 9:30 am** This morning after breakfast, you will be escorted to the **Centro Deportivo Israelita** – the Israeli Sports Center, where you will be greeted and given a tour of the center. Learn from the **Jewish Agency for Israel (JAFI)** and the work they do in Mexico
- 11:00am** Drive to the airport for the flight back home

Services Included in this quote:

- 1 Group airport transfer upon arrival/departure
- 4 days of transportation on a private coach bus
- 4 days with an English-speaking guide in the itinerary
- 3 nights in the hotel listed above including breakfast
- Meals according to the itinerary
- One free federation staff member in single occupancy rooms
- One local security guard or costs (not per diem fee) of an US agent
- 2 bottles of water per day per person
- Tips and gratuities
- Porterage
- VAT and Local Taxes

NOT included:

- Any services not mentioned above
- Any personal nature expenses
- International airfare
- Travel and medical insurance (We strongly suggest the acquisition of comprehensive medical and travel (“Cancel for Any Reason”) insurance.
- Quarantine expenses related to COVID

General Information:



1. Our itinerary is a suggestion only, based on input from you. Changes may be made to reflect specific needs and budget.
2. This is an estimated price quote only; **final rates apply only at the time of booking**, based on availability.
3. To begin the process of booking hotels, guides, and activities (for each group), a **non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person** is required. Please understand that our work is done before your tour begins. Therefore, even if the tour is canceled, the deposit compensates us for work already done.
4. All participants must travel with valid passport expiration dates that are at least 6 months from date of departure and vaccination certificate.
5. More specific payment terms and cancellation policies will be determined upon acceptance of the proposal.