



# *Monarch Migration, Gardens & Ruins in* *Mexico*

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE

*Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve*

February 7 - 13, 2025

**Early Bird Discount**  
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*Bazaar del Sabado items for sale*

**Day 1: Friday, February 7, 2025 • Departure**

We arrive in Mexico City, the nation's capital, where the contrast between the ancient and the modern is striking. We are transferred from the airport to our hotel, where we meet our tour guide for our amazing Mexican adventure and enjoy a welcome cocktail and dinner. **D**

**Day 2: Saturday, February 8, 2025 • Mexico City**

This morning we watch the city awaken over breakfast at our hotel. After breakfast, we visit two charming suburbs, San Angel and Coyoacan, with many quiet streets and lined with old and expensive mansions. Our first stop is at the Bazaar del Sabado, a market with a festive atmosphere showcasing a great display of arts and crafts. Then we continue to Coyoacan, a place with a great identity of narrow, colonial-era streets and plazas with a lively quality. Here we visit the home of Frida Kahlo, now an art museum and stop at Coyoacan nursery which is filled with plants for the city decorations. After lunch and time in Coyoacan we return to the hotel. **B/L/D**

**Day 3: Sunday, February 9, 2025 • Tlalpujahua**

Today we travel to Michoacán, a state where we can admire many native traditions as well as arts and crafts, a state full of natural beauty and our destination for the Monarch Butterflies. Our first stop is the city of Toluca, capital of the State of Mexico. Toluca has the attributes of a large modern



*Viveros de Coyoacan*



*Cosmovital Botanical Garden in Toluca*

city, and yet, still maintains an element of colonial splendor. We visit the botanical garden that contains thousands of different species of native plants and flowers. Besides being a former marketplace, the garden is located in a 19th century building with magnificent stained-glass panels. We have an opportunity to walk to the Portales (arches) where we find vendors selling the popular local candies and liquors. This afternoon we head to El Oro de Hidalgo, where we have time for lunch on our own. We then visit the city hall, known by the locals as the "white house" and the Theater Juarez with a beautiful French Neoclassic style. We continue to our hotel, Mission de San Antonio, near the town of Tlalpujahua in the State of Michoacán. **B/D**

**Day 4: Monday, February 10, 2025 • Tlalpujahua**

Today we visit the El Rosario Sanctuary for our first Monarch experience. We discover and experience the enchanting beauty and grace of the small but approachable Monarchs as they winter in the Oyamel forest courting and breeding. We traverse mountain trails by foot and possibly horseback to witness the exposition in all its grandeur among the forest streams, clouds, and fog of these mountain peaks which provide the ideal micro-climate and ecosystem to sustain these fascinating insects. We picnic in the reserve. We also visit a local nursery for reforestation of trees and plants. Then, we return to the hotel for a relaxing evening evaluating the local Mescal. **B/L/D**



*El Rosario Sanctuary*

*Christmas spheres in stores of Tlalpujahua*



**Day 5: Tuesday, February 11, 2025 • Tlalpujahua**

After breakfast, we explore the Sierra Chincua Sanctuary and our second encounter with the Monarchs. We have a picnic lunch at the park and then visit the town of Tlalpujahua and learn about this historic mining town and its world-famous industry of Christmas ornaments. We return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. **B/L/D**

**Day 6: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 • Mexico City**

Today we travel back to Mexico City and visit the Historical District, including the Cathedral, and the Templo Mayor. We enjoy our farewell dinner at the beautiful Restaurant Villa Maria. **B/D**

**Day 7: Thursday, February 13, 2025 • Return Home**

After breakfast we check out and transfer to the airport for the flight home. **B**

**Abbreviations for Meals**  
**B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner**



*Templo Mayor (UNESCO World Heritage Site)*

**Tour Prices: \$3,149**

Single supplement: \$550

Prices are *per person, land only, double occupancy* with a minimum of 20 participants

**Your Tour Includes:**

- **Land Transportation** via deluxe air-conditioned vehicle as per passenger number
- Round trip airport transfers in Mexico
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in 3 and moderate 4 star hotels
- **Meals** per the itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- Services of **professional tour manager**
- Local **step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services on land tour, excluding tour manager and coach driver

**Your Tour Does Not Include:**

- **Roundtrip Airfare** and related taxes, fees and fuel charges Meals other than indicated above
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- **End of tour gratuity** for coach driver and tour manager
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (*Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.*)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (*This insurance is available and recommended.*)

**Payment Schedule:**

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 90 days prior to departure date. (Nov. 9, 2024) Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

**Currency:**

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**Refund/Cancellation Policy:**

All cancellations must be in writing. The date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. Refunds are based on the number of days prior to departure date. From the time of deposit to 120 days before departure a \$100 administrative fee plus any airfare penalties will be assessed. From 119-31 days, a \$300 cancellation penalty plus lost airfare deposits and any unrecoverable deposits to ground suppliers will be assessed. Airline tickets once purchased are nonrefundable. Anyone canceling less than 30 days prior to departure will receive **no refund**.

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# Mexico

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Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

(Name for name badge): \_\_\_\_\_

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Passport Authority: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: (required by airline)  Male  Female

Dietary Needs: \_\_\_\_\_

### Passenger Information (2<sup>nd</sup> Traveler)

Please record information **exactly as it appears on your passport**. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport. *Best practice is to include a copy of the photo page of your passport.*

Legal Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_

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Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Work phone/cell: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed (1 bed) Twin Beds (2 beds)

Roommate name: \_\_\_\_\_ OR Single supplement:  Yes  No

### Travel Insurance (7.2% of tour cost; policy must be purchased at time of initial deposit to cover pre-existing medical conditions)

- I wish to purchase Travel Guard insurance and have included the premium with my deposit.
- I wish to decline the travel insurance offered. I understand I am solely responsible for any cancellation penalties and out of pocket expenses occurred should I have an emergency before or during the tour.

### Deposit Payment Information (please check one)

- Enclosed is my \$ \_\_\_\_\_ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable). **Make checks payable to Ed-Ventures.**
- Please charge \$ \_\_\_\_\_ deposit and insurance premium (if applicable) to my Discover/MasterCard/Visa

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Card ID Code:\* \_\_\_\_\_ \*last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card

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Signature of 1<sup>st</sup> traveler: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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