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Mexico City is a vibrant metropolis where the ancient past finds a voice in the present. In the last century alone, the city has nurtured great muralists like Diego Rivera and David Alfaro Siqueiros, welcomed a wave of modern architecture thanks to Luis Barragán, and embraced the artists of the *Generación de la Ruptura* like Francisco Toledo and Lilia Carrillo.

Today, Mexico City's embrace of contemporary art encourages experimentation and the unexpected. The city's art scene has exploded: Every February, artists, curators, and art enthusiasts arrive to attend Zona Maco, Latin America's largest and most prestigious art fair, during Art Week Mexico City. On this exclusive cultural adventure, you will be invited into studios of local artists, visit some of Mexico City's most influential art galleries and iconic art sites, and delight in the city's dining, shopping, and culture, infused by abundant energy and creativity.



Museo Jumex

## TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- Gain VIP access to Zona Maco, Latin America's most prestigious art fair, mingling with artists and collectors before the event opens to the public
- Enjoy an exclusive after-hours tour of the experience at the Museo Nacional de Antropología, where you'll see one of the world's largest collections of ancient Mesoamerican art
- Venture into the intimate spaces where Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera lived and worked, including Kahlo's birthplace and lifelong home
- Marvel at towering murals and mosaics by Diego Rivera and David Alfaro Siqueiros that chronicle Mexico's history at the UNAM Central Library, a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Gaze upon murals by Rivera and Siqueiros that command attention on a guided tour of the Museo del Palacio de Bellas Artes, while marveling at the museum's breathtaking theater adorned with a splendid Tiffany Studios crystal curtain
- Step behind the scenes at Casa Gilardi, architect Luis Barragán's final residential masterpiece, a symphony of saturated hues, precise light, and shimmering water
- Take an inside look at the sacred heart of the Aztec capital Tenochtitlan at the Templo Mayor, which is dedicated to the gods of war and rain
- Join directors and curators for private tours of cutting-edge contemporary art museums and galleries such as the Museo Jumex and the Museo Rufino Tamayo



*Museo Nacional de Antropología*

### DAY 1: DEPARTURE / MEXICO CITY, MEXICO

Depart by air to Mexico City, where you'll be welcomed this afternoon and transferred to your hotel. After settling into your room, venture out for an exclusive after-hours tour of the **Museo Nacional de Antropología**, one of the world's most acclaimed museums. Wander through 23 cavernous rooms, each dedicated to a pre-Columbian civilization that once thrived in Mexico. Marvel at the colossal Aztec Sun Stone, a 24-ton basalt disc etched with intricate glyphs. Gaze into the stern faces of giant Olmec stone heads. Peer into a meticulous replica of the tomb of Pakal, the great Mayan king. Back at the hotel, raise a glass with your fellow travelers at a reception to kick off your adventure. R

### DAY 2: MEXICO CITY

Step back in time at the **Templo Mayor**, the Aztec capital's beating heart. Built in 1325 and expanded until the Spanish arrived in 1521, this sacred site honored two mighty gods: Huitzilopochtli, the deity of war, and Tlaloc, the bringer of rain and bountiful harvests.

After lunch, join a curator at the **Museo de Arte Moderno** to admire masterpieces by celebrated Mexican artists. Take an inside look at the surreal visions of Remedios Varo and Frida Kahlo; the bold, vibrant works of Diego Rivera and David Alfaro Siqueiros; haunting photographs by Manuel Álvarez Bravo; and a sculpture garden featuring abstract forms by Mathias Goeritz and Manuel Felguérez.

Later, on a guided tour of the palatial **Museo del Palacio de Bellas Artes**, towering murals by Rivera and Siqueiros will command your attention. A highlight is the museum's stunning theater with its extraordinary Tiffany Studios crystal curtain. B,L,D

### DAY 3: MEXICO CITY

Immerse yourself in cutting-edge creativity at the **Museo Jumex**, a sleek travertine fortress designed by David Chipperfield. Since its 2013 debut, this museum has housed one of Latin America's most extensive private collections of contemporary art. Encounter thought-provoking pieces by luminaries like Damien Hirst, Gabriel Orozco, Nancy Rubin, Tacita Dean, Cy Twombly, and Olafur Eliasson. Natural light floods the open galleries through a distinctive sawtooth roof, illuminating each artwork with a gentle glow.

After lunch at leisure, dive into the electrifying atmosphere of **Zona Maco**, Latin America's premier art fair. With VIP access, you'll get a sneak peek before the crowds arrive. Immerse yourself in the pulsing energy of Mexico City's dynamic art community as you explore the installations and mingle with artists and collectors from around the globe. Cap off your day with a stroll through the fashionable Roma neighborhood. Gather for dinner this evening. B,D

### DAY 4: MEXICO CITY

Discover a realm of wonder at **Casa Gilardi**, the final residential masterpiece by celebrated Mexican architect Luis Barragán. Completed in 1976, this private home is a symphony of saturated hues, precisely directed light, and shimmering water, epitomizing Barragán's signature fusion of modernist ideals and Mexican traditions. A majestic jacaranda tree rises from within. This extraordinary space once inspired American artist James Turrell, who lived here and drew inspiration from its masterful manipulation of light.

Continue your exploration at **LABOR Gallery**, where provocative exhibitions delve into the complexities of labor and the working-class experience. For a unique dining experience, head to **Lago/Algo**. Perched above the tranquil waters of Lake Chapultepec, this innovative restaurant is housed in a 1964 modernist structure. Here, trendsetting cuisine, contemporary art, and striking architecture converge. B,L,D

### DAY 5: MEXICO CITY

Wander through the lovely streets of Coyoacán, where the **Museo Frida Kahlo** awaits. Go behind the scenes at this cobalt-blue house known as Casa Azul, Kahlo's birthplace, childhood home, and creative sanctuary. Nearby, the **Museo Casa Estudio Diego Rivera & Frida Kahlo**, a masterpiece by architect Juan O'Gorman, invites you to explore the intimate spaces where the iconic artists lived, worked, and entertained. Cap off your morning with a visit to a local artist's studio.

Next, join a curator at the **Museo Universitario Arte Contemporáneo (MUAC)**, Mexico's first public museum dedicated solely to 21st-century works. Marvel at pieces by trailblazers like Francis Alÿs, Gabriel Orozco, and Damián Ortega.



*Museo Frida Kahlo*





Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México Library

After lunch, take an inside look at the **Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México Library** (UNAM), a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Built between 1949 and 1952, this architectural gem boasts a façade adorned with murals that chronicle Mexico's history, from the founding of Tenochtitlán to the impact of Spanish colonialism and the nation's modern evolution.

Admire the Central Library's façade, embellished with mosaics by Juan O'Gorman and David Alfaro Siqueiros's powerful mural, *The People to the University, the University to the People*. As evening falls, reconnect with your fellow travelers over a memorable dinner at a beloved Mexico City restaurant.

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## DAY 6: MEXICO CITY

Join a director or curator on an enchanting journey through the **Museo Rufino Tamayo**, a treasure trove of modern art founded by the celebrated Mexican artist in 1981. Marvel at masterpieces by giants like Pablo Picasso, Joan Miró, and René Magritte. Rufino Tamayo (1899–1991), a pivotal figure in 20th-century Mexican art, carved out a unique style that melded Mexican identity and cultural traditions with European influences like Cubism and Surrealism.

After exploring the museum at your leisure, indulge in a mouthwatering Oaxacan lunch at a renowned restaurant. In the afternoon, enjoy a guided exploration of the **Kurimanzutto Gallery**, a once-nomadic art space now permanently housed in the San Miguel Chapultepec district. Founded by José Kuri, Mónica Manzutto, and thirteen artists inspired by Gabriel Orozco's vision, this innovative gallery previously transformed unconventional spaces like markets and parking lots into temporary exhibition venues. Kurimanzutto continues to champion new and dynamic forms of expression, nurturing deep connections between artists and the community.

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## DAY 7: MEXICO CITY / RETURN

Depart for the Mexico City airport and your flights home. B

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## ACCOMMODATIONS

### Hyatt Regency Polanco Mexico City

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Hyatt Regency Polanco Mexico City (top) and Suite (above)

## PROGRAM RATE

**\$9,999 per person, double rate**

**\$11,199 single rate**

### RATE INCLUDES

- Six nights hotel accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea; wine/beer with all included lunches and dinners
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Airport/hotel/airport transfers for all participants on suggested flights
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers

**NOT INCLUDED IN RATE** International airfare; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than what is noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than for those on suggested flights; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.