

VACATIONS THAT MATTER!

Oaxaca Voluntourism Program



Oaxaca is home to over 17 unique indigenous groups, each adding to the cultural richness of this UNESCO world heritage site

Please note that this proposed itinerary is subject to availability.

Day 1: Arrival day Oaxaca

Transfer to hotel and settle into charming accommodation. A beautiful and very well located hotel at the historical center will be our home for 2 nights.



Meals	None
Accommodation	Camino Real - Oaxaca Deluxe Exterior
Service Project	None

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Day 2: Monte Albal & Mitla

After breakfast meet your guide at the hotel lobby for a privately guided full day excursion to the mysterious ruins of Monte Alban and Mitla. Spend a few hours hiking and exploring these magnificent Zapotec sites and enjoy a traditional lunch in a local restaurant.



These impressive ruins were home to Mixtec and Zapotec rituals for centuries before falling to the Spanish in the 16th Century

Meals	Breakfast and Lunch
Accommodation	Camino Real – Oaxaca Deluxe Exterior
Service Project	None

Day 3: Oaxaca/ Cuajimoloya at Sierra Norte Mountain

After breakfast we will transfer to the pine forests of the little known Sierra Norte Mountains and the town of Cuajimoloyas. Upon our arrival, we will have a meeting with the town council to introduce us to the community people and learn our project assignments for the next few days. After lunch we will jump right in and get our hands dirty! Our night's accommodation is in the community owned lodge which offers bunk beds and shared bathrooms but is very warm, clean and cozy. By staying in these community run lodges, we are contributing directly to the community and ensuring the preservation of the surrounding forest.

Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
Accommodation	Cuajimoloya Lodge
Service Project	4 Hours

Day 4: Community Project Volunteer Work/ Afternoon Hiking Adventure

Start your day with a local style breakfast that will give you energy to continue with our volunteer assignment. The Cuajimoloya community project will vary but will certainly include work with local farmers and could be helping to tend community potato plots, developing skills in forest farming or implementing a local recycling program. In the afternoon you will relax and enjoy a guided hiking adventure to the "Coyote Canyon" admiring and learning about the local flora and fauna.



The pine clad Sierra Norte is home to the decedents of Zapotec Kings. Their traditions live on in their daily lives.

Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
Accommodation	Cuajimoloya Lodge
Service Project	6 Hours

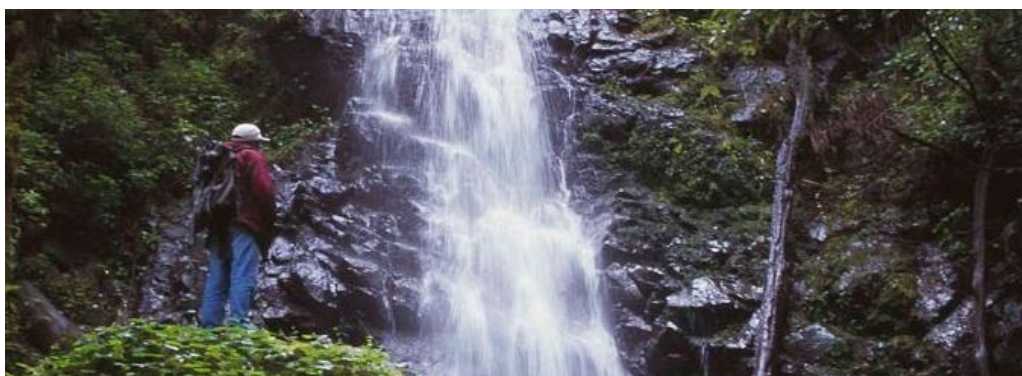
Day 5: Biking Excursion / Community Project Volunteer work at La Neveria

After breakfast we will say goodbye to our friends and community, and enjoy a guided bike ride from Cuajimoloyas to “La Neveria” community, en route we will stop at Benito Juarez town and learn more about the mountain culture. Upon our arrival you will have a welcome reunion with “La Neveria” town council to meet the community members you will be working with for the following couple of days and receive our project assignments. After lunch we will begin with the volunteer project in this community. (Your luggage will be transferred separately in vehicles)

Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
Accommodation	Cabins at La Neveria
Service Project	5 Hours

Day 6: Community Project Volunteer Work/ Afternoon trekking excursion to the Waterfalls

Today you will have a busy day helping locals in this community (project to be determined by the community but will certainly involve working side by side the towns people in their daily life). In the afternoon enjoy a guided trek to a local waterfall.



Meals	Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner
Accommodation	Cabins at La Neveria .
Service Project	6 Hours

Day 7: Community Project Volunteer Work/ Afternoon transfer to Oaxaca

This is your last day in the mountains and we will wrap up our volunteer project and after lunch say “adios” to La Neveria and it’s great people. Meet your driver for a transfer back to Oaxaca (3 hours approximately) and enjoy a relaxing afternoon on your own.

Meals	Breakfast and Lunch
Accommodation	Camino Real Oaxaca .
Service Project	4 Hours

Day 8: Oaxaca and Markets

Full day excursion to El Pochote organic markets (only Friday & Saturdays) followed by the “abastos” Market , antique traditional artisan market, and paper factory (depending on energy and interests)



Meals	Breakfast
Accommodation	Camino Real Oaxaca
Service Project	None

Day 9: Departure day La Paz – Home.

Private transfers from hotel in Oaxaca to Airport.

Meals	None
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TOUR COST

The tour cost is based on the above suggested hotel/room categories.. Rates may fluctuate based on availability, holiday season and group size. **Minimum group size is 4 passengers.**

Tour Cost	4 persons
Price per person (no airfare)	FROM US\$ 2,360

What's Included	What is NOT included
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All transfers and ground transportation in private or shared basis as indicated using: van for 4-9 people, mini bus or coach for 10 – 40 people (upgraded vehicle available at additional cost, please inquire)• Entrance Fees at all activities• All accommodation or equivalent as noted above• All guided services and tours in private or shared basis as indicated unless noted as “optional at extra cost”• Local or Project guides• All taxes• Meals as indicated	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International and internal flights• airport entrance and exit fees• meals and/or beverages not indicated in detailed itinerary• Alcoholic beverages• Personal expenses• Telephone Calls• Travel insurance• Gratuities to guides, drivers, wait-staff, maid service, porters• Other services not listed in inclusive column