

THE MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR – PRE ADVENTURE NOVEMBER 26-29, 2016

Did you ever wonder what would happen, if you would go back in time through the tunnel of time?

This unique and fascinating experience is about to come true. Set in the Catorce mountain range of the Mexican plateau, land of cactus and agave, palm and mesquite trees, you will find the picturesque village of Real de Catorce, an old mining town dating from 1772 and once a ghost town, a nirvana for those seeking adventure and relaxation.

An encounter of the real Real: roosters crowing and donkeys braying, Colonial cobblestone streets, magnificent stone houses, impressive adobe ruins, amicable Mexican cowboys on horse back, world-famed Willy jeeps as well as the opportunity to meet local people who pride themselves of living a more simple life. Local cuisine that will embellish your palate and senses. Satisfaction guaranteed of a lifetime experience!

DAY TO DAY ITINERARY

Day 1. Arrival in San Luis Potosi, lodging in San Luis Potosi (hotel to be confirmed).

Day 2. After breakfast, we will pick you up at your hotel by 7:45-8am and will head for the *Sierra de Catorce*, driving north on highway 57 through the Mexican highplains. After a 3-hour drive, our first stop will be in *La Luz* mine. On the grounds of this old mine, you will be able to see how the miners worked and lived in the facilities of the compound. Picnic on the grounds of the mine. As we continue to Real (a Spanish word meaning Royal) de Catorce, we will enter the Ogarrio tunnel, carved in the mountains in 1901, to reach our final destination: the magical town of *Real de Catorce*. Time to settle in your charming hotel. In the afternoon, a walking tour of the old mining town: its churches, mint house, squares, buildings, will make you wonder how people lived 250 years ago. Dinner by the restaurant's fireplace. Breakfast, lunch & dinner included. Distance from San Luis Potosí 180 miles, elevation 7,500'.

Day 3. After a great breakfast, let the adventure begin! You will board the Willy jeeps and set off to the Catorce desert, down the Repentant's Hill, where you will find a wide variety of cactus and ruins of mining settlements. A set table with a delicious hearty lunch in the afternoon will be awaiting you. Free time to rest. Supper. All meals included. Distance 25 miles, elevation gain 500'.

As the highlight of the evening, you will participate in a "Ceremony to Mother Earth", guided by a Huichol shaman in the local arena. A sip of Potosinian mezcal will help you keep warm, as the nights are chilly.

Day 4. After a leisurely breakfast, we will pack our bags in the van and go out for the last adventure: a horseback riding tour to an old mine. Bring your camera and capture the best view of the town. On the way back to San Luis Potosí, we will stop for a snack, and with a full belly, drive back to the next adventure! Drop off at the

hotel of your choice. Breakfast and snacks included. Distance 180 miles back to San Luis Potosi..

GENERAL INFORMATION:

We suggest you check The Weather Channel for more information on what type of clothes to bring.

These hotels have no central heating; only heaters and thick blankets. They all have hot running water.

All of the hotels in Real de Catorce, are old houses converted into little hotels.

Let us know in advance of any special dietary preferences or restrictions. Mexican food is known to be spicy, however, we have considered "hot salsa" on the side.

Tours available in English and Spanish.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

Pickup at airport, transfer to hotel.

Medical kit

Certified tour guide

Willy jeep, horses

Entrance fee to the mine

All meals from breakfast on day two through snacks on the final day (3 breakfasts, 3 lunches, and 2 dinners)

Two nights hotel accommodation in Real de Catorce

One night hotel accommodation in San Luis Potosi

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:

Lodging in San Luis Potosí after your Pre-adventure

Trip cancelation insurance

Alcoholic beverages

Guide gratuities, tips

PERSONAL RECOMMENDED ITEMS

Warm jacket, pullover, raincoat

Warm pijamas, socks, gloves, scarf

Boots or sneakers (tennis)

Sunglasses, bandana

Personal medications

Hat, cap, beanie hat

Sunscreen, lip protection

Camera

COST: US\$375.00 per person

DATES: November 26-29, 2016

START/RETURN LOCATION: San Luis Potosi, SLP, Mexico