



MONARCHS IN MEXICO

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Fort Worth Sister Cities International

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The Botanical Research Institute of Texas

MONDAY, FEB. 7

- 6:00 AM Arrive DFW Airport Terminal D. Check in and meet the group at the gate
- 8:55 AM Depart DFW on American Airlines Flight #389
- 11:35 AM Arrive Mexico City. Go through customs and get luggage
- 1:00 PM Meet Toluca friends. Exchange money if needed and board bus
- 1:30 PM Bus departs. Water and snacks provided.
- 3:30 PM Lunch in route at El Carnalitolerma (included)
- 5:00 PM Board bus for Toluca
- 6:30 PM Arrive at Hotel Fiesta Inn Centro in Toluca and check in
- 7:00 PM Dinner at the lobby restaurant (included)

*Travel suggestion: Due to high altitude in Toluca, you may get a headache as you adjust. Bring ibuprofen or tylenol .

TUESDAY, FEB. 8

- 8:30 AM Breakfast in hotel (included) Casual attire and walking shoes recommended. Bring hat/cap and sunscreen
- 10:00 AM Meet in lobby and walk to Centro Cultural Toluca for exhibit
- 10:15 AM Walk through "The History of Toluca, 500 Years" exhibit with guide
- 11:00 AM Walk to the Metropolitan Cathedral
- 11:15 AM Guided Tour of Cathedral
- 11:50 AM Walk to State Congress (guided tour)
- 1:15 PM Lunch at La Boticella Restaurant (included)
- 2:50 PM Walk through Fundadores Park
- 3:15 PM Walk to Cosmovital
- 3:25 PM Tour of Cosmovital Botanical Garden – guided tour about the stained glass and gardens
- 4:00 PM Official Welcome and ceremony at the state legislature. Official welcome by Maurilio Hernandez. Gift presentation with Carlos and Mr. Hernandez.
- 5:00 PM Depart for CASART (craft shop). Bring small pesos and change for vendors. 50/20 pesos recommended.
- 6:00 PM Arrive back at Hotel Fiesta and change for dinner
- 6:45 PM Meet in hotel lobby. Dinner attire: Business casual.
- 7:00 PM Welcome Dinner at Moradores Restaurant (included) Official welcome from Monica, and remarks from Monica and Mae or Becky. Gift presentation to all.
- 9:00 PM Back to hotel. Pack small bag for next two nights.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 9

- 8:30 AM Breakfast in hotel (included) Wear comfortable clothes, walking shoes, hat, sunscreen
- 9:30 AM Meet in hotel lobby with ALL luggage and check out. Store large luggage for two nights. Keep small luggage to take with you. Bring pesos for shopping.
- 10:00 AM Depart for San Lorenzo Tlacotepec
- 11:30 AM Visit ornate and exotic plants nurseries
- 1:15 PM Depart for lunch
- 1:45 PM Lunch in Atlacomulco (included)
- 3:15 PM Depart for Santa Maria Conchesda
- 3:45 PM Arrive workshop Lopez Covarrubias Bernal. Guided visit and ceramics workshop. Credit cards accepted
- 5:00 PM Depart for hotel Cantalagua <https://www.haciendacantalagua.com/>
- 5:30 PM Arrive at hotel and check in
- 6:00 PM Dinner at hotel (included)

THURSDAY, FEB. 10

- 7:00 AM Breakfast in hotel included. Wear hiking attire and layers. Bring hat, suncreen and small pesos bills for shopping.
- 8:30 AM Depart for Monarch Sanctuary El Rosario
- 10:30 AM Arrive at El Rosario – Box lunch provided. Begin hike with expert guides.

2:00 PM	Depart sanctuary for hotel
4:00 PM	Arrive at hotel Cantalagua
6:00 PM	Dinner at Hotel (included)
FRIDAY, FEB. 11	
8:30 AM	Breakfast in hotel (included. Bring luggage to lobby and check out
10:00 AM	Load bus and depart for Toluca
12:30 PM	Arrive at Hotel Fiesta in Toluca. Check back in.
1:15 PM	Lunch at nearby restaurant (TBD)
2:30 PM	Depart for pollinating garden – the Fort Worth and Toluca project. Bob Byers and Lucia to make brief remarks
3:40 PM	Depart for hotel
4:00 PM	Meet in hotel lobby for Covid testing. \$30 pp
6:45 PM	Meet in lobby and depart for farewell dinner at Centrale Ristorante (included)
9:00 PM	Back to hotel
SATURDAY, FEB. 12	
7:30 AM	Breakfast in hotel and check out
9:00 AM	Depart for Mexico City Airport
11:00 AM	Arrive at airport. Check in. Lunch at airport (on own)
2:24 PM	Depart MEX on American Airlines flight #394
5:05 PM	Arrive DFW