

# A Connoisseur's Mexico City

February 15–21, 2022





**Mexico's great capital city is a critical center for creativity and has been for centuries, attracting great minds like Henry James, Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera, and Leon Trotsky.** Scattered throughout the city's urban core are oases of beauty, from the colorful murals that adorn more than a dozen public buildings in the historic center to the artistic domestic aura of the homes of Frida Kahlo and Luis Barragán. Great architecture abounds, from the soaring pyramids of Teotihuacán to the modernist creations of Luis Barragán to the city's sparkling new museums. Gain special insight into many of Mexico City's cultural treasures during special tours of the city's best museums, gardens, and works of art. Enjoy first-class accommodations at the four-star NH Collection Centro Histórico and savor meals at top restaurants, providing a varied sampling of Mexico's renowned cuisine.

### **Tour Highlights:**

- Be invited inside a colorful, modernist private residence—a masterpiece of famed architect Luis Barragán.
- View Mexico City's cutting edge contemporary art at two top art galleries that showcase the works of up-and-coming talent from Mexico and abroad.
- Visit the Palace of Fine Arts—one of the most iconic and grand buildings in Mexico City—and see impressive murals by Diego Rivera, José Clemente Orozco, and other Mexican artists.
- Take in a remarkable example of Mexican Modernism while enjoying a cocktail in the memorable Blue Bar at the Camino Real Polanco.
- Explore Mexico City's impressive colonial architecture during a walking tour of its historic center.
- See Frida Kahlo's Blue House museum in Coyoacán, birthplace of Kahlo and the home where she was raised, lived with husband Diego Rivera for a number of years, and ultimately passed away on the upper floor.

### **Accommodations:**

#### **NH Collection Mexico City Centro Histórico**

Ideally situated in Mexico City's bustling historic center, just one block from the city's main square, the four-star NH Mexico City Centro Histórico is within walking distance of numerous other attractions such as the National Palace, Metropolitan Cathedral, Templo Mayor archaeological area, and numerous stunning colonial buildings. There's plenty of shopping and dining options nearby, including the pedestrian shopping street Avenida Madero. Rooms have a clean, modern design with dark floors and furniture offset by splashes of peach throughout the fabrics and artwork. Amenities include air-conditioning, free Wi-Fi, flat-screen TVs, coffee- and tea-making facilities, and minibars. Rooms are quiet and face either a small internal courtyard or to historic buildings across the street.

# Custom Itinerary

*This custom travel program has been created uniquely for Rhode Island School of Design.*

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2022**

## Welcome to Mexico City

Arrive in Mexico City and take a group transfer to the four-star NH Collection Mexico City Centro Histórico, ideally located in Mexico City's historic center, just a couple of blocks away from Mexico City's zócalo (main square). This evening gather for a welcome dinner of delicious local cuisine in one of Mexico's best restaurants set in a beautiful historic building.

*Included meals: Dinner*

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2022**

## Mexico City's Murals & Zócalo

Meet your expert local guide and set out on a walking tour of the architectural highlights of Mexico City's historic center and the area surrounding your hotel. Explore Mexico City's astonishing zócalo and the surrounding colonial architecture, including its majestic cathedral. View spectacular murals by Diego Rivera at the National Palace and by José Clemente Orozco at the Colegio de San Ildefonso. Following a luncheon of Mexican specialties, continue to the Museum of Fine Arts, one of the most iconic Art Deco buildings in Mexico City as well as the home to other impressive murals by Mexico's most famous artists. Enjoy a casual dinner at a nearby restaurant.

*Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner*

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2022**

## Chapultepec Castle & Anthropology Museum

Discover the turbulence and grandeur of Mexican history at the lavish Castillo Chapultepec, previously the residence of Emperor Maximilian, with opulent rooms and beautiful gardens, now the National Museum of History. Next visit the incomparable National Museum of Anthropology to learn about Mexico's ancient cultures, breaking up the visit with lunch in the museum's gourmet restaurant. Enjoy free time for independent explorations of the nearby Modern Art Museum or the Rufino Tamayo Museum. On the way back to your hotel, meet one of Mexico's foremost contemporary designers in her studio. The evening is at leisure with a Dutch-treat dinner planned at a nearby restaurant.

*Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch*



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2022

## Ancient Ruins & Popular Arts

Explore the astonishing ruins of Teotihuacán, a UNESCO World Heritage site and one of the most remarkable archaeological sites in Mexico. This ancient city was the epicenter of culture and commerce during Mesoamerica's Classic period. Following lunch near the ruins, stop at Tlatelolco, the site of the 1968 student massacre, and visit the Plaza de Tres Culturas. Be amazed by the astonishing craftsmanship of Mexico's finest artisans during a visit to the Museum of Popular Arts.

*Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch*

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2022

## Mexico City's Contemporary Art Scene

Learn about Mexico City's thriving contemporary art scene by meeting artists in their studios and/or visiting two of Mexico's most important art galleries—Kurimanzutto and Galeria Arte Mexicana. Enjoy a quick shopping stop at Casa Onora, blending traditional crafts with contemporary design. Have an amazing lunch of seafood specialties at one of the city's top restaurants. At the Casa Luis Barragán, a UNESCO World Heritage site, see the home of Mexico's most famous architect, considered a masterpiece of modern Mexican architecture. Stop at the Camino Real Hotel for a cocktail in its memorable Blue Bar while taking in the modern architecture of Ricardo Legorreta.

*Included meals: Breakfast, Lunch, Cocktail*

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2022

## Art in Splendid Settings

Visit Frida Kahlo's Blue House in Coyoacán, a historic house and art museum dedicated to the life and work of Kahlo, which today remains as it was in the 1950s. Enjoy free time for shopping in Coyoacán's crafts market and to have an independent lunch in one of its many open-air restaurants. Discuss Mexico City's art scene with an artist at his studio. Proceed to a privately-owned home designed by Mexico's most famous architect, Luis Barragán. Return to the hotel for time to freshen up before reconvening in the evening to bid *adiós* to Mexico during an unforgettable farewell dinner at one of Mexico City's most innovative restaurants.

*Included meals: Breakfast, Dinner*

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2022

## Adiós Mexico

After breakfast, check out of the hotel and take a group transfer to the airport for independent flights back to the United States.

*Included meals: Breakfast*



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## Tour Information

### TOUR COST

Land Package ..... \$3,395

Single Supplement ..... \$425

*Tour Price is per person based on double occupancy, with a minimum of 12 paying participants.*

**ACTIVITY LEVEL:** Moderate, good overall mobility required

**DEPOSIT & FINAL PAYMENT:** A deposit of \$500 per registrant is required to reserve space on the tour. This deposit is a registration and planning fee and is non-refundable unless the tour is cancelled due to low enrollment. This deposit may be paid by check or by Visa or MasterCard. Final balance will be invoiced and is due on November 4, 2021 and must be paid by check to International Seminar Design, Inc. Registrations are accepted after this date on a space-available basis with payment in full by check only.

**FLIGHTS:** Airfare is not included in the tour price. Participants are responsible for their own air arrangements. Please do not purchase airline tickets until the operation of the tour is confirmed by ISDI.

**TOUR INCLUSIONS:** 6 nights at the NH Collection Mexico City Centro Histórico; breakfast daily, 4 lunches, 1 cocktail reception, 3 dinners, 2 glasses of wine or beer at included dinners; land transportation by private coach, including a group airport transfer upon arrival and departure; entrance fees to sites and visits listed in the itinerary; services of an ISDI Tour Manager; expert local guides; gratuities for hotel housekeeping, local guides and drivers and at included meals; bottled water on coach; service charges and taxes.

**TOUR EXCLUSIONS:** Airline tickets, airline taxes and surcharges, and baggage fees; airport portage; individual transfers to and from the airport for those not using the scheduled group transfers; meals other than those specified in the itinerary; personal items such as telephone calls, room service, valet service, à-la-carte orders, specialty wines and liquors, laundry charges, travel extensions, or tour deviations; travel insurance; any other items not specifically included in the itinerary.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS:** Upon receipt of registration, ISDI will send registrant a Participant Tour Agreement detailing the full terms and conditions for this tour. This document must be signed and returned to ISDI before participant's registration is considered complete and any arrangements can be confirmed.

**CANCELLATION & REFUNDS:** Cancellation by participant must be made in writing to ISDI and is effective only upon acknowledged receipt by ISDI. There is a non-refundable registration and planning fee of \$500 per person regardless of cancellation date. Written cancellation received by ISDI on or before November 4, 2021: refund of payments made minus \$500 per person registration and planning fee. Written cancellation received by ISDI between November 5 and December 30, 2021: refund of payments made minus \$1,700 per person cancellation fee (includes registration and planning fee). Written cancellation received by ISDI on or after December 31, 2021: no refund. Tour registration is non-transferable. In the case of cancellation, substitutions are not allowed. After the tour has commenced, no refunds will be issued for any reason including, but not limited to, unused portions of tour. If the tour is cancelled by ISDI or Rhode Island School of Design due to low enrollment, active registrants will receive a full refund of all tour payments.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Travel Insurance is not included in the tour cost, but participants are strongly encouraged to purchase a travel protection plan in conjunction with this tour, including coverage of trip cancellation, trip interruption, emergency evacuation/repatriation, medical expenses, lost or damaged baggage, and other expenses and/or losses incurred due to unexpected situations. Should a participant cancel at any time after registering for the tour, ISDI must strictly abide by the cancellation policy outlined herein. Travel insurance information will be sent upon tour registration.

**FOR QUESTIONS OR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**  
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## Registration Form

Name (Participant 1)

Name (Participant 2)

Address

City

State

Zip

Home Telephone

Mobile Telephone

E-mail Address (Participant 1)

E-mail Address (Participant 2)

### ROOMING OPTIONS: *(please select)*

- ☐ Double Occupancy; I will share a room with \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ We prefer separate beds
- ☐ Single Occupancy (\$425 single supplement)  
☐ I would like a roommate but will pay the single supplement if one cannot be found

### TOUR DOCUMENTS:

ISDI will send all documents pertaining to the tour by email to the email address(es) listed above.

- ☐ If you wish to receive hardcopy versions of the tour documents by post as well, please check this circle.  
Paper documents will not be sent to your home address unless this circle is checked.

### DEPOSIT (\$500 PER PERSON):

- ☐ Visa   ☐ MasterCard   ☐ Check (*Make check payable to International Seminar Design, Inc.*)

Card Number

Exp. (mm/yy)

Name as it appears on credit card

Billing Zip Code

### EACH PARTICIPANT MUST SIGN *(registration invalid without signature)*

*By registering and paying the deposit for this tour, registrant acknowledges that he/she has carefully read and understands all information contained in the tour brochure, recognizes and accepts any risks therein, and agrees to be bound by the terms and conditions outlined above.*

Signature Participant 1 / Date

Signature Participant 2 / Date

### COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM BY MAIL, EMAIL, OR FAX TO:

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