



**FORGOTTEN LIVES**  
of Latin America

## WORLDS COLLIDE : MEXICO CITY

In 1519, two worlds faced each other for the first time. After the battles and the pain, the fire and the blood, a new glimmer ignited. Two empires met without knowing that together they were building a new civilization, the mestizo culture of the Americas. Mexico City stands out then and now as the center of the exchanges and combinations that have molded the Western Hemisphere. Going to Mexico City is no tourist trip: it's a traveler's journey to the center of the Americas, to the foundations of who we are today.

Those foundations are Nahuatl (NAH-wah) and Spanish. The Nahuatl cultural zone stretched from Zacatecas to the edge of Guatemala, and included various communities who spoke a common language and shared many beliefs about reality. Remarkably, as our trip to Mexico City shows, the Spaniards did not eliminate the rich traditions of the Nahuatl. As the candle of time burns, the cultural wax of various ages flows together and extends its own base. Consequently, Mexico has not diminished with time, but has grown stronger.

We usually think of the conflictive beginning of Mexico as Aztecs versus Spaniards. Yet the story starts well before the "Aztecs." The people whose capital city fell to the Spanish called themselves the Mexica (me-SHEE-kah), whose name lives on today. The Mexica were not always on top: only a few generations before the Spanish came, they were poor subjects of the Tepanec empire. Struggling for position, the Mexica rose to power and formed the Triple Alliance with two other kingdoms (Tacuba and Texcoco). Together they ruled most of Mesoamerica when the Spanish arrived.

What inspired the Mexica to build their city? How and where did the last emperor surrender? Where was the first university in the Americas? Did the Spanish use force to convert natives to Christianity? By visiting archeological sites, museums, and walking the unforgettable streets of the Mesoamerican metropolis, we will explore answers to these questions. Forgotten Lives of Latin America retraces the steps of natives who shaped culture before, during, and ever since the Spanish conquest. From Teotihuacan to the Templo Mayor, Xochimilco, and even the Basilica of Guadalupe, native civilization has shaped our lives in Latin America and beyond in ways that defy stereotypes. The experiences we have in Mexico City will open our eyes to our own reality, if we let them.

Go to see, go to feel, and go to know. Dr. Ezekiel Stear's field is the colonial period in Spanish America. As a professor, he shares his knowledge with participants, yet without classwork and exams, just unbridled, live learning. What's more, each participant will receive a packet of lecture notes with highlights of scholarly findings and lists for further reading. Forgotten Lives of Latin America combines the best of the university classroom with the unparalleled experience of being there! Take your learning to the source and make friendships to last a lifetime! Culture forms where worlds collide.



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**Itinerary**

24-29, June, 2019

**Monday, 24 June**

Travel from points of origin to Mexico City  
4pm, Meet at the Hotel Brasilia  
Dinner, Opening comments and rest

**Tuesday, 25 June**

7am, Breakfast in hotel  
8am, Depart hotel and go to Autobuses del norte  
9am, Bus to San Juan Teotihuacan  
10-2pm, Tour Teotihuacan  
2 pm, Comida in restaurant La gruta  
4 pm, return to Autobuses del norte  
6 pm, arrive at hotel

**Wednesday, 26 June**

7am, Breakfast in hotel  
8am, Depart hotel and go to la Plaza del Zócalo  
9am, Visit the Palacio Nacional to see murals of Diego Rivera  
10am-1 pm, El Templo Mayor  
1 pm – 2:30 pm, Comida en Café Tacuba  
2:30-4pm, Catedral Metropolitana  
4:30 – 6 pm, Merienda, Casa de los azulejos  
6 pm, return to hotel

**Thursday, 27 June**

7am, Breakfast in hotel, Store bags at front desk  
8am, Depart hotel and go to Plaza de las tres culturas  
10 – 11 am, Tour of the Museum of the Colegio de la Santa Cruz de Tlatelolco  
12 pm, snack/lunch at Mercado at la Villa Basílica  
1 pm – 3 pm, Basílica de Guadalupe, explanation of native urban organization (altepeltl)  
4-5 pm, Return to Hotel Brasil for bags and transfer to hotel in Coyoacán  
6 pm, Meeting at hotel in Coyocán  
7 pm Free time in Coyoacán (Restaurants, cafés, boutiques, bookstores, Cineteca Nacional)



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**Friday, 28 June**

8am, breakfast at hotel in Coyoacán  
9am, depart for Museo de Antropología e Historia  
10-12pm, M.A.H.  
12-2pm, Parque de Chapultepec, Lunch on your own  
3-7 pm, Return to hotel in Coyoacán Free time in Coyoacán (Museo de Frida Kahlo, Ciudad universitaria, restaurants, cafés, boutiques)  
7 pm, Meet at hotel and depart for Xochimilco  
8 pm-12am, Trajinera y paseo en Xochimilco, Clausura: Dinner, refreshments, and reflections on the trip

**Saturday, 29 June**

Breakfast in Coyoacán at hotel  
Go to airport  
Travel day to points of origin

**Included:**

- Round-trip airfare,
- 6 nights of lodging,
- Breakfast each day,
- Entrance to museums & archaeological sites
- 4 meals at famous locations
- Shuttle between Mexico City Airport & hotel
- Participant materials & trip momentos
- Taxes and fees

Cost from Tijuana: \$1299

Cost from LAX: \$1599

Non-refundable deposit due by 28 Feb., 2019: \$500

*Early bird special (save 10%):*

If paid-in-full by 28 Feb., 2019:

From TJ: \$1159

From LAX: \$1439

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