

TRIP INFORMATION

Frida & Diego Mexico City Tour

Mexico City, Mexico
August 15-20, 2017



▶ Travel Arrangements

Travelers are responsible for making their own travel arrangements to/from Mexico City, Mexico. If you arrive in Mexico City on August 15th a tour leader will meet you at the airport and arrange your transportation to the hotel. It is easy to arrange transportation with authorized taxis at the airport should you wish to do it yourself. **Travel insurance is highly recommended.** Please also be aware that a passport is required for U.S. citizens traveling to Mexico.

▶ Early Arrival or Late Departure

If you choose to arrive in Mexico City before August 15th, or would like to stay after the tour is over, and want to extend your stay at our hotel, please contact us at CRIZMAC and we will try to arrange the discounted group rate for your additional nights as well.

▶ Some Airport Vocabulary

Baggage— <i>equipaje</i>	Passport— <i>pasaporte</i>
Gate— <i>puerta</i>	Customs— <i>aduana</i>
Baggage Claim— <i>reclamo de equipaje</i>	Airport— <i>aeropuerto</i>
Flight— <i>vuelo</i>	Exit— <i>salida</i>

▶ Transportation

Land transportation will be provided for all group activities by a chartered van/bus.

▶ Weather

The elevation in Mexico City is about 7000 feet above sea level, so it is much cooler than traditional beach destinations in the summer. The weather is generally warm and sunny in the daytime, but cool at night and in the early mornings. Rain is always a possibility June through September.

▶ Accommodations

All hotel arrangements will be made by the tour leaders, and hotel room and tax charges are included in your tour fee. Hotel contact information for family and friends is provided below. Please keep in mind that when calling from the United States, the numbers have to be preceded by 011-52.

Hotel Casa Gonzalez

Rio Sena #69

Colonia Cuauhtemoc

Mexico City, Mexico

Phone: 52- 55- 5514-3302

www.hotelcasagonzalez.com

▶ What to Bring

The following items are suggested for your travel. You will want to add your own personally preferred items to this list. Note: Travel light!

- Passport. A passport is required for U.S. citizens traveling to Mexico. It's a good idea to make two copies of your passport and credit cards. Keep one copy with you but separate from the originals and leave one at home with someone you will be able to contact in the event the originals are lost or stolen.
- Comfortable travel clothing for daytime trips such as slacks, jeans, or shorts and comfortable walking shoes.
- A skirt for women and dressier pants for men are nice for some restaurants but not required
- A jacket, sweater, or sweatshirt for the cool temperatures in the evenings
- Hat, sunscreen and sunglasses
- Hair dryer/curling iron, electric razor, etc., as needed. The electrical current is the same as the U.S.
- Backpack or fanny pack
- Medication in case of intestinal upset and any prescription medications you need
- Camera
- Anti-bacterial hand wash gel or wipes
- Water bottle carrier; we recommend you drink only bottled water, which is easy to buy all over Mexico

▶ Need More Information?

Contact Stevie Mack: (520) 323-8555 or steviemack@crizmac.com



► Money

The monetary unit in Mexico is the peso. The rate of exchange fluctuates daily. There are many places to change money at the Mexico City airport and in Mexico City.

ATMs - ATMs are available in many locations, including the airport. The safest and easiest way to obtain money is by using an ATM. The exchange rate through ATMs is usually quite good, but as in the U.S., not all machines will accept all ATM cards, and some banks charge an added "conversion fee" for these transactions as well.

Traveler's Checks - We have found that it is becoming more difficult to exchange Traveler's Checks, and the places that do have generally done so at a less favorable rate of exchange than for cash. If you use Traveler's Checks, be aware of these potential disadvantages and weigh them against the obvious security benefits the checks provide.

Credit Cards - The most commonly accepted credit cards are Visa, MasterCard, and American Express. Credit cards can also be used in some ATMs in order to withdraw funds in the local currency at the current exchange rate, but be aware that many credit card companies charge a high fee for this type of transaction.

Credit cards can be used in many stores and restaurants, however you will probably find a hidden "fee" (a few percentage points) on your credit card statement when you return. Call your credit card company beforehand and ask about their fees for international transactions to avoid any unpleasant surprises.

It is advisable to make photocopies (front and back) of

all of your credit cards. Check with the credit card company and get a telephone number to contact them directly should you lose your cards. It is usually not possible to access 800 numbers from Mexico, and it will save you time and frustration if you have the correct number to call.

► Taking Your Purchases Home

Many people expect to ship their purchases back to the U.S., but this is usually expensive. Even with the additional checked luggage fees levied by the airlines, it is often less expensive than shipping and you will have the items immediately when you reach home. Check with your carrier about their luggage fees before leaving so you'll know what to expect.

► Telephoning from Mexico

Cell phones are used throughout Mexico. Check with your cell phone service provider for availability of service in Mexico.

► Cancellations and Refund Policy

Cancellations must be received in writing. Participants who cancel on or before June 30, 2017 will receive a full refund **less a \$250 processing fee. If cancellation is made after that point, no refund is given.** CRIZMAC will make every effort to operate the tours advertised. In the event CRIZMAC must cancel a tour, participants will receive a full refund of all monies paid to CRIZMAC, however CRIZMAC is not responsible for losses due to non-refundable airline tickets or other travel arrangements. **Travel insurance is highly recommended.**

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