



THE MEMORIES LAST FOREVER!

Society Hill Synagogue Triple Chai Group Presents:

A Journey through

MEXICO CITY

& SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE

Culture, Flavor and Community

February 28 - March 10, 2027

SOCIETY HILL SYNAGOGUE

Join Society Hill Synagogue for an unforgettable journey through Mexico City and San Miguel de Allende, where ancient civilizations, colonial history, modern creativity, vibrant Jewish life and extraordinary cuisine come together. From the Jewish institutions and historic streets of Mexico City to the pyramids of Teotihuacan, the canals of Xochimilco, the artistic neighborhoods of Coyoacán and San Ángel, and the timeless beauty of San Miguel de Allende, this experience offers a rich blend of culture, flavor, community and connection. Together, we will explore iconic landmarks, meet local Jewish leaders, share meaningful Shabbat moments, enjoy festive meals and discover the people, places and traditions that make Mexico one of the world's most dynamic destinations.

Accessibility note: Please note that the tour will involve a number of walking tours and participants should be in adequate physical condition. Walking levels will generally be easy-moderate and while plenty of shade and breaks are incorporated, full participation may require periods of standing or walking along even, uneven and occasionally hilly terrain that could include steps, inclines and cobblestone surfaces. Participants with physical limitations should take this into account.

DAY 1

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2027

¡BIENVENIDOS A MÉXICO!

- We depart Philadelphia on our flight to **Mexico City**.
- Upon arrival at **Benito Juárez International Airport**, we are welcomed by our local guide and transfer into the city.
- We begin with a relaxed **panoramic orientation** that gives us an immediate sense of the scale and energy of the capital. We drive along **Paseo de la Reforma**, passing the **Angel of Independence** and the edge of **Chapultepec Park**. Along the way, we stop to enjoy **locally inspired refreshments** such as tamales, tacos, café de olla and aguas frescas.
- Late afternoon, we make our way to our hotel to check in and refresh.
- This evening, we enjoy a delicious **hands-on welcome dinner at Guzina Oaxaca**, preparing tortillas, guacamole and fresh salsa as well as a Mezcal tasting.

Overnight in Mexico City (D)



DAY 2

MONDAY, MARCH 1, 2027
JEWISH LIFE PAST AND PRESENT

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We begin the day with a visit to **Centro Deportivo Israelita (CDI)**, often described as a major hub of Jewish cultural, athletic, educational and social life in Mexico City. We learn about the structure and character of the Mexican Jewish community, how it differs from Jewish communities in the United States and the ways CDI builds identity, continuity, programming, youth engagement, culture, sports and communal connection across generations.
- We continue to the lively **Centro Histórico**, where the story shifts from contemporary Jewish life to the immigrant neighborhoods and early communal institutions that shaped Jewish Mexico. Along the way, we hear personal stories of Jews from across the world who came to Mexico City for a new life and built the communities known as **Monte Sinai** and **Justo Sierra**, where we are given a brief guided tour.
- After, we stroll to the **Zócalo (Plaza de la Constitución)**, the city's main square and central gathering place since the time of the Aztecs. Numerous events, including independence celebrations, protests, political rallies and cultural festivals have been held here. Sara will introduce us to the Metropolitan Cathedral, the Palacio Nacional and Templo Mayor.
- We pause with time for lunch on own at one of the many nearby restaurants, then meet again and visit one of Mexico City's most famous traditional bakeries, such as **Pastelería Ideal**, where we experience the scale, energy and daily rhythm of a true Mexico City institution filled with endless trays of fresh breads and pastries, with time to purchase a few treats.

- We proceed to the **Palacio de Bellas Artes (Palace of Fine Arts)**, one of the city's most iconic and culturally significant buildings. A blend of Art Nouveau and Art Deco styles, the building itself is an architectural marvel. Inside is equally as breathtaking with marble, Tiffany's stained glass elements and murals by Diego Rivera and more of Mexico's greatest artists. The palace is a cultural hub for opera, ballet and classical music and is home to a museum featuring rotating exhibitions.
- We return to our hotel for time to rest before a free evening to explore and dine on own.

Overnight in Mexico City (B)

DAY 3

TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2027
DISCOVERING TEOTIHUACAN

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We travel approximately 30 miles outside the city to the amazing Mesoamerican archaeological UNESCO World Heritage site, the **Teotihuacán Pyramids**, whose name means "the place where the gods were created." Once a thriving city, Teotihuacan was one of the largest urban centers in the ancient world with a population over 100,000. We will see the Pyramid of the Sun, Pyramid of the Moon and the Temple of the Feathered Serpent known for its intricate stone carvings.
- We enjoy a relaxed **lunch at Aguamiel**.
- We return toward Mexico City for a lighter afternoon in the **San Miguel Chapultepec** neighborhood and visit **Casa Gilardi** for a tour of the home's architecture and exploration of the work of architect **Luis Barragán**.
- The remainder of the afternoon and evening are at leisure for relaxation, self-exploration and dinner on own.

Overnight in Mexico City (B, L)



DAY 4

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3, 2027
XOCHIMILCO & COYOACÁN

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we travel south to the colorful canals of **Xochimilco**, one of Mexico City's most beloved UNESCO World Heritage sites. We board private **trajineras** decorated with flowers and cruise through the canals accompanied by music, local snacks and a festive atmosphere.
- From here, we continue directly to the charming neighborhood of **Coyoacán**, known for its cobblestone streets, colonial architecture, leafy plazas and artistic legacy. We enjoy time for lunch on our own, exploring the neighborhood and the lively **Mercado de Coyoacán**, where we experience local flavors, crafts and everyday life in one of the city's most beloved districts.
- Afterward, we visit the iconic **Frida Kahlo Museum (La Casa Azul)**, offering insight into the life and work of one of Mexico's most influential artists.
- We return to our hotel in the late afternoon for time to relax or an afternoon stroll before **dinner** together this evening.

Overnight in Mexico City (B, D)



DAY 5

THURSDAY, MARCH 4, 2027
ART, ARCHITECTURE &
MEXICAN IDENTITY

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we travel south to **San Ángel**, one of Mexico City's most charming historic neighborhoods, known for its cobblestone streets, colonial-era homes, leafy plazas, galleries and artisan traditions.
- We begin with a **guided walk** through the area around **Plaza San Jacinto**, taking in the neighborhood's elegant architecture, courtyards, churches and local color.
- We continue to the **Museo Casa Estudio Diego Rivera y Frida Kahlo**, the striking twin studio-homes designed by architect Juan O'Gorman for two of Mexico's most iconic artists. Here, we explore the creative world of Rivera and Kahlo through the lens of modern architecture, muralism, artistic partnership and the cultural movements that shaped 20th-century Mexico.
- **Lunch** is enjoyed at the historic **San Ángel Inn**, set within a beautiful former hacienda and known for its elegant atmosphere, classic Mexican cuisine and lush courtyard setting.
- After lunch, we visit **Ciudad Universitaria**, the central campus of the **National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM)**, a UNESCO World Heritage site. We view the campus's remarkable murals, mosaics and architecture, including the iconic **Central Library**, whose exterior is covered in a vast mosaic representing Mexico's layered history and identity.
- We complete our day at **Museo Anahuacalli**, Diego Rivera's dramatic volcanic-stone museum, built to house his extraordinary collection of pre-Hispanic art and objects. The museum's powerful architecture and collection offer a memorable encounter with ancient Mexican civilizations and Rivera's lifelong fascination with Mexico's indigenous heritage.
- We return to our hotel in the later afternoon for time to relax before dinner on our own.

Overnight in Mexico City (B, L)

DAY 6

FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2027
MEMORY, TOLERANCE
& MEXICO CITY FLAVORS

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, we visit the **Memory and Tolerance Museum**, a powerful museum dedicated to Holocaust memory, genocide education, human rights, tolerance and the responsibility of societies to confront hatred and discrimination. Through its exhibitions, the museum invites reflection on memory, moral courage and the choices individuals and communities make in the face of injustice.
- We continue to the neighborhoods of **Roma Norte and Condesa**, two of Mexico City's most vibrant areas, known for their tree-lined avenues, Art Deco and Art Nouveau architecture, cafes, galleries, markets and contemporary food culture. Along the way, we enjoy a **guided neighborhood and culinary experience**, tasting local specialties and learning about the flavors, migration stories and regional traditions that have shaped Mexico City's dynamic food scene.
- We return to our hotel for free time for the remainder of the afternoon.
- This evening, we join the community at **Bet El Bosques** for **Kabbalat Shabbat**, followed by **Shabbat dinner** together.

Overnight in Mexico City (B, L, D)

DAY 7

SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2027
A RELAXED SHABBAT

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- This morning, choose to attend Shabbat services or tour the National Museum of Anthropology.
- After time for lunch on own, we enjoy a relaxed **walking tour in Chapultepec Park**, one of the great urban parks of the Americas and an essential part of daily life in Mexico City. We are led through the park at a leisurely pace, using the setting to discuss the city's history, public spaces and civic identity.
- We make our way to **Chapultepec Castle**, home to the **National History Museum**. Set above the park, the castle offers sweeping views of the city and tells a layered story of Mexico's imperial, presidential and national history.
- The remainder of the afternoon is at leisure to explore another neighborhood or relax at our hotel.
- Dinner is on own this evening.

Overnight in Mexico City (B)



DAY 8

SUNDAY, MARCH 7, 2027
SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE

- Breakfast and check out of our hotel.
- We depart early this morning from Mexico City and travel to **San Miguel de Allende**, an approximately 4-hour drive.
- Upon arrival, our first stop is the heart of the city - downtown San Miguel, where we will explore the stunning **Parque Allende** and visit the iconic **Parroquia de San Miguel Arcángel**, a true symbol of the city with its neo-Gothic façade.
- We enjoy **lunch at El Manantial**, a historic cantina founded in 1920 that offers a taste of local flavors and tradition.
- Afterward, we browse the **Arts and Crafts Market**, where we discover an array of handcrafted items from brass, wool, quarry and mesquite wood carvings to papier-mâché, glasswork, goldsmithing, ceramics and more perfect for unique souvenirs.
- **MOMENT OF CONNECTION:** We enjoy a meaningful visit to **JC3, the Jewish Cultural and Community Center** at the heart of the San Miguel de Allende community. We will have the opportunity to meet **Kayla Fine** and other community leadership to hear about Jewish life here.
- This evening, we check into our hotel and relax before dinner on own.

Overnight in San Miguel de Allende (B, L)



DAY 9

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2027
COUNTRYSIDE CULTURE

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We travel north to the nearby village of **Atotonilco**, home to the **Sanctuary of Jesus Nazareno de Atotonilco**. This 18th-century sanctuary is known for its richly decorated chapels, devotional murals and Baroque architectural details. We visit the sanctuary complex with time to appreciate the painted interiors, chapels and religious artwork that have made Atotonilco a landmark.
- We proceed through the rural landscapes and arrive in **Dolores Hidalgo**, a city closely tied to the beginning of Mexico's War of Independence. Here, we visit the historic center, including the main plaza and exterior of the parish church associated with Father Miguel Hidalgo's call for independence, then experience the character of the central streets and local artisan culture.
- We continue to **Villavanda**, where we learn about lavender cultivation from the fields, tour production areas, view demonstrations and are introduced to the products made from lavender, such as essential oils, soaps, honey, jams and other wellness items. We will complete our visit with **lunch** in a relaxed countryside setting.
- After lunch, we return to San Miguel for free time to explore **Fábrica La Aurora**, a beautifully restored textile factory that now houses galleries and shops showcasing the works of talented local artists in a variety of mediums.
- Dinner is on own tonight.

Overnight in San Miguel de Allende (B, L)

DAY 10

TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 2027
HISTORIC SAN MIGUEL

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- Our journey through history continues at the **Historical Museum Casa Allende**, located in the former family home of **Ignacio Allende**, one of the central figures of Mexico's independence movement. The museum introduces us to the history of the town, colonial life in the region and the independence-era events connected to Allende and his contemporaries.
- Next, we visit **Casa Cohen**, a historic property in the center of town, where we learn more about the city's architectural history, including the legacy of immigrant families and business owners who contributed to San Miguel's evolving urban character.
- The afternoon is free for independent exploration. Return to favorite galleries, enjoy lunch at a local cafe, shop in the historic center or visit Jardin Principal.
- **OPTIONAL:** Set out for an afternoon excursion to a nearby winery in the **Guanajuato wine region**. Enjoy a vineyard tour, sip on local wines and enjoy **lunch** and conversation overlooking the beautiful countryside views (additional cost).
- This evening, we gather for our **farewell dinner**, toasting to our Mexico journey and our memories that will last a lifetime.

Overnight in San Miguel de Allende (B, D)

DAY 11

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10, 2027
ADIOS MEXICO

- Breakfast at our hotel.
- We bid farewell to San Miguel as we depart for **Santiago de Querétaro** for our **connecting flights** back to the United States.

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The background image is a vibrant, wide-angle shot of the Angel of Independence monument in Mexico City. The monument, a tall column topped with a golden winged figure, stands prominently in the center. It is surrounded by a large crowd of people, many of whom are riding bicycles, suggesting a popular event or a busy day. In the background, modern skyscrapers with glass facades, including one with "BBVA" and another with "ST REGIS" signage, rise against a clear blue sky. Lush green trees line the sides of the wide, paved plaza. The overall atmosphere is bright and lively.

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