



Explore the Route of the Spanish Conquistadors

- 1 Day Trip from the city of Veracruz -



Trip Highlights:

- Private 1 Day Tour with a Bilingual Guide
- Absorb the History of the arrival of the Conquistadors to the town of La Antigua
- See the Oldest Church in the Americas
- Visit "Casa de Hernan Cortez"
- Explore the Ancient Ruins of Cempoala
- Lunch at a Traditional Mexican Restaurant
- Soak in Natural Hot Thermal Waters

Just a short drive north of the port city of Veracruz, you will find the area where the Spanish ships of Hernan Cortez first landed in 1519 to begin their conquest that would have a lasting impact on the culture of Mexico and beyond. This private one day excursion will give you a firsthand look at where Cortez and his soldiers came ashore and what took place in the first months of their arrival.

The Itinerary

You will be picked up right at your hotel in Veracruz by one of our local bilingual (English/Spanish) guides.

You will travel to the small town of **La Antigua** where the Spanish ships first landed. There you will see the remains of what is thought to be an administration building built by the Spaniards. It is commonly known as *Casa de Cortez*. Your guide will explain the known history of this complex as well as give you a tour of how this riverside town was laid out back in the 1500s. Also, you will get to see the very first Spanish church built in the Americas.

Next, it's a short drive to the ancient archeological ruins found in the town of **Cempoala**. These ruins date back to the 14th and 15th centuries and at that time, was the capital of the Totonac people consisting of about 30,000 inhabitants. Cempoala (or Zempoala) means "place of the 20 waters" because several rivers come together nearby. Your guide will explain the history of the ruins as he leads you around to the different temples and other structures.

Lunchtime! The folks at a nice traditional restaurant with a great view of Laguna de La Mancha will be waiting to serve you lunch which is included in this tour. You only pay for your drinks.

After a great meal, your group will head over to a small town called, Los Baños (the baths). This town is appropriately named as there are **natural hot springs** in the area which flow up from beneath the ground. You will have the opportunity to soak and relax in the clear hot thermal waters which have been channeled into in-ground swimming pools. *Note:* There will be dressing rooms for you to change clothes.

Finally, your private guide will take you back to your hotel in Veracruz.

Trip Minimum: 2 adults
Hotel Pickup: 9:00am **Dropoff:** approx. 7:00pm

Fee: 2 Adults: \$95 US per person
 3 or more Adults: \$85 US per person
 Children 6-12: \$35 US per child
 5 & under: Free



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What to Bring:

- Comfortable walking shoes
- Suntan lotion
- Hat & Sunglasses
- Camera/Video
- Swimsuit & Towel

Your guide will have cold bottled water onboard at no extra charge

