

Explore Catemaco & the Los Tuxtlas Region

3 Day/2 Night Package

Travel 100 miles south of the port city of Veracruz and enter the northern-most area in the Western Hemisphere where tropical rain forest conditions exist. Green fields, green jungle forests, green dormant volcanic hills, colorful fragrant flowers, and over 550 different species of tropical birds dominate this area called the *Los Tuxtlas Region*.

Most of the travel books will tell you about the witches (*Brujos*) that populate the lakeside town of Catemaco. Truth be told, you would have to search to even find one. What you will find though, is a fair-sized typical town with an amazing backdrop containing one of the largest freshwater lakes in all of México. The mostly round Lake Catemaco stretches 7 miles (11 km) in diameter and except for the town of Catemaco, there are only a few small villages surrounding it. Also surrounding the lake are 3,000-6,000 foot (900-1800 meters) volcanic hills seen in all directions.

Take the road heading north out of town and in less than one hour, it will dead-end at the sandy beaches skirting the warm waters of the Gulf of México. This is a fantastic place to swim, relax, have a drink at one of the beachside palapa restaurants, and soak up the tropical rays of the sun.

A word used by many to describe this area found in the southern part of Veracruz is - *Tranquil*.

3 Day / 2 Night Trip Package:

Day 1 Pickup at your hotel in the city of Veracruz: 9:00am

Day 3 Dropoff in the city of Veracruz: approx. 7:00pm

Trip Fee for 2-3 Adults . . .

Includes:

Jungle Hike & River/Lake Kayak Trip:	USD \$357 per adult
Jungle Hike & Swim under 3 Tropical Waterfalls:	USD \$347 per adult
Lake Catemaco Ride & visit a Tropical Reserve:	USD \$337 per adult

Trip Fee for 4-7 Adults:

Jungle Hike & River/Lake Kayak Trip:	USD \$307 per adult
Jungle Hike & Swim under 3 Tropical Waterfalls:	USD \$297 per adult
Lake Catemaco Ride & visit a Tropical Reserve:	USD \$287 per adult

Children 6-11 years old when accompanied by an adult:

Jungle Hike & River/Lake Kayak Trip:	USD \$167 per child
Jungle Hike & Swim under 3 Tropical Waterfalls:	USD \$157 per child
Lake Catemaco Ride & visit a Tropical Reserve:	USD \$147 per child

Single Supplement: add USD \$57

Note: If you do not require round trip transportation to and from the city of Veracruz, you can meet up with your local bilingual tour guide in the main plaza of Catemaco at 10:30 am on the first day.

2-3 person groups, subtract \$10 per adult from the above trip fees.

4-7 person groups, subtract \$15 per adult from the above trip fees.

Trip fees for children remain the same.

Additional Options:

Participate in an Evening Temazcal Ceremony:	USD \$45 per adult
Day 3 Ocean Boat Ride & Banana Boat Ride subject to availability that day	

Rates based on double occupancy at a 3 star hotel

All fees are listed in US dollars / Trip prices and itinerary subject to change

Group Size: 2 - 7 (For larger groups, please contact us for rates)

Includes: Roundtrip transportation from/to the city of Veracruz, all ground transportation, all entrance fees, local bilingual guide, tours per itinerary, 2 nights hotel lodgings, bottled water each day, 2 breakfasts, 2 lunches, 2 dinners (includes 1 beverage drink per meal)

Not included: Meals not listed above, additional drinks with meals, travel insurance, and gratuities.



Trip Highlights

Day 1

Pickup at your hotel in the city of Veracruz
Scenic Road Trip to the Los Tuxtlas Region
See *Salto de Eyipantla* (massive waterfall)
Walking tour of the lakeside town of Catemaco
Free time in the Evening

Day 2

Choose from one of the following activities

- Jungle Hike & River/Lake Kayak Trip
- Jungle Hike & Swim under 3 Hidden Tropical Waterfalls
- Lake Catemaco Boat Ride & Visit a Tropical Reserve

Optional Evening Activity - Participate in a Temazcal Ritual

Day 3

Travel to the small beachside town of Montepio
Swim & Relax on the Gulf of México Beaches

Optional Activities

- Ocean Boat Ride to explore a Sea Cave & View an Island with hundreds of Tropical Birds
- Go on an exciting Banana Boat Ride in the ocean

Travel back to the city of Veracruz

"I thoroughly enjoyed the laidback atmosphere I found in the town of Catemaco."
Paul C., retired & living in Mexico City



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3 Day/2 Night Trip Itinerary



Day 1: Travel to the Los Tuxtlas Region

Your local bilingual trip guide will pick you up at your hotel or wherever you are staying in the city of Veracruz. Your journey starts as you travel south on Hwy 180 through small towns, green rolling hills, and at times, with great views of the ocean waves breaking on the semi-deserted beaches along the Gulf of México. Your first stop will be to see the **explosive waterfall** called, *Salto de Eyipantla*. This location was selected by film director, Mel Gibson to be used in the movie, *Apocalypto*. Next stop will be the lakeside town of Catemaco and to check in at your local hotel. Later that afternoon, your guide will take you on a **walking tour of the town**. The evening is free to relax and explore on your own. (L,D)

Day 2: A Day of Adventure & Exploration - Choose from Three Fun Trips

Trip Option #1: Jungle Hike & River/Lake Kayak Trip

Your day of adventure starts with a **scenic road trip** to the far side of Lake Catemaco to the small village of La Juarez. Bring your water bottle as everyone will **hike into the dense green forest jungle** to explore this area. Afterwards, your tour guide will take you to a small river to play in its cool crystal clear waters and have a **picnic lunch**. This is also the starting point where you will begin a one hour **kayak trip** down this slow-moving river which flows into Lake Catemaco and continues a short distance until you reach a local village where the trip ends. There you will be met by your ground transportation and after stowing the kayaks, travel back to Catemaco. The evening is free to explore, shop, relax, or participate in a ***Temazcal Ceremony** (additional fee). (B,L,D)

Trip Option #2: Jungle Hike & Swim Under 3 Hidden Tropical Waterfalls

Your day of adventure starts with a **scenic road trip** partway around the lake and up into the green volcanic hills to the small village of Lopez Mateos which is hidden in the dense jungle. A local resident will take you on a short **hike into the jungle** and explain about the many trees and plants you will see along the way. Later, you will travel a very short distance to a private ranch



where you will walking trails cut into the jungle forest which leads down to **3 beautiful waterfalls with crystal clear pools below**. The day is yours to **swim and enjoy the tranquility of this hidden oasis**. You may want to let the power of one of the waterfalls massage your body. Later, your group will return to Catemaco to explore, shop, relax, or participate in a ***Temazcal Ceremony** (additional fee). (B,L,D)

Trip Option #3: Lake Catemaco Boat Ride & Visit a Tropical Reserve

This is the most "relaxed" trip of your 3 choices for today. Feel the refreshing warm tropical breeze on your face as you **explore the area by boat**. The captain will explain some of the history of this region as well as show you **monkeys and tropical birds** found in their natural habitat. You will stop to visit Nanciyaga, a **private jungle reserve** where a local park guide will lead your group on an **easy walking tour through this tropical reserve**. Lunch will be at the restaurant there which has a beautiful view of the lake. Everyone will travel back to Catemaco by boat and have the afternoon and evening free to explore, shop, relax, or participate in a ***Temazcal Ceremony** (additional fee). (B,L,D)

Day 3: Explore the Gulf of Mexico Shoreline / A Day at the Beach

After breakfast and checking out of the hotel, today you will travel overland to the sandy and rocky Gulf of México coastline. Your destination will be the small seaside pueblo of Montepio. Here you will have the opportunity to relax, swim, and explore this beautiful area. This is laidback tropical life at its best! There are palapa-style restaurants right on the beach. Kick off your shoes, and wiggle your toes in the warm sand as you sip a cold drink while watching the gentle surf lap up onto the beach. There may be a few hammocks hanging under the shade of the straw palapas enticing you for a little afternoon siesta. Sometimes the local folks have boats ready to give you a tour of the coastline. We recommend it! It is a fun ride to see a huge sea cave once used by pirates, visit an island engulfed with hundreds of tropical birds, and enjoy the tropical scenery of the many sandy beaches as well as the impressive tall rocky cliffs. Occasionally, horseback rides and exciting banana boat rides may be available as well. (Note: These are all additional fees which can be negotiated with the local people). In the late afternoon, your tour guide will bring you back to the city of Veracruz and to your hotel. (B)

