

Explore Tropical Veracruz, México

7 Days of Relaxed Tropical Exploration

All ages are welcome on this "relaxed" adventure vacation trip to the warm tropics of southern Veracruz. This trip will give you a true immersion into the Mexican culture as you will be staying at hotels right in the heart of two different small towns. One is located next to the warm waters of the Gulf of Mexico with long stretches of sandy beaches and the other is found adjacent to one of the largest lakes in all of Mexico. There will be plenty of time to interact and observe the slow-paced lifestyle of the local people. Each day you will venture out with your local bilingual guide to experience hidden waterfalls, ancient ruins, sandy beaches, and more. Topping off the trip will be a tour of the historical port city of Veracruz.

Our this trip, you will really be immersed in the Mexican culture as your guide will take you to where few foreign visitors go.

In fact, there is a very good chance that you will not encounter any other foreign tourists during your trip to Veracruz. Come, Discover the beauty and charm Veracruz, México has to offer before all the others find out.



"My husband and I really felt like we were in México and not in México's version of North America or Europe."
Mimi Bell , Philadelphia PA

Trip Fee: \$1045 USD/person
Single Supplement: add \$130 USD

Earn a Free Trip

Book a trip with 10 or more people and get one trip FREE

Rates based on double occupancy at 3 star hotels
All fees are listed in US dollars / Trip prices and itinerary subject to change

Group Size: 2 - 14 (larger groups can be accommodated)

Includes: Airport pickup in Veracruz, all ground transportation, all entrance fees, local bilingual guide, tours per itinerary, hotel lodgings, bottled water each day, 5 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 3 dinners

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



Trip Itinerary

- Day 1:** Arrive in the city of Veracruz
Travel north to the seaside town of Chachalacas
- Day 2:** Explore Cempoala Archeological Ruins
See where Hérnan Cortez & the Spanish Conquistadors first landed in the new world
Visit the first church in the Americas
Soak in natural hot thermal water
- Day 3:** Travel south to the lakeside town of Catemaco
See the massive waterfall used in the movie, *Apocalypto*
Participate in a Temazcal Ceremony (optional)
- Day 4:** Lake Catemaco Boat Ride - see Monkeys in the Wild
Visit Nanciyaga Ecological Reserve
Travel up into the green tropical volcanic hills
Enjoy a specially prepared lunch by a Mexican family
Swim under hidden jungle waterfalls
- Day 5:** Travel to explore the beaches of the Gulf of México
Ocean Boat Ride to take in the beauty of the coastline
Beach time to relax & swim
- Day 6:** Travel to the city of Veracruz
Tour this historical city
- Day 7:** Travel day home

Upcoming Trip Dates

2010

November 13 - 19
November 20 - 26
December 4 - 10

2011

January 1 - 7
January 15 - 21
February 5 - 11
March 20 - 26
April 10 - 16
May 29 - June 4
July 9 - 15
August 27 - September 2
November 25 - December 2

If you like this trip but have other dates in mind, then please contact us to explore the possibilities.



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Trip Itinerary



Day 1: Arrival in the city of Veracruz, México

Your trip guide will be waiting for you upon your **arrival at the Veracruz Airport**. He will take you to your hotel which is located in the small town of Chachalacas. This hotel is run by a very nice Mexican family. Personalized service is the key as they also live there. This day is free to explore the town. Your hotel is located a short walk from the sandy beaches of the Gulf of Mexico.

Day 2: Archaeological Ruins/Spanish Conquistadors/First Church in the Americas/Soak in Thermal Pools

After breakfast, we will travel to explore the **archeological ruins of Cempoala**. These ruins were once the capital of the Totonac people with an estimated population of more than 25,000. Most of the structures date back to the 14th and 15th centuries. Then we will visit the town of Antigua where Hernán Cortez and his army of **Spanish Conquistadors first landed** and also learn some history about the Spanish invasion of the Americas. Still standing in the small town of Antigua is the **first church ever built in the "new world."** Lunch will be at a small restaurant with a nice tropical view of a lake. Then we travel a short distance to the town of Los Baños (The Baths). It is here that we will find hot natural springs flowing up from the earth. Some local folks have built swimming pools to capture this clear hot water and we will have the opportunity to **relax in these therapeutic waters**. We will again overnight in Chachalacas. (B,L,D)

Day 3: Waterfall seen in the film, *Apocalypto* / Temazcal Ceremony

This morning we check out and travel to the southern part of the state to the **tropical lakeside town** of Catemaco. On the way, we will stop to see the **massive waterfall** Mel Gibson used in his movie, *Apocalypto*. We will check in to a hotel near Lake Catemaco and in the evening, experience a **Temazcal Ceremony** (optional). This is an ancient ritual that includes an igloo-shaped hut which becomes a sauna and a special cleansing mud. It will be an experience! (B,L,D)

Day 4: Lake Boat Ride / Tropical Nature Reserve / Swim in pool below Jungle Waterfalls

Today we will **explore Lake Catemaco by boat** and dock at a **tropical natural reserve** called, *Nanciyaga*. A young guide there will lead us on a walking tour in this jungle setting to tell us some of the history of the ancient peoples who lived there. After this tour, the boat ride continues to **see monkeys that live on the island lakes**. We then head around the lake by land and up into the dormant green volcanic hills to **explore some beautiful waterfalls**. It is there we will have a rustic outdoor lunch prepared by the family who owns the land and the waterfalls. The opportunity is there to **take a dip in the big pools below the different falls**. We then head back to Catemaco and our hotel. (B,L)

Day 5: Gulf of México Shoreline / Ocean Boat Ride / Beach Time

After breakfast, we will travel to the shores of the **Gulf of Mexico** to explore some of the small towns there and to hang out and swim. We will embark on an ocean boat ride to see a huge cave carved by the waves and to take in the very scenic coastline. We then return to Catemaco once again. (B,L)

Day 6: Veracruz City Tour / Farewell Dinner

We leave Catemaco and head north to the **city of Veracruz** on the main two lane road that takes us through gentle rolling tropical hills and sometimes skirts the ocean. Our guide will give us a **city tour** and explain some of the colorful history of this port city. In the evening, we will have our farewell dinner at a nice restaurant in the city. We will overnight at one of the hotels in Veracruz. (B,L,D)

Day 7: Travel day home

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