

# Tropical Veracruz Family Vacation

## 7 Days of Family Fun Adventures

There is nothing like an exciting adventure vacation to create lasting family memories. Your travel photo album will be full of fun exciting images of your kids ziplining over a river, swimming in natural pools below tropical waterfalls, watching monkeys in their natural habitat, whitewater river rafting, riding ATVs down the beach, and wrestling with a live crocodile in the water. OK, just kidding about the crocodile wrestling.

The hotels you and your family will be staying in are located in small towns where "Mexican life" will be all around you. In addition to the outdoor adventure aspects of this trip, your children will meet other local kids and together, explore the differences as well as the many similarities between them.

**Experiencing a different culture can be a great eye-opener for your children to begin to understand that there is not always a shopping mall and a McDonalds nearby.**

Throughout this entire trip, you and your family will be traveling with a local bilingual guide who will lead you on each activity and share his knowledge of the history, culture, and places you will visit. Remember – on your family trip to the state of Veracruz, you will not encounter many other foreign vacationers once you get outside the city of Veracruz. This is truly an immersion into the local culture without much disruption from outside influences.

**Trip Fee:** \$1157 USD per adult  
\$527 USD per child ages 7-17 when sharing a room with 2 adults, 2 double beds

**Want your kids to have their own room for all 6 nights?**  
Just add a total of \$397 USD for an extra room with 2 double beds

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 - 7 people  
**Minimum Age:** 7 years old

**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, 5 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
- Day 2:** Travel to the lakeside town of Catemaco  
Huge Waterfall seen in the movie, *Apocalypto*  
Lake Boat Ride to see Monkeys in the Wild
- Day 3:** Scenic Trip up backroads into the Tropical Hillside  
Visit a small Jungle Village  
Enjoy a specially prepared lunch by a Mexican Family  
Jungle Hike  
Swim under 3 Hidden Tropical Waterfalls
- Day 4:** 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  
Travel north to another seaside town
- Day 5:** Whitewater River Rafting  
High Speed Zipline Ride over a River
- Day 6:** ATV Beach & Sand Dunes Ride  
Veracruz City Tour  
Visit the Sea Aquarium  
Explore a Reptile Exhibition  
Farewell Dinner
- Day 7:** Travel day home

### Upcoming Trip Dates

#### 2010

December 26 - January 1

#### 2011

June 5 - 11

June 12 - 18

July 17 - 23

July 31 - August 6

December 17 - 23

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**

Your bilingual trip guide will be waiting for you upon your **arrival at the Veracruz Airport**. Your family will overnight in a hotel in the city of Veracruz. If time permits, your guide will take you on a tour to see some of the city sights.

### **Day 2: See the Waterfall used in the movie, *Apocalypto* / Lake Boat Ride**

After breakfast, you will journey to the southern part of the state to the **tropical lakeside town** of Catemaco. On your way, you will stop to see the **massive waterfall** used in the movie, *Apocalypto*. It is impossible to get real close without getting sprayed. Think of it as the "Niagara Falls" of Veracruz. Continuing on to Catemaco, you will check in at a hotel very close to the lake. In the afternoon, you will have the opportunity to **explore Lake Catemaco by boat** and to **see monkeys that live on the island lakes**. The evening is free to relax and explore the town. (B,L,D)

### **Day 3: Scenic Trip up into the Tropical Hillside / Jungle Hike / Swim under Tropical Waterfalls**

This morning your family will enjoy the green lush tropical scenery as you travel partway around the lake and then up a rugged back road into the dormant volcanic hillside to a **small village hidden in the jungle**. A native from this village will lead everyone on a **walking tour through the forest** to point out and explain about the various plant and trees you will see along your hike. Afterwards, you will travel a short distance to **explore some beautiful waterfalls**. You and your kids will have the opportunity to **swim and play in the crystal clear pools found below the different falls**. On a hot tropical day, this is definitely the place to be. Later, you will return to Catemaco and your hotel. (B,L,D)

### **Day 4: Gulf of México Shoreline / Ocean Boat Ride / Beach Time**

Your Veracruz adventure continues as you travel to the **Gulf of México** where your family will explore some of the tiny coastal villages and hang out on the **semi-secluded beaches under the tropical sun**. Here you can truly relax at one of the small palapa-style restaurants, swim, and body surf in the ocean at your leisure. The area for swimming is *kid-friendly* as the water stays shallow for quite some distance. A **fun ocean boat ride** is also on the agenda today to **see a huge cave** carved by the waves and to take in the very scenic coastline. Your kids will also have the opportunity to marvel at seeing an **island populated by hundreds of tropical birds**. Optional day activities may include a horseback ride to some small waterfalls nearby and a banana boat ride in the ocean. After a day of beach fun, your family will travel a few hours north to another small coastal town called, Chachalacas where you will overnight in a local family-owned hotel. (B,L,D)

### **Day 5: Whitewater River Rafting / Zipline Ride over a River**

Get ready for another day of outdoor adventures! The state of Veracruz is known as the "*Whitewater River Rafting Capital*" of México. The steamy tropical riverside town of Jalcomulco will be your home base for a day of exciting class 2 & 3 **white-water river rafting**. You and your children will also get to experience the thrill of **flying high over the river on a zipline ride**. Later, you will travel back to your hotel in Chachalacas. (B,L,D)

### **Day 6: ATV Beach & Sand Dunes Ride / Veracruz City Tour / Farewell Dinner**

Can you picture this? You are **zooming down long stretches of beach and up and over tall sand dunes on an ATV** (4-wheel all terrain vehicle). This will be the start of your last full day of adventures in Veracruz. Your younger children can double up with an adult so everyone can experience the fun of cruising down the beach with the Gulf of México waves lapping up at your tires. Later today, you will check out of the hotel and head into the city of Veracruz for an afternoon of **sightseeing and going to the famous Veracruz Aquarium and Reptile Exhibit**. Your kids will love watching sharks swim right over their head. In the evening, your family will have a **farewell dinner** at a nice restaurant in the city with your tour guide to celebrate the conclusion of a great trip. Your overnight accommodations will be at one of the hotels in Veracruz. (B,L,D)

### **Day 7: Travel day home**

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