

La Ruta de Don Vasco (Highlights of Michoacan) Itinerary

Price: \$8,200 pesos per person including travel, accommodation, breakfasts and guide. **Single person supplement:** \$2,000 pesos. **Price does not include** horse ride at Paricutín, entry fees, tips for your guide, driver or hotel staff. **Minimum suggested tips:** \$50 pesos per day for guides, \$30 pesos per day for drivers and \$20 pesos per night for hotel room.

This itinerary may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances/delays.

Day 1: Travel to Pátzcuaro

6am: Departure to Pátzcuaro (approximately 9 hours), packed lunch included on bus. Check-in at hotel followed by walking tour of Patzcuaro and free time. Accommodation in Patzcuaro.

Day 2: Lakeside towns

8.30am: Breakfast in hotel followed by departure to the lakeside towns of Sanabria (embroidery), Ihuatzio (archaeological site), Colonia Lazaro Cardenas (pottery and woodwork), Tzintzunztan (stone carvings and straw figures), Quiroga (artisan centre and lunch) and Santa Fe de la Laguna (cultural, historical and artistic interest). Accommodation in Pátzcuaro.

Day 3: Volcano Paricutín and Uruapan National Park

7.30am: Breakfast in hotel followed by travel to Purépecha community of Angahuan to begin hike/horseback ride to the town of San Juan Viejo Parangaricutiro, covered in lava from the Paricutín volcano; only the church steeple and altar protrude from the lava. Afternoon arrival to Uruapan for check-in at hotel, followed by visit to Uruapan National Park. Free time in the evening. Accommodation in Uruapan.

Day 4: Traditional handicrafts and historic towns

8.00am: Breakfast in hotel followed by travel to the towns of Paracho (guitar production), Nurío (historical importance, intricate ceiling paintings), Cocucho (birthplace of the large clay vases known as 'Cocuhcas'), Ocumicho (internationally renowned for the production of clay and wooden 'little devils') and San José de las Piñas (production of the famous 'Pineapple pots'). Evening arrival to Zamora, check-in at hotel followed by evening tour of Historic centre, including the impressive Santuario Guadalupano, Mexico's tallest religious building (steeple measures 107.5 meters tall).

Day 5: Return travel

8.00am: Breakfast in hotel followed by return travel, including stop in Guadalajara for lunch (not included in price).