## **Experience Mex-ECO Tours**

## A Taste of Colima Tour itinerary

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

#### Day 1: Ranch and Rum with spectacular volcano views (weather permitting)

8 am: Departure from Melaque, 9 am: Departure from Manzanillo to our first stop in Colima (approximately 2 ½ hours from Melaque, or 1 ½ hours from Manzanillo).

11:00 am-3:00 pm: Visit a Mexican ranch with a difference, including explanation of their permaculture project and equestrian centre, with time to meet the horses and take a ride in the arena. Lunch included, with fresh ingredients from the ranch.

3:00 pm: Transfer to Ron Classico rum factory (approximately ½ hour) to try your hand at making a mojito with rum produced from sugar cane grown on the foothills of the Colima Volcano.

5:00 pm: Transfer to Comala (approximately ½ hour) for check-in.

Accommodation: Comala

## Day 2: Tuba, Cacao and Colima's Historic Centre

8:00 am: Breakfast in hotel, followed by departure to learn about one of Colima's most traditional drinks, tuba. See how local tuberos climb the palm trees early in the morning to collect the sap and create this delicious, healthy drink.

10.00 am: Tour of Colima city's historic centre, or free time to enjoy the beautiful plaza and local stores, before trying some locally brewed beers.

12:00 pm: Transfer to a traditional restaurant where we try some locally brewed beers and enjoy a traditional Colima lunch.

2.00 pm: Head back out into the countryside to visit a local family who grow cacao (cocoa beans) to produce drinking chocolate, and enjoy a stop to try some of Colima's delicious coffee 5.30 pm: Return to Comala for accommodation and evening meal.

Accommodation: Comala

# **Day 3: Hacienda Nogueras**

8.00 am – 9.00 am: Breakfast in hotel, followed by 9.45 am transfer to Hacienda Nogueras (approximately 10 minutes): Once a sugar plantation and the Rangel family home, this site now boasts beautiful botanical gardens and houses the Alejandro Rangel Hidalgo Museum, exhibiting pre-Hispanic pieces collected by the designer/illustrator, as well as a collection of his paintings and furniture.

11:30 am: Return to Comala for free time or an optional painting workshop with one of Alejandro Rangel's former students (2 hours).

2.00 pm: Lunch in Comala and free time

4.30 pm: Departure to Melaque/Manzanillo.