#### **EXPERIENCE MEX-ECO TOURS**

### **Magical Christmas Tour**

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

# Day 1: Mexico City

Transfer to airport for flight to Mexico City. Transfer to hotel. Afternoon tour of the historic centre and free time to enjoy Mexico City's Zocalo adorned with impressive Christmas decorations.

Accommodation: Mexico City.

### Day 2: Magic Town of Metepec and Cosmovitral

**8 am:** Breakfast in hotel, followed by **9 am** transfer to the Magic Town of Metepec (approx. 2 hours). Tour of historic centre, including the Iglesia del Calvario and the towns life-size nativity scene, as well as a visit to the artisan centre and a local ceramic workshop to learn about the production of the famous 'arboles de la vida' (trees of life) and other pieces typical of the region. Afternoon transfer to Toluca (approx. ½ hour) to visit the Cosmovitral, Toluca's famous botanical gardens and stained-glass mural.

Accommodation: Mexico City.

## Day 3: Magic Town of Tepoztlán

**7 am:** Breakfast, followed by **8 am** departure to the Magic Town of Tepotzlán (approx. 2 hours), in the state of Morelos – the reputed birthplace of Quetzalcoatl (the Aztec feathered serpent God). Optional hike to the Tepozteco Pyramid (2 km uphill hike with steep steps). Tour of Magic Town and free time to enjoy.

Accommodation: Tepoztlán.

### Day 4: Magic Town of Atlixco

**8 am:** Breakfast and free time in Tepoztlán. **11 am** transfer to Atlixco (approx. 2 hours) for lunch and guided tour - this picturesque town located at the foot of the Popocatépetl volcano is well known for its ornamental plants and flowers, as well as its Villa Iluminada - the largest Christmas village in Latin America.

Accommodation: Atlixco

### Day 5: Chignahuapan and Zacatlán de las Manzanas

**8 am:** Breakfast, followed by **9 am** transfer to the Magic Town of Chignahuapan (approx. 2 hours), famous for its production of Christmas baubles. Afternoon tour of Zacatlán (transfer approx. 40 minutes) including spectacular views of the 'Barranca de los Jilgueros' (Goldfinch Canyon).

Accommodation: Zacatlán de las Manzanas.

### Day 6: Return travel

**8 am:** Breakfast in hotel, followed by transfer to Mexico City Airport (approx. 4 hours) for return flights. Transfer home.