

## EXPERIENCE MEX-ECO TOURS

### Morelia and the Monarch Butterfly Tour Itinerary

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

#### Day 1: Travel to Morelia and City Centre Tour

Departure to Morelia. Packed lunch provided on the bus (approx. 8 ½ hours travel time). Arrival to Morelia, check into hotel followed walking tour of Morelia city centre, then free time in the evening. Recommendations will be given for dinner options.

**Accommodation:** Morelia.

#### Day 2: El Rosario Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary

Breakfast in hotel (included). Followed by departure to El Rosario Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary (approximately 4 hours travel time). Uphill hike (approx. 45 minutes to 1 ½ hours) or horse ride (approx. 20 minutes, cost approx. \$100 pesos each way). Lunch inside the sanctuary (not included in price). Departure from El Rosario back to Morelia, free time for dinner.

**Accommodation:** Morelia.

#### Day 3: Tzintzuntzan, Pátzcuaro and Santa Clara del Cobre

Breakfast in hotel (included). Followed by departure for Tzintzuntzan (approx. 1 hour transfer). Visit 'Yácatas of Tzintzuntzan' archaeological site (home to the last great capital of the Purépecha Empire) and Tzintzuntzan town plaza. Arrival to Pátzcuaro; check-in followed by time for lunch then walking tour. Followed by a trip to Magic Town of Santa Clara del Cobre (optional, highly recommended, no extra cost), including demonstration on production of the town's famous copper pieces and free time for shopping before returning to Pátzcuaro (approximately 30 minutes each way). **Accommodation:** Patzcuaro.

#### Day 4: Pátzcuaro and Catrinas in Capula

Breakfast in hotel (included) followed by optional walking tour with guide or free time. Departure for Capula (approx. 45 minutes transfer), the birthplace of Michoacán's famous clay catrinas (skeleton figures associated with Day of the Dead) to visit local artisan centre (time for lunch in Capula). Departure for Ajijic. **Accommodation:** Ajijic.

#### Day 5: Lake Chapala and return travel.

Breakfast in hotel followed by free time to enjoy Ajijic and have lunch. Departure from Ajijic for return travel (approx. 5 hours travel time).