

## EXPERIENCE MEX-ECO TOURS

### Monarch Butterfly Valle de Bravo Tour Itinerary

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

#### **Day 1: Travel to Valle de Bravo**

Flights from Manzanillo, Puerto Vallarta, or Guadalajara to Mexico City. Transfer to Valle de Bravo (approximately 3 hours travel time); a beautiful Magic Town nestled in the hills on the shore of an artificial Lake. Welcome dinner (included). **Accommodation:** Valle de Bravo.

#### **Day 2: Monarch Butterflies**

Breakfast in hotel, followed by departure to Piedra Herrada Monarch Butterfly Reserve (approx. 1 hour transfer each way). Hike through the pine forest to see the thousands of monarch butterflies at their overwintering site (hike is up to an altitude of approximately 3,000 meters above sea level and takes approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour). Time for lunch within the reserve, followed by afternoon return to Valle de Bravo and optional spa activities, such as massage and sweat lodge (not included in tour price). **Accommodation:** Valle de Bravo.

#### **Day 3: Magic Town of Valle de Bravo and La Peña Viewpoint**

Breakfast in hotel, followed by walking tour of the Magic Town of Valle de Bravo, and free time to browse museums, stores, and artisan market. Optional afternoon 'Raizer Buggy' tour to La Peña viewpoint for spectacular views of Lake Avándaro and the towns that sit on its shoreline (approximately 30 minutes hike up a rocky path to get to the viewpoint). **Accommodation:** Valle de Bravo.

#### **Day 4: Cosmovitral and Metepec**

Breakfast in hotel, followed by departure to Toluca (approx. 2 hours transfer) to visit to the Cosmovitral, Toluca's famous botanical gardens housed in an impressive building of stained-glass murals. Time for lunch, followed by transfer to the Magic Town of Metepec (approx. ½ hour) to see the production of the town's ceramic artisan crafts, and a visit to its historic centre. Afternoon transfer to Mexico City's historic centre (approx. 1 ½ hours). **Accommodation:** Hotel Catedral, Mexico City.

#### **Day 5: Tepotzotlán and Pulque Tour**

Breakfast in hotel, followed by departure to a Pulque ranch (approx. 2 hours transfer) to learn about the production of this traditional drink, made from the sap of the maguey plant. Transfer to the Magic Town of Tepotzotlán to visit the Museum of the Viceroyalty of New Spain. Afternoon return to Mexico City. **Accommodation:** Hotel Catedral, Mexico City.

#### **Day 6: Mexico City and return travel**

Morning free in Mexico City or optional city tour with guide\*, followed by free time for lunch and afternoon transfer to airport for the return flight. *\*Subject to availability of evening flight back to departure point.*