

## Explore Nayarit

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

### Day 1: Coffee, Compostela, and a Piece of History

Departure to the town of Mesillas (approximately 1 ½ hours travel time) to try out one of Nayarit's delicious locally grown coffees. Transfer to Compostela (approximately 40 minutes), founded in 1540 by Spanish explorer, Cristóbal de Oñate. Tour of the town's historic centre and time for lunch. Transfer to the archaeological site of Los Toriles (approximately 1 ½ hours), Nayarit's only archaeological site open to the public, and home to one of the few circular constructions found in Mesoamerica. Evening transfer to the Magic town of Jala (approximately ½ hour) for dinner and accommodation.

**Accommodation:** Jala.

### Day 2: Magic Town of Jala and the Crater Lake of Santa Maria del Oro

Breakfast in hotel, followed by some free time to relax in the idyllic setting of the Magic Town of Jala. Transfer to the town of Santa Maria del Oro (approximately 1 hour), time for lunch and afternoon transfer to hotel for check-in. Enjoy the spectacular views in this privileged lake-side accommodation.

**Accommodation:** Santa Maria del Oro.

### Day 3: Tepic, Capital of the state of Nayarit

Breakfast in hotel, followed by departure to Nayarit's capital city, Tepic (approximately 1 hour travel time). Walking tour in Tepic's historic centre, including 'Centro Cultural de los 5 Pueblos' (learn about dialects and traditions of the 5 indigenous groups of Nayarit).

Transfer to the Huichol community of Zitakua on the outskirts of Nayarit's capital, to learn about the history and traditions of the Huichol, or wixárika, community. Return to Tepic's historic centre for dinner and accommodation.

**Accommodation:** Tepic

### Day 4: Mexican Venice (Mexcaltitan Island) and San Blas

Breakfast in hotel, followed by transfer to the historic town of Bellavista (approximately ½ hour) to learn about the 19th century textile factory and its importance in the area at the time. Transfer to Mexcaltitán de Uribe (approximately 2 hours travel time), a small island on Lake Mexcaltitán, inhabited by approximately 1,000 people. Enjoy a delicious lunch on the island and learn how the women on the island make artisan crafts using water lilies from the lake. Evening transfer to San Blas (approximately 2 hours) for accommodation.

**Accommodation:** San Blas.

### Day 5: La Tovara Mangroves, Fort of San Blas, and return travel

Breakfast in hotel, followed by departure for a boat ride on La Tovara lagoon. Enjoy the local wildlife, including many different bird species and perhaps some American crocodiles along the way, followed by visit to the Fort of San Blas. Time for lunch on the beach of San Blas, followed by return travel to Bucerias (approximately 3 hours travel time).