

## 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 by road (approx. 8 ½ hours travel time from Melaque, 7 ½ hours from Manzanillo or Puerto Vallarta). 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 the hotel (included) followed by departure to El Rosario Monarch Butterfly Sanctuary (approximately 3 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). Return travel 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. Transfer to Pátzcuaro (20 minutes) for check-in followed by time for lunch then walking tour. Afternoon tour to the 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 transfer time each way).

**Accommodation:** Patzcuaro.

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

Breakfast in the hotel (included), followed by free time in Pátzcuaro.

11.30 am: 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). 3 pm: Departure for Ajijic, arriving approx. 7pm.

**Accommodation:** Ajijic.

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

Breakfast in the hotel followed by free time to enjoy Ajijic and have lunch. 2 pm: Departure from Ajijic for return travel.