Immerse yourself in the art, architecture, and cuisine of Mexico on this tour of Mexico City and San Miguel de Allende. Begin in Mexico City’s colonial center, touring the city’s spectacular murals and dramatic architecture. Enjoy traditional home cooking at the Casa Pedregal, designed by notable Mexican architect Luis Barragán. See the Torres de Ciudad Satélite, an iconic piece of modern sculpture and architecture. In San Miguel de Allende, meander along narrow cobblestone streets, and view colorful arcades and courtyards, rustic houses, and elegant mansions. Conclude with a visit to El Charco del Ingenio botanical gardens to see migrating birds, serene waterfalls, and lush landscapes.

**GROUP SIZE:** From 16 to 30 travelers

**PRICING:** $4,995 per person double occupancy / Single supplement: $1,295

**STUDY LEADER:** JEFFREY QUILTER is the William and Muriel Seabury Howells Director of the Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology and senior lecturer in anthropology at Harvard. Trained as an anthropological archaeologist, Jeffrey has focused much of his career on the early societies of Peru. Recently, his interest in issues of the origins and nature of complex societies has shifted to a focus on viewing social and environmental changes over long periods of time.

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**SCHEDULE BY DAY**

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**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19**

**ARRIVE MEXICO CITY**

Depart the U.S. on independent morning flights to Mexico City.

Meet tour director Sinéad Walsh at the Mexico City airport for your transfer to the Four Seasons, arguably Mexico City’s most luxurious hotel, located near Chapultepec Park.

After checking into your hotel, drive to the National Museum of Anthropology to see exquisite sculptures and artifacts from Mexico’s pre-Columbian civilizations.

Enjoy an elegant welcome dinner in the Four Season’s superb Zanaya restaurant on the private outdoor terrace. The food is mostly seafood from the state of Nayarit. The seasonings and local “zarandeado” cooking
style place this restaurant at the top of Mexico City's list of best places to dine.

Overnight: *Four Seasons Hotel Mexico City / (D)*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20
MEXICO CITY

Following breakfast, drive to Mexico City’s colonial center, and enjoy a full-day walking tour to see spectacular murals around Mexico City’s zócalo.

In the morning see murals by Diego Rivera in the National Palace or at the Ministry of Education. Continue on foot to see murals by José Clemente Orozco in San Ildefonso.

Enjoy a traditional Mexican lunch at Café de Tacuba, located in a colonial-era building behind the cathedral. Walk to the iconic Palacio de Correos, a dramatic building completed in 1907 in predominantly the Spanish Renaissance Revival style.

Finish your afternoon at the Museo de Bellas Artes, one of the city’s most phenomenal Art Deco buildings, and see outstanding murals by David Siqueiros, José Clemente Orozco, Diego Rivera, and Rufino Tamayo.

The evening is at leisure.

Overnight: *Four Seasons Hotel Mexico City / (B, L)*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21
MEXICO CITY

Following breakfast, drive an hour to the Dolores Olmedo Museum to see an excellent collection of works by Deigo Rivera and Frida Kahlo in a magnificent hacienda setting, bequeathed by former Mexican businesswoman Dolores Olmedo.

Enjoy a festive luncheon of traditional home cooking at the Casa Pedregal, a privately owned house designed by notable Mexican architect Luis Barragán, which is owned by an eclectic modern art collector.

Continue to Frida Kahlo’s Blue House in Coyoacán, a historic house museum and art museum dedicated to the life and work of Mexican artist Frida Kahlo.

Return to your hotel in the late afternoon. The evening is at leisure.

Overnight: *Four Seasons Hotel Mexico City / (B, L)*

MONDAY, OCTOBER 22
MEXICO CITY / QUERÉTARO / SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE

After breakfast, begin the four hour drive to San Miguel de Allende. See the Torres de Ciudad Satélite, an iconic piece of modern sculpture and architecture designed by Luis Barragán and Mathias Goeritz that stands in the middle of the main freeway.

Stop in Querétaro, one of Mexico’s most charming colonial cities. Upon entering the city, view the aqueduct, a masterful example of ingenious colonial engineering. Enjoy a delightful luncheon in a venue filled with colonial charm.

In the afternoon, continue exploring Querétaro’s charming streets and serene squares, reminiscent of European plazas with their outdoor cafés.

Enjoy a guided walking tour of the colonial center, including the stunning neoclassical Neptuno Fountain; the church of Santa Clara, with its distinctive tiled dome; and Santa Rosa de Viterbo, a magnificent example of colonial baroque architecture, home to an outstanding collection of colonial sculpture.

Continue an hour to San Miguel, arriving in the afternoon, and check into the Belmond Casa de Sierra Nevada.

Enjoy dinner together at The Restaurant, located within a short walking distance of the hotel.

Overnight: *Belmond Casa de Sierra Nevada / (B, L, D)*

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23
SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE

Set forth on a guided walking tour of San Miguel’s historic center. Meander along
narrow cobblestone streets and view colorful arcades and courtyards, rustic houses, and elegant mansions. See the graceful La Parroquia church with its many spires, the pink-stone covered Oratorio de San Felipe Neri, and the sumptuous Santa Casa de Loreto chapel with its elaborate rosettes, columns, and gilded decorations.

See an excellent contemporary art collection that includes pieces by Diego Rivera and Nacho Rodriguez at Hotel Matilda followed by lunch in the hotel’s renowned Moxi Restaurant.

Visit one of San Miguel’s prettiest courtyard homes, which boasts one of the city’s hidden gems – Another Face of Mexico—a small museum dedicated to the elaborate masks of the region. Enjoy a coffee and dessert reception and a lecture on Mexican mask traditions by owner Bill LeVasseur.

Dinner and the rest of the evening are on your own.

**OVERNIGHT: BELMOND CASA DE SIERRA NEVADA / (B, L, R)**

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24**

**ATOTONILCO / SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE**

Drive to the home and studio of Ana Thiel, a renowned glass artist, who will discuss her works in progress and show you her studio.

Stop at Fábrica La Aurora, a beautiful art and design center housed in a former textile factory from the turn-of-the-century, and enjoy an hour of free time for shopping.

Continue to Atotonilco, one of the most fascinating religious complexes in all of Mexico—a UNESCO World Heritage Site that features outstanding frescoes and wooden sculptures.

Break for a relaxing lunch at Nirvana.

Nearby, visit a remarkable private art gallery where the owner, Mayer Shacter, will showcase the very best pieces of his collection of Mexican folk art.

This evening, drive to the private home of Bill Harris, a renowned jeweler, who will host you for cocktails and hors d’oeuvres.

**OVERNIGHT: BELMOND CASA DE SIERRA NEVADA / (B, L, R)**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25**

**SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE**

Spend the morning at El Charco de Ingenio botanical gardens, incorporating a beautiful natural spring, a picturesque canyon, and the remains of a colonial-era waterworks system. See migrating birds, serene waterfalls, lush landscapes, and hundreds of blooming cacti and succulent plants.

Return to San Miguel and enjoy free time for independent explorations.

Gather again in the late afternoon to enjoy tapas and cocktails at a spectacular rooftop bar, and watch the sun set over the rooftops of San Miguel.

Continue to one of San Miguel’s finest restaurant for a magical farewell dinner.

**OVERNIGHT: BELMOND CASA DE SIERRA NEVADA / (B, R, D)**

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26**

**DEPART FOR U.S.**

Following breakfast, transfer to the Guanajuato-Leon airport (BJX) for return flights home. (B)