

FAM TRIPS

ATMEX 2014

CHIAPAS

C H I A P A S

Name: Tacaná Volcano & Rafting
By: Petra Vertical

CHIAPAS

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Number of Nights: 3

Departure Date: August 23

Departure Time: 17:22

Departure Location: Tapachula

Activity Level: Hard

Activities: Hiking, Camping, Rafting

** Sleeping Bag Required

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Itinerary

AUGUST 23

Arrive at Tapachula International Airport at 5:22 P.M. Transfer to the Loma Real Hotel. Registration. Prepare backpack for trip to Tacana volcano. Rest for early departure.

AUGUST 24

Early breakfast. 8 A.M. departure to Chiquihuites community located 1,800 meters above sea level, where we will begin an incredible adventure full of scenery and exuberant vegetation during the rainy season. Traveling along paths lined by flowers and smiling children who run out to wish you well, looking for candy carried by the trekkers. After passing through the Chiquihuite community we get to the “Paso de Gato” at 2,315 meters above sea level, where you expect dinosaurs to appear at any moment because of the incredible setting of huge ferns, HELICONIAS and exuberant vegetation. As we continue up the mountainside, through the field of flowers, we get to our first resting point. As we rest and take a snack, we can delight in the incredible fields of flowers cultivated by locals. We then continue to Papales, which is at 3,500 meters above sea level, surrounded by coffee plantations and tropical vegetation where we arrive at the cabin where we will camp and have lunch. From here we can appreciate the monumental beauty of the Tacana volcano.

AUGUST 25

Rise at 2:30 AM to prepare for our ascent to Tacana blanketed by stars and the sound of the wind. We pass through an enchanted forest and large pine trees, which encourage you to continue on. We pass through a “pine tree cemetery” and as we push on we begin to see the sun rising as we arrive at the crater where we have a snack before pushing on to our destination at the top of the crater. At our destination, at 4090 meters above sea level, you will feel in the clouds, admire the nearby Tlajumulco volcano and throw your arms into the air with joy. You then begin your descent, return to the cabin in Papales, pack up, have lunch and return to Chichihuite to catch the transportation to return to the Loma Real Hotel.

AUGUST 26

Early breakfast. 8 A.M. departure and transfer to the Cecilio del Valle Dam for our second day of adventure, rafting on the River Coatan. This is a class 2-3 river with various TRENES de OLAS and takes 2-3 hours. From Tapachulas we return to our hotel to pick up our bags and transfer to San Cristobal de las Casas.

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Name: Miramar Lagoon

By: Petra Vertical

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Number of Nights: 2

Departure Date: August 24

Departure Time: 6:00

Departure Location: San Cristobal de las Casas

Activity Level: Medium

Activities: Trekking, Camping, Lagoon Snorkeling

** Sleeping Bag Required

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Itinerary

AUGUST 24

Six A.M. departure from San Cristobal de las Casas for a two hour trip to Comitán where we will have breakfast. Continue to Jatate for a two hours trip on the river. Arrive at Zapata Ejido to prepare for our adventure to the lagoon. After a two hour trek through mud and over wooden bridges, we arrive at our final destination – Miramar! Free time to swim in the lagoon while camp is being set up. Meals included.

AUGUST 25

After breakfast we will tour the lagoon in “cayucos”. We will visit Turtle Cave, admire cave paintings left by former civilizations and swim in the lagoon. Return to campsite for lunch and rest before taking a 40 minute walk to admire rock formations and admire a 30 meter high anthropomorphic sculpture. We continue to Crocodile Lagoon where we hope to sight on one of these fascinating creatures sunning nearby. Meals included.

AUGUST 26

After breakfast, take a last dip in the lagoon followed by transfer to point of origin. Breakfast only.

Name: The Water Route - El Triunfo Biological Reserve

By: La Mano del Mono

CHIAPAS

3



Number of Nights: 2

Departure Date: August 24

Departure Time: 7:00

Departure Location: San Cristobal de las Casas

Activity Level: Easy

Activities: Trekking, Coffee Plantations, Bird Watching

** Sleeping Bag Required

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Name: The Water Route - El Triunfo Biological Reserve

By: La Mano del Mono

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Itinerary

AUGUST 24

Our first experience will be to visit the organic coffee cooperative “Comon Yaj Noptic” where we will visit with one of the cooperative’s member communities found in “El Triunfo” Biological Reserve. When visiting the coffee plantations and sharing with the local producers we will be better able to appreciate the great effort that goes into your morning cup of coffee.

AUGUST 25

To continue the trip you will discover one of the five central zones of the “El Triunfo” biosphere reserve, Quetzal Camp, where you will be in total contact with nature, surrounded by mist, which is typical of this region. If we are lucky on this trek, we will be able to observe birds such as the Quetzal. landscapes welcome you!

AUGUST 26

Open your senses!

We will begin our day enjoying the forest along one of its trails of the central zone. Open your senses to enjoy its sounds, smells and details. Here we have more of a chance to see birds in their native habitat. Return to San Cristobal

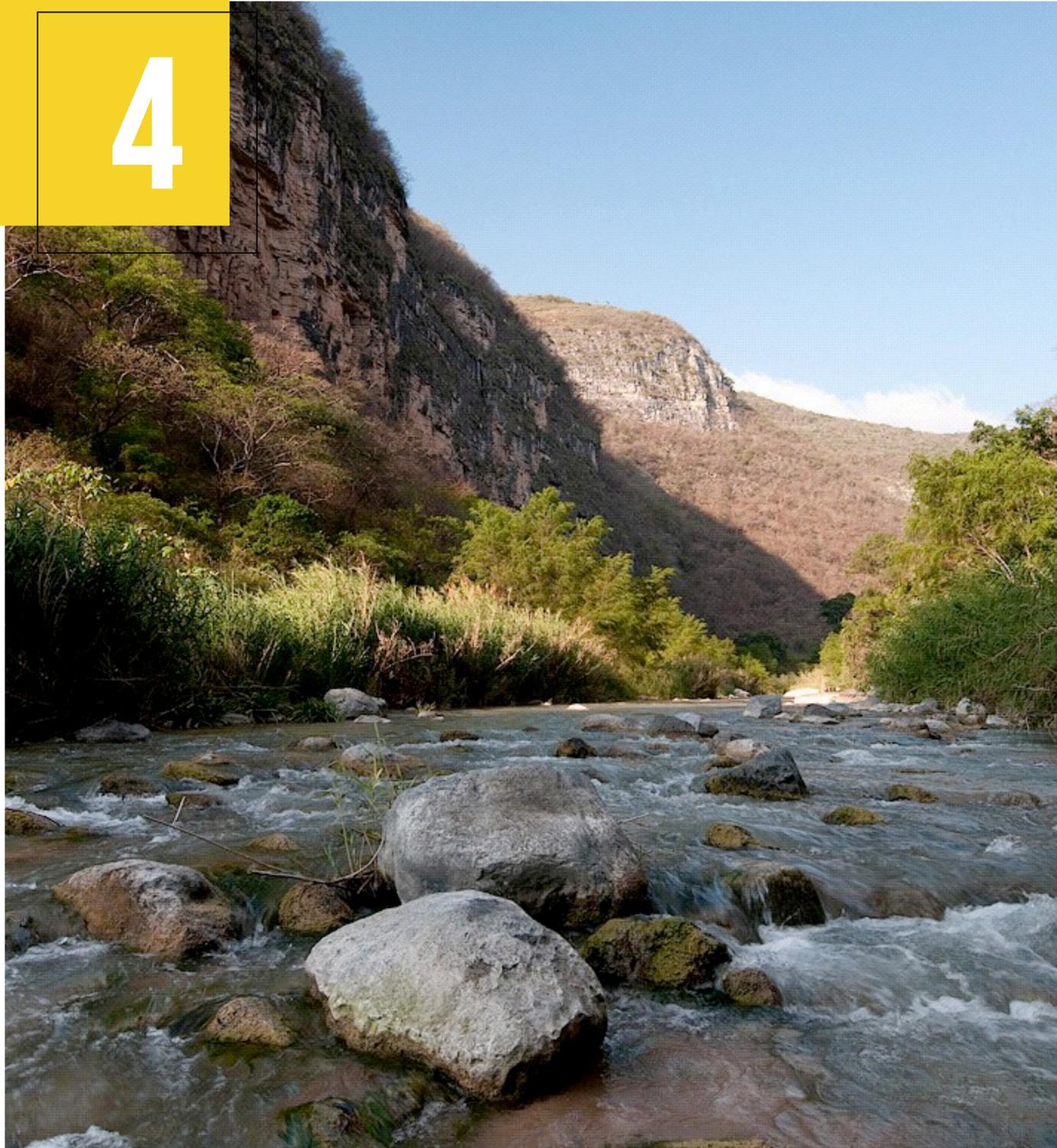
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Name: The Water Route - El Ocote Biological Reserve

By: La Mano del Mono

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Number of Nights: 2

Departure Date: August 24

Departure Time: 8:30

Departure Location: San Cristobal de las Casas

Activity Level: Medium

Activities: Trekking, Bird Watching, Rappel, Underground Jungle

** Sleeping Bag Required

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Itinerary

AUGUST 24

The Sima de las Cotorras (Parrot Cave) is a huge depression in the rocks formed by the filtration of water. Families of parrots live in this beautiful habitat in trees growing at the bottom of the area. It is the ideal place to witness the departure and return of these parrots that live in the earth. We will descend in ropes to the bottom where you will discover the underground world through a marvellous trek. Ascend in ropes and indulge yourselves with the local food with local cooks guidance. Overnight in cabins.

AUGUST 25

Waterfalls and caves will continue to surprise us with the sights molded by water throughout centuries. The impressive scenic views of the canyon will give you their welcome.

AUGUST 26

Fall in love with the scenery. Water is born and flows through this site giving life to this ecosystem and the local population works every day to conserve it. Do you know how?

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Name: Cenote Scuba Diving
By: Sur Divers

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Number of Nights: 3

Departure Date: August 23

Departure Time: 7:00

Departure Location: Tuxtla Gutierrez

Activity Level: Medium

Activities: Trekking, Scuba Diving,
Overflying,

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Name: Cenote Scuba Diving

By: Sur Divers

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Itinerary

AUGUST 23

- 9:30 Breakfast at Chiapa de Corzo and tour of historic downtown
- 11:00 Transfer to piers and tour of Cañon del Sumidero
- 13:00 Transfer to city of Comitán
- 14:30 Tour to Rancho Nuevo caves (or San Cristobal depending on time)
- 16:00 Arrive Comitán and transfer to restaurant
- 18:00 Register at hotel
- 20:00 Activity in Comitán
- 21:00 Welcome dinner in Comitán and get-together

AUGUST 24

- 8:30 Breakfast at hotel restaurant
- 9:00 Transfer to “Chiapas Desde el Cielo” airport
- 9:30 Registration of groups and departure on tour (overflying Lagunas de Montebello, Santo Domingo waterfalls, Laguna Miramar, visits of Yaxchitlán and Bonampak)
- 16:30 Return
- 17:00 Transfer to hotel
- 17:15 Lunch with typical food
- 19:00 Return to hotel
- 20:00 Tour of city by streetcar
Free Evening with visit to local bar

AUGUST 25

- 07:00 Breakfast in hotel restaurant
- 08:30 Transfer to Chucumaltik Cenote (25 kilometers from Comitán)
- 10:00 Scuba diving for first group
- 11:00 Snack on surface
- 11:30 Scuba diving for second group
- 12:30 End scuba diving and transfer
- 13:30 Transfer to “Las Nubes” ecological center
- 14:00 Arrival and lunch
- 17:00 Registration and cabin designation
- 17:30 Tour of local canyon
- 20:00 Nature evening

AUGUST 24

- 08:00 Breakfast at “Las Nubes” restaurant
- 09:00 Walk to lookout point
- 11:00 Tour
- 11:30 Transfer to Comitán and tour of Montebello National Park. Snack
- 15:00 Arrive San Cristobal
- 18:45 Transfer to Welcome Cocktail site

Name: Chiapas on Wheels
By: Ecoexperiencias

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Number of Nights: 3

Departure Date: August 23

Departure Time: 9:00

Departure Location: Tuxtla Gutierrez

Activity Level: Hard

Activities: Mountain Biking

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Name: Chiapas on Wheels

By: Ecoexperiencias

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Itinerary

AUGUST 23

Travel to indigenous villages, through local paths and trails. Visit the city of San José Chamula with its famous church and tradition of local weaving, Zinacantan, and return in the evening to the Magic Town of San Cristobal de las Casas. Distance: 32 kilometers. Overnight in San Cristobal at a “Treasure of Chiapas” hotel.

AUGUST 24

Travel through the greenhouses to Ixtapa and the Magic Town of Chiapa de Corzo. Travel by boat through the Cañón del Sumidero. Return by car. Distance: 75 kilometers. Overnight in San Cristobal at a “Treasure of Chiapas” hotel.

AUGUST 25

After breakfast, with luggage in hand, we depart for the Chiflón waterfalls over paths and cobblestone to begin our upward trek. We will pass through fields of sugarcane to arrive at Sototenango and finish our trip at the Chiflon waterfalls. Overnight in a lodge at this ecotourism center. Distance: 57 miles. Overnight at lodge.

AUGUST 26

Breakfast punctually at 6 AM with luggage in hand. We then board our transportation to the Magic Town of San Cristobal where we will begin the Route of the Mills, which is certified by the National Geographic. We will visit mills, the caves of kin vó, the grutes of Mamut, the church of Carmen el Arcotete and the ecotourism park of Arcotete. Distance: 42 kilometers.

Name: Untamed Lacandonia
By: Ecoexperiencias

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Number of Nights: 3

Departure Date: August 23

Departure Time: 9:00

Departure Location: Palenque

Activity Level: Easy

Activities: Archeological Sites, Rafting, Trekking, Kayaking.

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Name: Untamed Lacandonia

By: Ecoexperiencias

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Itinerary

AUGUST 23

Visit the archaeological site of Palenque and the Aluxes Eco-Park, and we'll enjoy a delicious dinner celebrating EcoExperiencias 15th Anniversary. Stay over at the city of Palenque.

AUGUST 24

We'll continue our journey to the Lacandon Jungle and will stop at the Mayan archaeological sites of Yaxchilán, which can only be reached by boat, and Bonampak with its amazing and colorful frescoes. In the afternoon you'll enjoy an ancient steam bath and a Mayan massage. You'll be staying in the Jungle lodge of Lacanjá.

AUGUST 25

After breakfast you'll go white water river rafting in the Lacanjá river and a hike to visit the lost city of Lacanjá. After lunch you'll visit the The Lagoon of 7 Colors in the community of Sibal. And then back to your lodge, the Naha Lodge to enjoy your dinner

AUGUST 26

After Breakfast we'll visit the Naha Lagoon in kayak and later the amazing archaeological site of Toniná. Afterwards we'll head to the city of San Cristobal de las Casas.

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Name: Mexico's Hidden Eden
By: Various Tour operators

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Number of Nights: 4

Departure Date: August 22

Departure Time: 18:00

Departure Location: Ciudad Valles

Activity Level: Medium

Activities: Rappel, Rafting, Bird Watching, Scuba Diving, Waterfall Jumping

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Itinerary

AUGUST 22

Arrival to San Luis Potosi Airport Depending on arrival time. Transfer to Ciudad Valles and Lodging at Hotel Mision Valles

AUGUST 23

07:00 Breakfast at Hotel Mision Valles
08:00 Departure to Tampaon River for Rafting tour in one of the most beautiful rivers in Mexico with rapids rated Class III.
10:00 Arrival to Tampaon River and rafting activity.
16:00 Picnic Lunch next to Tampaon River.
17:30 Return to Hotel Mision Valles
19:00 Dinner and Meeting with adventure tour operators specialized in Huasteca Potosina at Hotel Mision

AUGUST 24

07:00 Breakfast at Hotel Mision Valles
07:45 Departure to El Naranjo for waterfalls jumping and rappel tour
09:00 Arrival to Minas Viejas Waterfall, 45 m high, and ideal for Rappel practice and swimming in its blue-turquoise pools.
11:30 Transfer to EcoResort Huasteca Secreta, and a tour on its installations with a formidable view of El Salto del Meco, a mighty waterfall of 38 meters high, with turquoise waters.
13:30 Lunch at EcoResort Huasteca Secreta.
15:00 Transfer to Micos Waterfall, near to Ciudad Valles
16:00 Arrival to Micos Waterfall for Waterfall jumping activity.
18:30 Visit to Aldea Huasteca, for change of clothes and dinner., where we can see and hear the different typical birds every morning.
21:00 ransfer to Hotel Mision Valles

AUGUST 25

07:00 Breakfast at Hotel
08:00 Transfer to Rioverde city
08:30 Arrival to Media Luna Scuba Diving Centre where international certified instructors will prepare the participants for immersion in the lake and conduct the tour to the Media Luna Lake State Park, where among other species of fauna the curious diver duck can be seen and also, admire the blue hue of the water. In this place is located the most important spring from a scientific, touristic and ecologic view in the state of San Luis Potosí.
13:00 End of activity and Time to change of clothes.
14:00 Transfer to La Malanca Hotel &Spa. La Malanca is an ex-hacienda that was constructed 100 years ago,
15:00 Typical lunch at La Malanca and tour for its facilities.
18:00 Departure to San Luis Potosi city
20:00 Check in at Hotel Panorama
20:30 Dinner

AUGUST 26

Breakfast at Hotel
Transfer to San Luis Potosi Airport. The final time depends on flights schedule and connection trough Mexico City Airport to Tuxtla Gutierrez Airport in Chiapas.

Y U C A T Á N

Name: Nature and Adventure in Yucatan

By: Maya Amazing

YUCATÁN

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Number of Nights: 4

Departure Date: August 22

Departure Time: 15:00

Departure Location: Mérida

Activity Level: Easy

Activities: Archeological Sites, Biking, Trekking, Kayaking.

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Name: Nature and Adventure in Yucatan

By: Maya Amazing

YUCATÁN

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Itinerary

AUGUST 22

Arrival at Merida during the day, in the night welcome dinner and small night city tour

AUGUST 23

Small biking trio in order to reach the spectacular “Santa Rita” cave system, in this place we will explore the Mayan underground, where we will watch incredible rock formations, and evidence of the people that used to live in this caves, after this, we will head to Valladolid to explore the streets of this awesome colonial city

AUGUST 24

Quick tour around the small archeological site of Ake and a live Sisal hacienda, later we will head to the small colonial town of Soutra where we will board our bikes and head towards an incredible property that holds many “Cenotes” where we will have time to relax, swim and hike inside the jungle...on this place we will have a nice yucatecan grill

AUGUST 25

We will ride our vehicle in small dirt roads along 2 coastal communities, until we reach a port where we board our boats and head to zone known as “La Carbonera” where we will paddle our Kayaks along various lagoons and small channel in order to reach an incredible hidden cenote in a spectacular mangrove forest, we will finish eating seafood at the end of this amazing adventure

AUGUST 26

We take a quick bike ride really close to Mérida in order to reach a small village, so we can take pictures at dawn, and at mid morning time to head to Chiapas has come.

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