

# SOUL OF MEXICO TOURS

## INTO MOGOLLON & RARAMURI LANDS

### OVERVIEW

The Mogollon culture spans an area of the Southwestern United States, with the two southernmost sites located at Paquime and Cuarenta Casas in Chihuahua, Mexico - both of which are included on this itinerary. Anthropologists and archaeologists remain unclear as to what became of the Mogollon peoples, with some speculating they may be the ancestors of the indigenous Raramuri peoples who still inhabit the Canyons of Chihuahua today - an area deeply utilized by the ancient Mogollon peoples for trade.

Snaking through the powerful mystique of six colossal, interconnected canyons is a phenomenal feat of engineering, fondly called the El Chepe train route. This 653 KM (405 Miles) scenic stretch takes 16 hours to travel in entirety, but the real adventure begins once one steps off the train platform and into the mysterious lands of the indigenous Raramuri peoples.

**Please Note:** Travel can come with hiccups along the way - such as flat tires, engine failure, inclement weather etc. While we certainly don't plan on such obstacles, we ask our guests to remain flexible and positive if we are presented with such challenges. This may include waiting by the roadside for help, or having to change itinerary plans for vehicle repairs. This is not a common issue, but please keep in mind that accidents, flat tires, and rainfall can occur at any time.

## **TRIP ITINERARY NOVEMBER 27 – DECEMBER 9, 2019**

### **DAY ONE**

Welcome to the City of Chihuahua! Please arrange for your flight to arrive before 2 PM. Once we have everyone's flight details, we can make arrangements for our meals and transportation time to Pueblo Magico Casas Grandes in northern Chihuahua. **Please Note:** If you would like assistance finding flights to Chihuahua, please contact us for help!

#### **Accommodations:**

Hotel in Casas Grandes TBA

#### **Meals Included:**

Welcome Dinner (*Alcoholic beverages not included*)

### **DAY TWO**

Meet for breakfast at 8 AM and head for the ancient Mogollon City of Paquime. We will have lunch in Casas Grandes before departing for the famous village of Mata Ortiz to visit the Museum of Juan Quezada, and visit several gifted potters in the small village. This village is surprisingly small and quiet, considering the pottery created here is so famous.

#### **Accommodations:**

Hotel in Casas Grandes TBA

#### **Meals Included:**

Meals are not included

### **DAY THREE**

This morning, we will meet for breakfast in Casas Grandes at 8 AM, departing for Ciudad Madera by 9 AM. We will have an opportunity to check into our hotel and explore the surrounding town, including the fascinating cemetery.

**Accommodations:**

Hotel in Ciudad Madera TBA

**Meals Included:**

Meals are not included

**DAY FOUR**

This morning we will depart early for the ancient Mogollon trade centre, Cuarentas Casas. Cuarentas Casas is a series of houses built into the cliffs of the Canyon. We will stay over in Ciudad Madera for an early start the following day.

**Accommodations:**

Hotel in Ciudad Madera TBA

**Meals Included:**

Meals are not included

**DAY FIVE**

This morning we will depart Ciudad Madera early for a lunch-time arrival in the famous Divisadero Adventure Park. Here, we will enjoy a hike along the rim and an early night to unwind and relax, with spectacular views.

**Accommodations:**

Hotel in Divisadero TBA

**Meals Included:**

Meals are not included

**DAY SIX**

Today we will enjoy some Raramuri Storytelling along with cooking classes and weaving lessons with local indigenous women. Enjoy the rest of the afternoon relaxing, hiking, or enjoying the stellar views. For those who love extreme

activities, there are ziplines, hanging bridges and ATV's here as optional activities (*not included*).

**Accommodations:**

Hotel in Divsadero TBA

**Meals Included:**

Lunch included as part of the cooking class

**DAY SEVEN**

The early bird gets the worm today, as Arturo will cook guests breakfast out on the rim during sunrise, so you can enjoy the birth of light across the canyons. We will make an early departure for the Pueblo Magico Batopilas. Upon arriving in Batopilas, we will explore the small, but picturesque village.

**Accommodations:**

Rio de Batopilas Hotel

**Meals Included:**

Breakfast

**DAY EIGHT**

This morning, we will hike to the old Mission at Batopilas. Upon returning, we can have lunch and explore the Exhacienda of Alexander Stephen.

**Accommodations:**

Rio de Batopilas Hotel

**Meals Included:**

Dinner (*Alcoholic beverages not included*)

**DAY NINE**

This morning, we will depart for Pueblo Magico Creel after an early breakfast. Upon arrival, guests will enjoy free time to explore this cute town.

**Accommodations:**

La Troje de Adobe Boutique Hotel

**Meals Included:**

Meals are not included

**DAY TEN**

This morning, we will row Lake Arareco before heading out to view Cusarare Waterfall and explore the Valley of the Frogs.

**Accommodations:**

La Troje de Adobe Boutique Hotel

**Meals Included:**

Dinner (*Alcoholic beverages not included*)

**DAY ELEVEN**

This morning, we will enjoy free time in the small town of Creel. Board the El Chepe at 11:20 AM for Pueblo Magico Town of El Fuerte. We will travel through the best terrain on offer.

**Accommodations:**

Hotel in El Fuerte TBA

**Meals Included:**

Meals are not included

**DAY TWELVE**

This morning we will explore the small town of El Fuerte, visiting the birth home of El Zorro, and resting in this beautiful, clean village. Enjoy our last dinner together in El Fuerte.

**Accommodations:**

Hotel in El Fuerte TBA

**Meals Included:**

Dinner (*Alcoholic beverages not included*)

**DAY THIRTEEN**

Please make sure your flight is departing Los Mochis in the late afternoon, so we can depart El Fuerte on time for your flight. We will take a miniature bus from El Fuerte to Los Mochis, and taxi to the airport. Please contact us if you are unable to find an afternoon flight, or need to depart early, so we can look into transportation for you.

**Accommodations:**

N/A (*If you choose to stay in Los Mochis overnight, we recommend the Best Western*)

**Meals Included:**

Meals are not included