

# World Heritage Sites



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<b>ANCIENT PRE-HISPANIC</b>			
Pre-Hispanic City and National Park of Palenque (Chiapas State)	Villahermosa (VSA)	Most spectacular of all Mayan sites; part of tour itinerary between Tabasco and Chiapas States	<a href="http://www.turismochiapas.gob.mx">www.turismochiapas.gob.mx</a>
Historic center of Mexico City and Xochimilco (Federal District)	Mexico City (MEX)	One of world's grandest cities; beautiful restoration and refurbishment of both sites	<a href="http://www.mexicocity.gob.mx">www.mexicocity.gob.mx</a>
Pre-Hispanic City of Teotihuacan (Mexico State)	Mexico City (MEX)	Must-see day trip from Mexico City	<a href="http://www.turismo.edomex.gob.mx">www.turismo.edomex.gob.mx</a>
Pre-Hispanic City of Chichén Itzá (Yucatán State)	Mérida (MID)	May become one of New Seven Wonders of the World; visitor impact affecting site	<a href="http://www.mayayucatan.com">www.mayayucatan.com</a>
Pre-Hispanic City of El Tajin (Veracruz State)	Veracruz City (VER)	Spectacular, little-visited site with surrounding Veracruz State attractions (eco/cultural/historic)	<a href="http://www.visitmexico.com">www.visitmexico.com</a>
Rock Paintings of The Sierra de San Francisco (Baja Calif. Sur State)	Loreto (LTO)	Remote, fragile site; rupestrian murals date to 100 B.C.; special permits required to visit	<a href="http://www.loreto.com">www.loreto.com</a>
Pre-Hispanic Town of Uxmal (Yucatán State)	Mérida (MID) Campeche (CPE)	Visit in late afternoon and stay for light/sound show	<a href="http://www.visitmexico.com">www.visitmexico.com</a>
Archaeological Zone of Paquimé Casas Grandes (Chihuahua State)	Chihuahua City (CUU)	Satellite of American Southwest Pueblo-Oasis culture; little-visited but worth the trek; pottery from nearby Mata Ortiz of special note	<a href="http://www.mayayucatan.com">www.mayayucatan.com</a>
Archaeological Monuments Zone of Xochicalco (Morelos State)	Mexico City (MEX)	Awesome hilltop site with caves, remarkable stone carvings, ball courts; easy drive from Cuernavaca	<a href="http://www.morelostravel.com">www.morelostravel.com</a>
Ancient Maya City of Calakmul (Campeche State)	Campeche City (CPE)	Remote jungle-shrouded site where Mayan society reached its pinnacle	<a href="http://www.campechetravel.com">www.campechetravel.com</a>
Historic Center of Oaxaca and Archaeological Site of Monte Albán (Oaxaca State)	Oaxaca City (OAX)	Mexico's most endearing and culturally rich State; fully-recovered from 2006 protests	<a href="http://www.visitmexico.com">www.visitmexico.com</a>
Prehistoric Caves of Yagul and Mitla, Central Valley of Oaxaca (Oaxaca State)	Oaxaca City (OAX)	Two pre-Hispanic archaeological complexes and a series of prehistoric caves and rock shelters housing the earliest known evidence of domesticated plants (including corn) in the Americas.	<a href="http://www.visitmexico.com">www.visitmexico.com</a>
<b>CULTURAL/NATURE</b>			
Central University City Campus of the UNAM	Mexico City (MEX)	Unique example of 20th century modernism. Built by over 60 architects, engineers, artists.	<a href="http://www.unam.mx">www.unam.mx</a>
Luis Barragán House and Studio (Mexico State)	Mexico City (MEX)	Showpiece of Mexican architecture. Stay at nearby Camino Real Hotel and take tour	<a href="http://www.mexicocity.gob.mx">www.mexicocity.gob.mx</a>
Islands and protected areas of the Gulf of California	La Paz (LAP) Loreto (LTO)	Nature cruises, sea kayaking, sailing are best options to experience world's aquarium	<a href="http://visitbajasur.travel/en/">http://visitbajasur.travel/en/</a>
Whale Sanctuary of El Vizcaino (Baja California Sur State)	La Paz (LAP) Loreto (LTO)	Close-up encounters available during winter months; take daytrip from Los Cabos via Aero Calafia	<a href="http://www.visitloscabos.org">www.visitloscabos.org</a>
Archipiélago de Revillagigedo	Puerto Vallarta (PVR)	Remote cluster of islands of pristine, endemic wildlife, plants and migrating species.	<a href="http://whc.unesco.org/en/statesparties/mx">http://whc.unesco.org/en/statesparties/mx</a>
Sian Ka'an Biosphere Reserve (Quintana Roo State)	Cancun (CUN)	Remarkable Caribbean ecosystem and Mayan cultural experience; visit site with Community Tours Sian Ka'an	<a href="http://www.rivieramaya.com">www.rivieramaya.com</a>

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Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve (Michoacan State)	Mexico City (MEX)	563 sq.km reserve protects key overwintering sites for the monarch butterfly. The overwintering concentration of butterflies in the property is a superlative natural phenomenon.	<a href="http://www.michoacan-travel.com">www.michoacan-travel.com</a>
<b>SPANISH COLONIAL</b>			
Village of Tequila (Jalisco State)	Guadalajara (GDL)	Easy side trip from Puerto Vallarta or Guadalajara; take Tequila Express train from Guadalajara on weekends	<a href="http://www.tequilajalisco.gob.mx">www.tequilajalisco.gob.mx</a>
Historic Center of Puebla (Puebla State)	Puebla City (PBC)	Grand Spanish city with rich religious monuments, art, cuisine, talavera pottery, and nearby ancient ruins; take bus from MEX Airport direct to Puebla	<a href="http://www.visitmexico.com">www.visitmexico.com</a>
Historic Town of Guanajuato and Adjacent Mines (Guanajuato State)	Guanajuato City (BJX)	16th century mining town clinging to ravine; underground roads, fine Baroque architecture, university town with worldrenowned Festival (October); easy air access	<a href="http://www.guanajuato-travel.com">www.guanajuato-travel.com</a>
Historic Center of Morelia (Michoacán State)	Morelia City (MLM)	Wonderfully restored 16th Century city with picturesque countryside, indigenous culture, comfortable accommodations	<a href="http://www.visitmexico.com">www.visitmexico.com</a>
Historic Center of Zacatecas (Zacatecas State)	Zacatecas City (ZCL)	Eye-popping high plateau setting; 16th century mining town with architecture, mines, museums, cowboy culture	<a href="http://www.visitmexico.com">www.visitmexico.com</a>
Earliest 16th-Century Monasteries on the slopes of Popocatepetl (Puebla and Morelos States)	Mexico City (MEX)	On the slopes of a dormant volcano, 14 Monasteries exhibiting diverse architectural styles	<a href="http://www.morelostravel.com">www.morelostravel.com</a>
Historic Monuments of Querétaro (Querétaro State)	Mexico City (MEX) Querétaro (QRO)	Founded in 1531, the downtown area has preserved its colonial core with walking arcades, splendid architecture and several museums	<a href="http://www.venaqueretaro.com">www.venaqueretaro.com</a>
Hospicio Cabañas in Guadalajara (Jalisco State)	Guadalajara (GDL)	Historic cultural center and former orphanage in downtown historic district; ceiling blazoned with Orozco murals	<a href="http://www.visitmexico.com">www.visitmexico.com</a>
Historic Monuments Zone of Tlacotalpan (Veracruz State)	Veracruz (VER)	Urban layout and architecture represent a fusion of Spanish and Caribbean styles	<a href="http://www.visitmexico.com">www.visitmexico.com</a>
Historic Fortified Town of Campeche (Campeche State)	Campeche City (CPE)	Walled historic port city with 17th century fortifications, museums, and nearby Mayan/cultural sites	<a href="http://www.campechetravel.com">www.campechetravel.com</a>
Historic Missions of the Sierra Gorda (Querétaro State)	Mexico City (MEX)	Site exhibits joint creative efforts of missionaries/Indios during the evangelization of central and northern Mexico	<a href="http://www.venaqueretaro.com">www.venaqueretaro.com</a>
Protective town of San Miguel and the Sanctuary of Jesús Nazareno de Atotonilco (Guanajuato State)	Guanajuato City (BJX)	San Miguel de Allende is an early example of a rational territorial and urban development in the Americas, related to the protection of one of the main Spanish inland roads.	<a href="http://www.guanajuato-travel.com">www.guanajuato-travel.com</a>
Camino Real de Tierra Adentro: 2,600 km long; (Nine Mexican States)	Mexico City (MEX)	The Royal Inland Road, also known as the Silver Route. 55 sites and five existing World Heritage sites lying along a 1400 km section extending from Mexico City to Texas and New Mexico.	<a href="http://www.visitmexico.com">www.visitmexico.com</a>
Aqueduct of Padre Tembleque Hydraulic System (Mexico & Hidalgo States)	Mexico City (MEX)	This 16th century aqueduct encompasses a water catchment area, springs, canals, distribution tanks and arcaded aqueduct bridges. It's the highest single-level arcade ever built in an aqueduct.	<a href="http://whc.unesco.org/en/statesparties/mx">http://whc.unesco.org/en/statesparties/mx</a>