



November 8-15, 2008

San Miguel De Allende

**"A CHARMING PLACE
UNLIKE ANY OTHER"**

REAL DE CATORCE 49 kilometers from Matehuala in San Luis Potosi state and at an altitude of 2800 meters(8400 ft) hidden in the Potosi mountains and at the top of a mineral summit "The Ghost Town" "*Real de Catorce*" is found. You'll see what's left of a once rich and shining mining splendor, one can experiment the sensation of traveling through the past. When you stroll its narrow and slanted streets, which lead to the temple of St. Francis of Assisi, the Von House, the building, the cockfight ring and more beautiful places.

SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDEHistory, art, and poetry seem to be engraved in the ornate stone walls of city buildings. Visit the Little Market on your city tour and treat yourself to some flowers. You'll see the Institute where many of the town's foreign citizens spend their time learning spanish or folk and art crafts. This evening, get in step with your paisanos and walk the cobblestone lanes to art exhibits or to a cafe for a cup of cinnamon coffee or cafe de olla. Just listen for soft guitar music and walk towards it.

Day 1

**East Texas depart @ 6am
via van to Mesquite to meet the motor
coach, then to Desoto and down to the
Texas Valley.**



Overnight in South Texas (Rio Grande Valley)

Day 2

SAN LUIS POTOSI

Depart from the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, clearing Mexican customs in Reynosa. Ride through purple sage country toward the mountains that surround Cd. Victoria. Enjoy the ever-changing scenery through the new "shortcut" recently completed which save about two hours of driving time through the Sierra Madres. Arrive earlier into San Luis Potosi, and spend the night at the fashionable Real Plaza Hotel in the heart of town. (cont. breakfast)

Day 3

SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE

Sightseeing on the city tour this morning. You'll visit the Governors Palace, the Cathedral and Teatro de la Paz, with a similar ambience of Victorian cities in Europe. Then depart to San Miguel de Allende and arrive in the afternoon, check in at the Hotel Rancho Atascadero, surrounded by flower gardens with a pool. (breakfast included)

Day 4

SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE

Your city tour begins by visiting the highlights of San Miguel, a picturesque city with quaint shops, flower filled patios, and winding, cobblestone streets. Visit the library establish by North American residents. The climate is so divine that it has become an artist' and retirees' mecca. The magnificent Gothic style pink cantera stone Cathedral, landmark of San Miguel, was designed by a self-trained Indian who drew the plans in the sand. *Don't miss the free mariachi entertainment nightly on the Plaza. (cont. breakfast included)*



Day 5

SAN MIGUEL

Today, join your group for a visit to the nearby ceramic center of Dolores Hidalgo. It seems like every citizen is engaged in artistic creations, elegant amazing, astounding and odd! Shop away at tile and pottery workshops. This evening return to San Miguel for an evening walk through softly lighted streets. (cont. breakfast included)

Day 6

SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE-SALTILLO

This morning walking tour. Board your Motorcoach and continue our trip to Saltillo, check in at Camino Real Hotel, a beautiful retreat on a hill. (cont. breakfast)

Day 7

SALTILLO-Monterrey

Take a different route for the last leg of the trip through Monterrey. You'll tour the city, seeing the Gran Plaza, one of the largest city squares in the world, the pretty Cathedral of Monterrey and the elegant Government Palace. Arrive back in the Rio Grande Valley. (cont. breakfast)

Day 8 Rio Grande Valley to
North & East Texas

This morning we travel back to N. & E. Texas. Welcome home!!!



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