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GETTING HERE

INTERNATIONAL & DOMESTIC GUESTS: We recommend arriving at the Benito Juarez International Airport on Sunday, November 29 and staying out in the airport district. Very few of you will be able to get an early enough flight for our departure on November 30, though some of you can (Cancun, Guadalajara, Merida and Puerto Vallarta have early flights that will get you to the airport by 8:15 AM, which is enough time to meet us at the restaurant by 9:30 AM, though you may miss breakfast). You may want to spend some extra time in the city before or after your trip.

RETURN FLIGHT: Please double-check to make sure you are flying from the **Benito Juarez International Airport (MEX)**, as there has been some confusion since the Felipe Angeles International Airport (NLU) opened. Please do not book a domestic flight before 4:30 PM. If you are flying to an international destination, you need at least 3 hours at CDMX international airport, which means you can fly by 7:30 PM or the next day.

WHAT TO EXPECT:

As Tolantongo is quite a distance for a shorter getaway, this trip involves higher transportation and logistical costs than our usual excursions. To make the experience more accessible and enjoyable for everyone, we are combining two intimate tour groups of 16 guests each in order to share certain communal expenses while still maintaining a relaxed and comfortable atmosphere.

During our daytime adventures, each group will travel independently and explore different areas of the resort at staggered times to ensure everyone can fully enjoy the beauty and tranquility of Tolantongo without overcrowding. While we'll each have our own unique experiences throughout the day, both groups will come together riverside on two special occasions designed for connection and celebration.

The first will be an elegant afternoon picnic beside the flowing turquoise river, followed by a fabulous dinner gathering prepared collaboratively by your hosts with great care and hospitality. As evening settles into the canyon, we'll enjoy a cozy bonfire, laughter, good company, and for those feeling adventurous, a bit of magical night swimming beneath the stars.

DAILY ITINERARY

DAY 1: MONDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2026 – PLACE OF CATTAILS

HOTEL LOCATION: TOLANTONGO, HIDALGO

MORNING FROM MEXICO CITY: At 9:00 AM, we will meet at Vuela Carmela Restaurant, which is located on Av. Capitán Carlos León – it is just outside the airport terminal. This restaurant is 24 hour local hot-spot, well reviewed for their authentic Mexican breakfasts. It is also in close proximity for a parking lot so the van can park nearby for loading luggage. We will depart the restaurant by 10:15 AM for the ancient Toltec Capital of Tollan-Xicocotitlan (Place of Cattails) in Tula, arriving at approximately 12:00 PM.

MORNING FROM PATZCUARO: We will depart at 8:00 AM from Patzcuaro, reaching Tollan-Xicocotitlan at approximately 11:30 AM. We will explore the site, departing at about 1:30 PM for Tolantongo. As both groups will be at the site at the same time, we will see one another. We will enjoy separate tours in different areas of the park, to keep our footprint smaller and make it easier for our guides to be heard.

AFTERNOON: Both groups will have delicious baguette sandwiches to enjoy in the van during the commute, as to not spend extra time in restaurants. The commute to Tolantongo takes approximately 2 hours from Tula, which means we should all arrive at the hotel at approximately 4:00-4:30 PM, depending on pit stops and traffic.

EVENING: We will have dinner at 7 PM. The pools remain open and lit until 11:00 PM in the area closest to the hotel. We recommend purchasing a waterproof case for your phones, which are available in the park for \$150 MXN. They also have water shoes for sale, if you don't have any.

MEALS: *Bag lunch is included. All other meals are separate.*

DAY 2: TUESDAY DECEMBER 1, 2026 – PRISTINE THERMAL WATER LOCATION: TOLANTONGO, HIDALGO

MORNING: Both groups will meet separately for breakfast at 8:30 AM. At 9:30, Mariana and Jennifer will take the CDMX group to La Gloria to explore the waterfalls and canyon trails that ascend to a pristine and more remote part of the resort. Enjoy swimming and exploring. If some of you do not wish to climb all the way up, there is a fantastic waterfall near the suspension bridge, so Jennifer will stay with you while Mariana hikes with the rest of the group. Our other group from Patzcuaro will go with Jaime to visit the thermal cave and waterfall, which also has an upper entrance with a tunnel that is full of steaming water. The path is pretty treacherous, as it can be slippery. There is a rope to hang onto, as a guide, and water shoes are definitely mandatory. If you do have any issues with mobility or balance, this is not an activity for you. Please Note: For those from Mexico City, who stay behind at the waterfall pool, Jennifer will depart at 1:00 PM to start preparing our picnic.

AFTERNOON: Both groups will head to the riverside by 2:00 PM for an elegant picnic. The river is a series of terraced pools that descend through the canyon base, offering safe swimming opportunities that are fairly shallow. We will enjoy our picnic before deciding what everyone wants to do for the afternoon. Some of you may want to return to the hotel, while others may want to keep exploring the area we are in. This is the beauty of having two vans for our group – is that we can offer transportation back to the resort for those who want to rest, and keep the second van in the parking lot for those of you who want to keep exploring.

EVENING: We will have dinner tonight at 7 PM, followed by free time to enjoy relaxing on our balconies or in the pools.

MEALS: *Breakfast and picnic included. We will pour each guest 1 glass of Mexican Artisanal White, Rose or Red with lunch. If you do not drink wine, please let us know what you would like in exchange.*

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 2, 2026 – FEAST NO FAMINE HOTEL LOCATION: TOLANTONGO, HIDALDO

MORNING: This morning we will meet at 8:30 AM for breakfast, before heading out for our second day of excursions. Those of you who visited La Gloria will be bound for the cave, while others will want to head to La Gloria. As we have two vans and the ability for guests to do what you want, we will play this by ear. Some of you who were already in the cave may want to return – regardless, La Gloria and the Cave are accessible from the same parking lot, offering us lots of options.

AFTERNOON: Our drivers will be available to take you back to the resort to rest, if you prefer, or we can stay out in this region to keep swimming and exploring. There are restaurants in this area, though they offer basic fare, such as hotdogs and hamburgers.

EVENING: This evening we will meet at the riverside for a fantastic feast! Mariana, Jaime and Jennifer are preparing Carne Asada with all the fixings, including a lovely bonfire to roast some marshmallows for a decadent twist on traditional S'mores!

MEALS: *Breakfast and dinner are included. We will pour each guest 1 artisanal Mezcal to enjoy with your meal. All other drinks are separate, but we will have our coolers filled with ice to keep them cold!*

DAY 4: THURSDAY DECEMBER 3, 2026 – HOMEWARD BOUND

HOTEL LOCATION: N/A

MORNING: Please have your luggage packed and ready before meeting us for breakfast at 8:00 AM. Following breakfast, we will load the luggage up to the van before our two groups depart. Mariana's group will head back to the Mexico City airport to deliver guests to their flights. Jaime and Jennifer will bring our guests back to Morelia and Patzcuaro.

AFTERNOON: The commute to Mexico City airport will take approximately 5 hours. As some of you will be flying, you will not have time to stop for lunch. We will explore the food stands to find sandwiches or appropriate snacks for your commute. For those heading to Patzcuaro, our commute will take approximately 6 hours, so we will stop along the way to have lunch.

MEALS: *Breakfast is included. All other meals are separate.*

WE HOPE YOU ENJOY THIS MEMORABLE AND SACRED OBSERVATION AND WILL JOIN US FOR SOME OF OUR OTHER ADVENTURES!