

MYSTERIES OF THE MOGOLLON ART WORKSHOP & ARCHAEOLOGY

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DATES: September 29 - October 7, 2024

NIGHTS/DAYS: 8 Nights / 9 Days

AIRPORT: Chihuahua City

PRICE: \$38,000 MXN

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$8,100 MXN

DETAILED ITINERARY:

Day 1. Sunday September 29, 2024 - Bienvenidos

Hotel Location: Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chihuahua Mexico

There is a flight landing in Chihuahua City out of CDMX International Airport at 9:11 AM. Please be on this flight, or arrive the day before, as we will depart Chihuahua City for Casas Grandes at around 10:30 AM following breakfast. The commute to Casas Grandes takes about 3.5 hours, so we will arrive on time for a late lunch.

Upon arriving in Casas Grandes, we will have lunch, then explore this charming Pueblo Magico before retreating to our hotel in Nuevo Casas Grandes.

About our Hotel: We will try our best to find accommodations in Casas Grandes, but as there is going to be a huge art fair, we may be at one of the larger hotels in Nuevo Casas Grandes. There are several that have great reviews for their comfortable accommodations and clean swimming pools.

Breakfast is included. All other meals are separate

Day 2. Monday September 30, 2024 - Journey to Oasisamerica

Hotel Location: Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chihuahua Mexico

This morning we will have breakfast and commute to the small village of Mata Ortiz. We will first introduce you to artists and teachers Adrian Corona Trillo and his mother Ana Trillo, before departing on our first field trip to harvest clay.

Returning to the Trillo workshop, we will have lunch and prepare our clay. We will return to our hotel for rest and relaxation before dinner.

Breakfast included. All other meals are separate.

Day 3: Tuesday October 1, 2024 - Ancient Coiled Pottery Techniques

Hotel Location: Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chihuahua Mexico

We return to Mata Ortiz this morning to craft a small pot. Mata Ortiz pottery is sculpted by hand, through the technique of coiling and pinching the clay. Once we have finished our pots, we will leave them out to dry for the following two days.

After lunch, we will visit the home of the late Juan Quezada to see the gallery there.

Breakfast included. All other meals are separate.

Day 4: Wednesday October 2, 2024 - An Adobe Labyrinth

Hotel Location: Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chihuahua Mexico

This morning we will visit the ancient city of Paquime! Protected by UNESCO in 1998, this archaeology site is an interesting contrast to what we normally see of Mesoamerican construction. The city mimics a massive labyrinth of adobe houses that are powerful and impressive. We will also visit the Museum of Northern Cultures.

Following lunch, we will visit Arroyo de los Monos, where we will hike out to some ancient zoomorphic and anthropormorphic pictographs from the Mogollon culture.

Breakfast included. All other meals are separate.

Day 5: Thursday October 3, 2024 - Cuevo de la Olla

Hotel Location: Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chihuahua Mexico

This morning we will have breakfast and depart for an intriguing and mysterious site called Cueva de la Olla. Famed for a large clay vessel that was used for grain storage, this settlement spanned three important time periods. We will have lunch in the park and are leaving our afternoon free so guests can take their time exploring, without feeling rushed. If you are not particularly fascinated by archaeology, we recommend bringing a book or journal to write or sketch in, as this will be a leisurely day tour.

Breakfast included. All other meals are separate.

Day 6: Friday October 4, 2024 - From the Fire

Hotel Location: Nuevo Casas Grandes, Chihuahua Mexico

This morning we return to Mata Ortiz to finish our pots and fire them. We will visit Hacienda San Diego this afternoon on our way back to our hotel.

Breakfast included. All other meals are separate.

Day 7: Saturday October 5, 2024 – A Collectors Paradise

Hotel Location: Casas Grandes, Chihuahua Mexico

Today we return to Mata Ortiz to conclude our pottery workshop before attending a major collectors market, featuring the best of all artisans of Mata Ortiz! We are so fortunate that the timing of this tour coincided with such an event, as this truly is the cherry on top!

Breakfast included. All other meals are separate.

Day 8: Sunday October 6, 2024 - Chihuahua City Bound

Hotel Location: Chihuahua City, Chihuahua Mexico

This morning we will meet for breakfast at 9 AM and head back to the concurso to see the adjudications and browse through more of the exhibits. This will also give us a chance to see Adrian's family again, to bid them farewell. We will depart for Chihuahua City at 1:00 PM, arriving on time for an amazing dinner and an early night for rest.

Breakfast and Dinner included. Lunch is separate.

Day 9: Monday October 7, 2024 - Home Sweet Home

Hotel Location: N/A

Today we will depart for home.

Breakfast included. All other meals are separate.

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CUL Culiacan

DEN Denver

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HMO Hermosillo

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