

Mexico Trip

FAQs

Q. Is there a minimum number of travelers required?

A. Yes, but we have already surpassed that number so the trip is a “go”.

Q. If we do not attend Mexico, is the \$100.00 deposit refundable?

A. No, this amount is non-refundable.

Q. What organizations are operating this trip?

A. This trip is being operated by [ProRome Tours](#) and [Tours Peregrinos](#). ProRome tours has been in business since 2014 and has since operated hundreds of trips abroad. Tour Peregrinos and their local partners have been in business for more than 15 years and have operated thousands of tours across Mexico.

Q. What is the transportation situation?

A. We are flying on United and American Airlines during the day - no nighttime flights. We will have privately chartered buses owned by Tours Perigrinos. Their drivers are seasoned and salaried employees - not contractors - who have extensive experience and training. Our buses are the same for the entirety of the journey.

Q. What is the staffing situation?

A. There will always be a bus driver and two tour directors with each bus, as well as the CEO of Tour Peregrinos, Francesca Monarca, and the CEO of ProRome Tours, Joe Long. These persons will also be overnighing in the same hotels as the group.

Q. What is the situation with the hotels?

A. The hotels are deluxe three and four star hotels located in the safest areas of the cities that we will be visiting. In Mexico City, for instance, we're staying on Reforma Avenue, a very safe hotel district where every major hotel chain has a presence. It is a modern, safe and well-organized part of the city. Every other city we are visiting is smaller, but we will always be in the historical center.

Q. What about drug cartels and kidnappers?

A. The cartels are mainly on the border cities and in Cancun, and kidnappers are interested in the children of the wealthiest Mexicans. Of course, we need to remain vigilant. That being said, not once in more than 15 years of running tours in Mexico has Tours Peregrinos ran into ANY cartels or kidnappers.

Q. Are the places we are going safe? What about the State Department Travel Advisory?

A. Yes, the places we are going are safe. We'll only be in the safest and most historic parts of the city. There are absolutely very unsafe areas of the city, but we will NOT be visiting them. Regarding the travel advisories, we will stay far away from the unsafe areas and will always remain with the group and under professional supervision and chaperones.

Q. What about pick-pockets?

A. Big cities have pickpockets, and Mexico City is one of them! That's why we're going to stay only in safe areas, with the group.

Q. What is the staff-student ratio?

A. 1 to 4 minimum. Furthermore, there will be three staff members plus a bus driver on each bus, making it closer to 1 to 3.

Q. Can the students go out at night?

A. No. The hotels have 24/7 front desk personnel and guards, and they will be notified that no one from our group is permitted to depart at night.

Q. Can the students go out during the day?

A. Never without a chaperone, and never without the explicit permission of the Chesterton School network leaders.

Q. Will we have access to bottled drinking water?

A. Yes - in every hotel, on every tour and on our private coaches (bus). Bottled water will always be available.

Q. What about the food? Is it safe?

A. Yes - every meal will be pre-selected at hotels and restaurants that our partner in Mexico has been using for 15 years. We will not be giving the group street food. Our menus will consist of some Mexican, some international - too much Mexican food can upset the American palate!

Q. Can you accommodate food allergies?

A. Yes - every food allergy can be accommodated.

Q. What if I get sick over there?

A. We'll take you to the nearest private hospital. Mexico's private health system is very advanced, yet very expensive. In the event of a hospital visit, you will have a chaperone and a local professional there to help take care of everything. Travel insurance is a good idea!

Q. What if I test positive and cannot return to the USA with the group?

A. You'll need to remain at the same hotel until you can test negative. Chesterton network chaperones have volunteered to stay behind, and Tours Peregrinos has staff on site in Mexico City who will be able to help with anything. If this does happen, travel insurance will cover all expenses related to your extended stay in Mexico.

Q. What about masks and social distancing?

A. Mexico is very strict when it comes to wearing masks in indoor public places. Social distancing is not a part of Mexican culture, however guidelines are suggested in nearly every site and city along the way.

Q. What if I catch Covid-19 over there?

A. In the event of worrisome symptoms, we'll take you to the nearest private hospital. Mexico's private health system is very advanced, yet very expensive. Travel insurance is a good idea!