

# “The Magic of San Miguel de Allende

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A Unesco World Heritage Site, this small city is famous for its culture, artistic lifestyle & architectural 16<sup>th</sup> century Baroque style masterpieces.

**Experience:** Majestic Parroquia de San Miguel Arcangel that towers above the city, Music & Events in the Jardin, the local zocolo, Benito Juarez Park, Local Markets, Bellas Artes Gallery, Fabrica La Aurora, an upscale art & design center, Biblioteca, (public library) the second largest bi-lingual library in Mexico & the center of cultural events, Instituto Allende, arts & language school built in the 1700's. Home Tour of some of the outstanding architectural designs.

We arrive at Queretaro (ke' retaro) for a two night stay before heading to San Miguel. A university town known as one of the best Ex-Pat destinations in Mexico, it is also one of the safest places in Mexico. A Unesco Site & one of the most well-preserved historical cities with modern up -to -date facilities, our walking tour leads us to the wealth of beautiful, mostly baroque-style buildings and what I love most....the many pedestrian streets lined with restaurants & lovely parks.



There is an option for anyone wanting to do a day-trip to the Monarch Butterfly preserve, it is possible to schedule for our day here.



An hour drive to San Miguel de Allende for three nights. It's an artist's delight for the abundant artisan's galleries & shops as well as streets filled with musicians. A food tour will delight as it is also known as a Culinary Mecca.

And then we leave for two nights, a spectacular treat for your bones & muscles and all of your senses, to Gruta Tolantongo! From the Nahuatl language, it means, "place of moving waters", the canyon, a natural oasis, is brimming with hot springs & geothermal pools. There are over 50 thermal pools in various areas throughout the park, all in a natural glorious setting. The aqua blue Tolantongo River is colored by the mineral salts it picks up as it passes through the mountain. Optional activities include: ziplining, hiking, suspension bridge across the canyon to the Gruta Escondida (hidden cave). Spectacular views!



We will be lodging at the hotel within walking distance to the pools and there are plenty of very reasonably priced restaurants closeby.

Wed afternoon, we depart for our airport hotel in Queretaro, feeling completely refreshed!

Attractions 360°

### **Tour of Local Wineries:**

Dos Buhos, Rancho Toyan, Santissima Trinidad & Viñedos San Lucas & Cuna de Tierra

**Hotel Quinta Loreto**, [www.quintaloreto.com.mx](http://www.quintaloreto.com.mx), located within a few blocks from the Center is our lovely lodging for our stay, with a pool and gardens.

**Details:** Fee, \$865 dbl occupancy. \$1167 single. Deposit: \$200. Balance due: Dec 16, 2022. No refunds past that date.

**Includes:** Lodging, All Tours, Airport shuttle, all designated Ground transportation.

Airfare not included. **I can assist with research on airfare. Tucson to Queretaro, an easy flight, averaging around \$500 roundtrip.**

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