

Mexico City 9 days / 8 nights



Are you in?

Goals

- An educational and fun-filled trip for all ages, specially paced for kids
- Parents also get to enjoy some kid-free time and activities
- Opportunity for the kids (and grown-ups) to work on their Spanish in real life situations





The pre-trip plan

- You'll be provided with some fun, curated, educational materials so the kids will have context for what they're seeing and experiencing...(and so will you)
 - Activity nights
 - Aztec movie night & bingo
 - Mexican Cooking Night: Make Tortillas!
 - All about Mexico!
 - Get to know Frida Kahlo
 - Teotihuacan movie + pyramid building!
 - Final prep night (provided shortly before leaving) which includes a review of the schedule, weather, packing-prep, etc.Aztec movie night with bingo boards
 - Book, video, and podcast recommendations for families for any additional learning you may want to do on the history of the Aztecs, Teotihuacan, Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera and their art, etc





Little Stints

High level itinerary... (subject to modification)



| Sat | Arrive |
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| Sun | Get oriented! City walking tour, park play time, chocolate museum |
| Mon | Xochimilco boats & Frida's house |
| Tues | Kidzania, kid's dance class at the hotel & parents night out for tamale-tasting! |
| Wed | Teotihuacan |

| Thur | Granja las Americas, parents night out for cooking with a local family |
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| Fri | Market tour & kid cooking class, painting class, free night for parents |
| Sat | Anthropology Museum, playing in the Chapultapec park |
| Sun | Depart |

Note 1: You will have the same transportation each day so the car seats can stay in the 20 person van

Note 2: There is a balance of shorter days and longer days



Sunday:

City walking tour to get you oriented and knowledgeable about the city around you: Palacio Nacional, Templo Mayor Aztec ruins in the heart of the city, the main Cathedral, etc...

Lunch and park play time

<u>Chocolate museum</u>. You'll learn about the history of chocolate, how it's made, and get to try some









Little Stints

Monday: Xochimilco & Frida's house

Xochimlico: Here, you will have a fun experience taking gondola-like boats (called trajineras) on canals with artificial islands. They're very colorful and there's usually music around. The canals are left from what was an extensive lake and canal system that connected most of the settlements of the Valley of Mexico. You'll have a special brunch as well on the boat!

Then you'll be transported to Coyoacan

There we will visit <u>Frida Kahlo's house</u>, also known as the Blue House/La Casa Azul, which is where <u>Frida</u> (the famous Mexican painter who married Diego Rivera) lived and painted

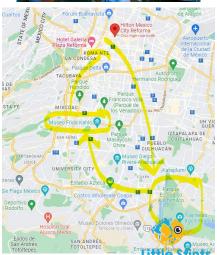












Tuesday: Kidzania

Kidzania is: an interactive city for children from 2 to 16 years old, which combines inspiration, fun and learning through role-playing games. In KidZania, children can freely explore a city on a scale of more than 3,500 square meters, where they can try more than 100 exciting professions. (sushi making!, popsicle making!, Radio station!..and so much more...)

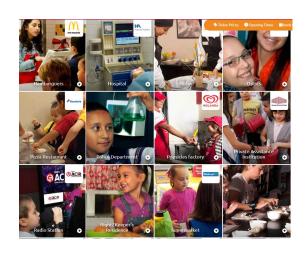
This has by far been the highlight for kids who have gone on Little Stints Mexico City!

Kids are able to run free and use their spanish (it's ALL in Spanish!). Parents can help, or relax, or eat, etc...

Later that evening, parents night out for tamale tasting!









Wednesday: <u>Teotihuacan</u>

Today you get to see some of the most famous ruins on the planet: the ancient city of Teotihuacan (They're #19 on Hillman's wonders of the world!:))

Teotihuacan is known today as the site of many of the most architecturally significant Mesoamerican pyramids built in the pre-Columbian Americas, namely Pyramid of the Sun and Pyramid of the Moon. At its zenith, perhaps in the first half of the first millennium (1 CE to 500 CE), Teotihuacan was the largest city in the Americas, with a population estimated at 125,000 or more, making it at least the sixth-largest city in the world during its epoch!

You'll have a guided tour and experience the amazing pyramids! Then lunch in a nearby restaurant (<u>La Gruta</u> – a cave!) and a stop at Aztec crafts place where grownups learn and sample a bit— and kids can run around on the grass and play structure. Then back to the hotel, possibly via a local churros store if traffic permits.











Thursday: Granja las Americas

"We are a theme park where kids and adults can equally enjoy in a safe, family-oriented, outdoors environment. We offer experiences of learning with the goal of both kids and adults understanding the importance of taking care of the environment we live in"

There are workshops (in Spanish!), animals, an "extreme" zone, a game zone, a playground, food, and more!

Kids will be able to run around a bit freely & safely here, with lots to learn and lots to entertain them :).

Parent's night out this evening: Cooking with a Mexican Family!













Friday

Market tour & kid-focused cooking class. You will pick out food in the market and then cook with it!... and then eat it! YUM!

Painting class in the park. Let your creative juices roll and enjoy some peacefulness outdoors. It's also alongside a playground, so if the kids decide they're done early, they can just run and play

Parents are free this evening; babysitters will be at the hotel with the kids. You'll have the option of joining the adults for dinner* at a top tier, mouth-watering restaurant, like Contramar, or you can do your own thing. (*dinner cost not included)







Saturday

Anthropology museum: You'll do a tour in a KID-FRIENDLY way... you won't spend a gagillion hours here, but you'll take in the highlights that just shouldn't be missed, like the giant Aztec calendar, enormous headdress, jade mask, etc.

(We definitely recommend going over some of the things in the museum to ramp up the kids' excitement/interest ahead of time. Great blog here.)

And then you'll **explore the Chapultapec Park** that surrounds it all: playground, lakes, little boats, vendors, greenness, etc. A nice relaxing way to finish off the trip!

In the evening, for your last night, we recommend you walk over to the **night market near the hotel** and explore...grabbing any little souvenirs you might wish before departing the next day. Kids can also practice their Spanish and bargaining skills!











Sunday: Fly home



Airport transfer included



About your hotel

- 4-star or higher
- Has a restaurant so that breakfasts are easy
- Has a pool so you can relax, swim, and cool down
- Is safe and welcoming to kids
- Has a safe spot for bus pickups/dropoffs







Pricing

Depends on:

- # of people in your family
- # of hotel rooms you need/want (1 or 2)
- Trip dates

So we can get you the right price for your family, please submit your information using this little form – thanks!

Price includes:

- Hotel
- Airport transfers
- Transportation
- Entrance fees
- Guides
- Babysitters
- Daytime activities
- Parents nights out activities
- Breakfasts

Does not include:

- Most lunches and dinners
- Airfare
- Travel insurance
- Snacks and things you may want to buy
- Tips for guides



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We look forward to hearing from you!