

Moss Photo Discovery Tours

Discovering Mexico

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Join us for this fabulous 'first in a series' photo discovery tour where we spend four days in marvelous Mexico City, one of the most fascinating cities in the world, and six days in Guanajuato, where we will experience the Cervantes Festival. Festival Cervantino is one of Mexico's biggest festivals where performers from 30 different countries come to Guanajuato to celebrate. This year some of the performers include the Mozart Orchestra from Vienna, Les Deux Mondes theatrical group, Corte Sconta dance company from Italy, as well as many more. The festival is in its 30th year and this year Canada and Tamaulipas are the guests of honor.

DAY 1: Arrive Mexico City. Afternoon out and about near our hotel which is located overlooking the famous Zocalo Square. We will also visit the ruins and photograph the sunset in the square and surrounds. Welcome dinner at the Majestic Hotel, where we will be staying for 3 nights.

DAY 2: Breakfast at hotel. Morning meeting to discuss photographing the days activities. Today we visit the Diego Rivera area (Diego Rivera was born in Guanajuato). We will be visiting the north area of the city, seeing beautiful green neighborhoods, wonderful town squares and a wonderful museum. Our highlight today will be a visit to Diego & Frida Rivera's studio. We return to the hotel in the late afternoon. We can organize a visit to Plaza Garibaldi where we will be able to listen to wonderful mariachi bands and perhaps stay for dinner. Lunch and dinner on your own.

DAY 3: Breakfast at hotel. Morning meeting to discuss photography. Today we have options for activities. We will discuss these options and plan the schedule accordingly. Some options are to visit the National Park; take a trip to the Teotihuacan ruins which are about one hour from the city; visit the Museo de Bellas Artes; the Archeological Museum; explore some of the wonderful architecture and

murals in our hotel area. Lunch and dinner on your own.

DAY 4: Breakfast at hotel. For those early risers, we will photograph the early morning light in the square and surrounds. Morning meeting. If time, we will do some street photography. Bus to Guanajuato (about 4 hours). Arrive Guanajuato afternoon. We will be staying at Quinta Los Alondras Hotel and Spa for the remaining 6 nights of our trip. Welcome party and discussion of the festival events. Group dinner in town.

DAY 5 -9

Breakfast at hotel. Lunch and dinner on your own, except for the Farewell dinner on the last night. Each day in Guanajuato will be a treasure. We will experience the Festival Cervantino at its best. We will also have time to explore and photograph this unique town. It is our hope that we will be able to review and critique our digital photos during this time and each day we will have a different focus for our photography.

DAY 10: Breakfast at hotel. If time morning photography, or maybe a swim! Depart for Leon Airport. Hasta Luego, Mexico!

I am so very excited to be returning to Guanajuato and sharing this most fabulous place with fellow travelers. You do not have to be a photographer to enjoy Guanajuato. Discovering Mexico is a gift. Please feel free to contact Lupe or me with any questions. It is our intention to make this trip one of your best travel/photo experiences. We will have a reunion at Margo's to share our experiences and photos.