



## Tia Stephanie Tours

### Craft Traditions of Oaxaca Cabot's Pueblo Museum September 8-15, 2017 (7 Nights)



*Join us on an extraordinary journey with Cabot's Pueblo Museum to explore the culture, arts and crafts of Oaxaca. Based in Oaxaca City, we'll visit communities of the Central Valleys, where we'll meet the wonderful artisans featured here at the museum! In San Bartolo Coyotepec, known for its black pottery, we'll join Magdalena Pedro Martinez to see how the soil from the region is masterfully transformed into beautiful pots and sculptures. In San Martin Tilcajete and San Antonio Arrazola, known for whimsical carved wood animals and "alebrijes," we'll join Julia Fuentes, Eleazar Morales and Mario Castellanos. In Teotitlan del Valle, the legendary "tapestry" weaving town, we'll visit the family of recognized artisan, Porfirio Gutierrez, recently awarded by the Smithsonian Institution for his work with his ancient family and Zapotec community in the revival and use of natural dyes in their weavings. We'll meet Yesenia Salgado Tellez too, who will help us understand the historic craft of filigree jewelry. We'll also visit workshops of some extraordinary emerging artisans, explore vibrant markets, experience fabulous regional cuisine and enjoy special museum and gallery tours. Join us on this very special opportunity to travel with Cabot's Pueblo Museum to explore Oaxaca's famous craft traditions and meet the artisans of Oaxaca!*

#### **Day One: Friday, September 8, Arrive Oaxaca City (D)**

Transfer to our charming and centrally located hotel. Tonight we enjoy a festive welcome dinner to explore the culinary world of the seven moles at **Los Pacos!**

## Day Two: Saturday, September 9, Oaxaca City Tour: (B, L)

- Explore Oaxaca City, UNESCO World Heritage Site, and our home base.
- Santo Domingo Church-Learn of the Dominican presence in Oaxaca.
- Museum of Oaxaca Culture-Learn of Oaxaca's original people and communities.
- Ethnobotanical Gardens-Learn of the plants for food and medicine from Oaxaca's diverse climate zones and ecosystems.
- Lunch at Marco Polo-Famous for their wood fired clay oven fish from the coast.
- Visit Mercado Benito Juarez-A plethora of sights, sounds and aromas.
- Dinner at Leisure-Free time to explore and enjoy a meal at a Oaxaca restaurant.



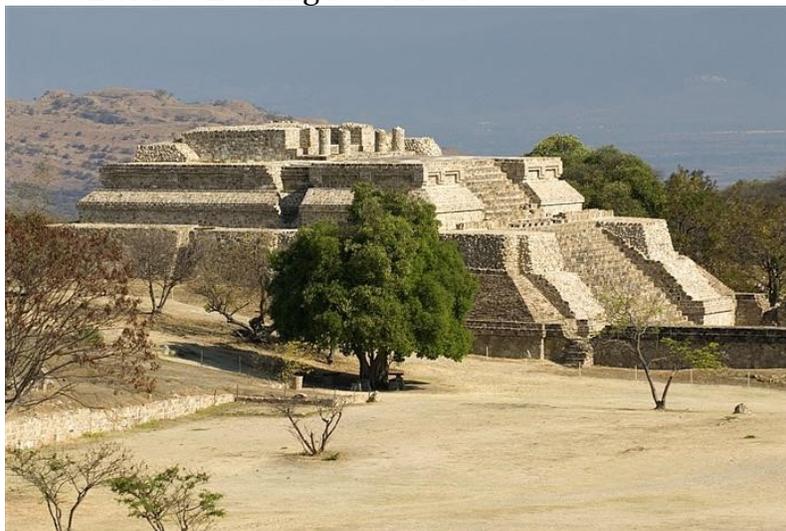
## Day Three: Sunday, September 10, Mitla, Tlacolula Market, Afternoon with Porfirio Gutierrez and Family (B, L)

Traveling through Oaxaca's Central Valleys, Easter Valley, we begin at the ancient Zapotec and later Mixtec site of Mitla, meaning "Place of the Dead," where the ancestors who were the leaders of this civilization and people are honored and revered. Being a Sunday, we will visit our favorite weekly market at Tlacolula. The "tianguis" markets operate today, much as they did in pre-Hispanic times. In the afternoon, we spend the day at the studio and workshop of family artisans of Master Weaver Porfirio Gutierrez and Family to learn about the ancient art of natural dyeing and weaving. We'll enjoy a special lunch prepared by the Gutierrez family, and savor the family's ancestral Zapotec dishes. Evening is at leisure to relax or stroll in Oaxaca.



**Day Four: Monday, September 11, Monte Alban, Arrazola and Atzompa, Lunch at La Capilla (B, L)**

Today we visit the first urban center of Mesoamerica, Monte Alban, to learn how the Zapotec people developed advanced systems in math, writing and astronomy. We'll refresh at the on-site cafeteria, before heading out to the wood carving town of Arrazola where we will visit with artisans Eleazar Morales and Mario Castellanos, and in the pottery town of Atzompa, visit with emerging artisan Fernando Peguero. Lunch, family style will be in between visits! Evening is at leisure.



**Day Five: Tuesday, September 12, Ocotlan and Southern Craft Route (B, L)**

Begining in Ocotlan, birthplace of famed Oaxacan artist, **Rodolfo Morales**, we'll explore his art before making stops in this route's craft villages. We'll enjoy a special lunch with Jacobo Angeles at Azucena. We'll visit the **Museo Estatal de Arte Popular de Oaxaca**, with a special invitation, tour and visit with the Museum's Founder and Director, **Master Carlomagno Pedro Martinez**. Evening at Leisure.

## DAY FIVE VISITS INCLUDE:

- Ocotlan and the legacy of artist Rodolfo Morales
- Aguilar sisters, renowned potters
- Master wood carver-alebrije painter: Julia Fuentes
- Master black pottery artisan: Magdalena Pedro Martinez
- Master weavers: Abigail Mendoza and Crispina Navarro
- Museo Estatal de Arte Popular de Oaxaca
- Lunch at famed Azucena Restaurant



### **Day Six: Wednesday, September 13, San Agustin Etna, Centro de Artes San Agustin Etna (CaSa), Dinner at Restaurante Casa Oaxaca (B, L, D)**

Today we travel to the community of San Agustin Etna, known for their cheeses. We'll explore the weekly Wednesday market, before going to the Centro de Artes San Agustin Etna, an incredible renovated former textile mill, now in the loving hands of **Master Artist, Francisco Toledo** and his creative staff. Returning to Oaxaca, we enjoy our afternoon at leisure, exploring Oaxaca or relaxing. We gather for a fun evening together, rooftop and under the stars at Chef Alejandro Ruiz's acclaimed Restaurante Casa Oaxaca, overlooking Santo Domingo Church.

### **Day Seven: Thursday, September 14, Museo Textil de Oaxaca, Yesenia Salgado Tellez Family Workshop, Free Afternoon, Evening reception at Art Gallery Noel Cayetano, Farewell Dinner at El Catedral (B, D)**

Today we visit the **Museo Textil de Oaxaca** to experience an immersive explosion of vivid colors, dynamic textures and intricate patterns of Oaxacan textile traditions. We'll visit the family workshop of master silver filigree jewelry artisan, Yesenia Salgado Tellez. The afternoon is free to explore or relax before an evening reception at **Noel Cayetano Contemporary Art Gallery**, followed by our fabulous farewell dinner at El Catedral.

**Day Eight: Friday, September 15, Return Flights Home or Extend Your Trip (B)**

**DINNER AT LEISURE RECOMMENDATIONS ~in Oaxaca City:**

Origen Restaurant  
La Olla Restaurant

**PRICE: Per person, double occupancy \$2,400  
Single supplement \$385**

**INCLUDES:**

- 7 Nights Hotel 4-5 Star, Centrally located, Charming Hotel (TBD)
- All Breakfasts (7), Lunches (5), Dinners (3)
- Airport Transfers
- Expert Guiding / Transportation
- Artisan Visits, Workshops, Special Museum Meet & Greet, According to Itinerary
- Art Gallery Reception
- Hotel Gratuities

**DOES NOT INCLUDE:**

- Air Transportation
- Alcoholic Beverages
- Personal Items
- Gratuity for Driver / Guide
- Dinners “at Leisure”
- Trip Insurance