

Magical Places Tours
Mexico Monarch Country Tour 2027
February 11 - 16, 2027

We look forward to taking you to Mexico's Monarch Country to see one of nature's wonders!

We begin our tour with a visit to **Mexico City's 'Zócalo' and historic center**, followed the next day with an excursion out of the city to **Teotihuacan** to climb the Pyramid of the Sun, and then do a tour of the world-famous **National Museum of Anthropology** depicting Mexico's pre-Columbian history. On Days 3 and 4 we are in '**Monarch Country**' (3 hours to the west) to visit 'El Rosario', the largest of the Monarch's overwintering sanctuaries, where we witness millions of Monarch butterflies and meet the local folks who care for their forest habitat. It's an experience of amazing nature and wonderful food!

LAND PACKAGE – Itinerary.

≈ MEXICO CITY

February 11 – Thursday [*Optional "Early Day"* in Mexico City, with activities described on page 2]

February 12 – Friday [Day 1]

1:15 pm - We meet our local guide Alex Ramirez in the International Arrivals area of the Mexico City airport.
2:15 pm - We leave for a City Tour of the **Historic District** and major sights around the **Zócalo**, including the Metropolitan Cathedral and excavated site of the Aztec 'Templo Mayor', followed by check-in at our 4-star hotel.
7:30 pm **Welcome dinner** with live music and authentic Mexican cuisine. / Stay at Hotel Casa Blanca

February 13 – Saturday [Day 2]

7:30 am Breakfast / 8:30 am. Leave to visit the **Pyramids of Teotihuacan** led by guide Alexander Ramirez.
2:00 pm. Main meal (la comida) / followed by a tour of the famous **National Museum of Anthropology** highlighting Mexico's pre-colonial civilizations of Mesoamerica / / Evening: Free / Stay at Hotel Casa Blanca.

≈ MONARCH COUNTRY

February 14 – Sunday [Day 3]

Breakfast / Departure for '**Monarch Country**' (a 2-1/2 hour trip).
11:00 am: Visit to the '**El Rosario**' **Monarch Sanctuary** with a local guide.
2:30 pm Home-style meal (la comida) served by local women of 'El Rosario'
Evening: Free / Stay at Hotel Villa Monarca.

February 15 – Monday [Day 4]

Breakfast. / Visit to a Monarch 'Sister School'
11:30 am - Visit to the magical gold mining town of Angangueo (or an *optional* second day at El Rosario)
12:30 pm - Lunch in Angangueo
2:30 pm - Guided tour at the Sustainable Agricultural Training Center of our local partner **Alternare** to see the 'best practices' local farmers are being taught to sustain the lands of the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve.
7:00 pm. Farewell Dinner / / Stay at Hotel Villa Monarca.

February 16 – Tuesday [Departure day, except for those opting for the 2-day extension]

Breakfast & early departure for Mexico City / Arrive at Mexico City International Airport by 10:15 am.

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PHOTO GALLERY

Monarch Country



Arrival of our fourth group at the entrance of El Rosario Monarch Sanctuary (2016).



Monarchs gathering on oyamel fir branches at El Rosario

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Breakfast at the Hotel Villa Monarca in Monarch Country



On the trail to a Monarch 'colonia' with millions of butterflies (2025 tour group)

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This fellow (led by his owner) can help you up the mountainside close to the Monarch *colonia*.



Students at Sister School "Leona Vicario" near the Monarch Biosphere Reserve

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Mexico City



The iconic *Palacio de Bellas Artes* theater / Home to the *Ballet Folklórico de México*.



Welcome dinner at historic *Café Tacuba* (Feb. 2025)

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Rooftop terrazzo of the **former Presidential Palace** overlooking the downtown Mexico City,



Teotihuacan archeological site with the Pyramid of the Moon in the background

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Mexican muralism -One of the dramatic murals to see by Diego Rivera and David Alfaro Siqueiros



National Museum of Anthropology – The civilizations of Meso-America / a top 10 world museum

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PRICING / Terms & Conditions

5-DAY LAND PACKAGE (arrival 2/11) - \$1,950 per person (double occupancy)/ \$250 Single Sup

4-DAY LAND PACKAGE (arrival 2/12) - \$1,650 per person (double occupancy)/ \$200 Single Sup.

Deposit. To hold your place, a deposit of \$300 is required. Spaces: Max. 16

Note: Please make your deposit check payable to Natural Partners and mail to:
William Dent, 4740 Connecticut Ave NW, Suite #1012, Washington, DC 20008-5637.

Balance. The remaining balance is due no later than 60 days before departure.

Air travel: Each trip participant will book his/her airline reservations for a flight that arrives by 1:30 pm on Thursday, February 11 (for the 5-day land package) or 1:30 Friday, February 12 for the 4-day package.

Note: In years past, most participants have opted for the 5-day land package to have an additional day to see more of Mexico City.

Our 4-day LAND PACKAGE (Days 2 -5) includes:

- **Hotels:** 2 nights in Mexico City + 2 nights in Monarch Country.
- **Meals:** Breakfast plus the main meal of the day (as underlined in the itinerary above).
- **Tour services:** Alexander Ramirez Cruz (Friday - Saturday) / William Dent (entire tour)
- **Transportation:** Private Mercedes mini-bus including round trip to "Monarch Country".
- **Admission fees** to Teotihuacan; the National Museum of Anthropology; and to 'El Rosario'.

Our 5-day LAND PACKAGE (Days 1 -5) includes:

Same as above, plus an additional night at Hotel Casa Blanca in Mexico City, and two walking tours: (1) the first late-afternoon on Thursday, February 11 to family-friendly Alameda Park and the *Palacio de Bellas Artes*, and (2) the second, Friday morning (Feb. 12) to the world-famous Chapultepec Park and former presidential mansion (the 'Castle'), now the 'National Museum'.

Trip Extension: Instead of flying back on the 16th, we can arrange one or more additional days. Please consult us about customized options if you are interested in extending your stay in Mexico.

RESERVATION FORM

To reserve a place, please call Magical Places Tours at (202) 487-5343, send an email to williamdentjr@gmail.com, or complete and return this form with your deposit of \$300 per person. Mail to Magical Places Tours / At: William Dent /4740 Connecticut Ave NW Ste #1012, Washington, DC 20008

Name(s) in full as on passport(s). Please print

Street Address / City State Zip

Telephone (mobile) / Email

ACCOMMODATIONS

Hotel room preference: One bed Two beds

I wish to share a room with _____

PACKAGE OPTIONS

4-Day Package // 5-Day Package

Send info on possible trip extensions

FORM OF PAYMENT

Enclosed is my check (payable to Magical Places Tours)

I am making a Zelle transfer to wdent@npartners.org

I wish to pay by Debit or Credit card (Note: 3% processing fee)

I/We confirm that I/we have read the Terms & Conditions and agree to full payment 60 days before departure.

Signature(s) & Date: _____