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Mexico City Featuring Zona Maco & Art Week Mexico City

February 2 – 8, 2026



IS THE MUSEUM TRAVEL ALLIANCE NEW TO YOU?

MTA trips offer exclusive cultural experiences to members from over 100 of America's leading museums. These art-filled programs feature all your favorite lecturers from past trips, with the same expert guidance and behind-the-scenes access you have come to expect.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

EXPLORE Latin America's most prestigious art fair with Platinum Passes to **Zona Maco**, enjoying private viewings alongside artists, global curators, and collectors.

EXPERIENCE the **Museo Nacional de Antropología** after hours, exploring the world's foremost collection of Mesoamerican artifacts in uninterrupted quiet, guided by a curator.

ENJOY a private tour of **Casa Gilardi**, celebrated architect Luis Barragán's final residential project, a geometric and chromatic masterwork seamlessly integrating water and natural beauty.

VISIT the **Museo Frida Kahlo (Casa Azul)** before regular hours, stepping into the personal world of Frida's studio, wardrobe, and living quarters without crowds.

JOIN a leading **Mexico City** artist inside his **private studio** for a rare conversation about process, material, and the political edge of contemporary practice.

ENTER **Casa Pedregal**, Barragán's modernist landmark in volcanic stone, during an exclusive visit that reveals his mastery of spatial rhythm and regional materials.

WALK through the **Kurimanzutto Gallery** with a private guide, inside the repurposed bakery that launched a generation of Mexican artists onto the global stage.

ADMIRE Diego Rivera's politically charged murals on curator-led tours of the **Museo del Palacio de Bellas Artes** and the **Museo Mural Diego Rivera**.

DINE and view contemporary art at **Lago/Algo**, housed in a 1964 hyperbolic-paraboloid structure restored as both gallery and restaurant—a living study in adaptive reuse and curatorial ambition.

Dear Travelers and Friends,

Each February, the center of gravity in the art world shifts—decisively—to **Mexico City**. Not London. Not New York. During Art Week Mexico City, the collectors, curators, artists, and cultural insiders who shape contemporary discourse converge here at **Zona Maco**. Through the Museum Travel Alliance, you can join them.

Our upcoming program from **February 2 to 8, 2026**, is your invitation into this sphere. With Platinum Passes to Zona Maco, Latin America's premier art event, enjoy the most exclusive access to private previews and collector circles. Beyond the exhibits, your journey will be a curated immersion into one of the world's most creatively charged cities. You're specially invited inside the homes and studios of some of Mexico City's revered artists and collectors—with some tantalizing surprises.

Go behind the scenes to see how Mexico City seamlessly blends the modern and the ancient, from the enchanting residential creations of **Luis Barragán**, Mexico's most celebrated architect, to the Pre-Columbian ruins of **Templo Mayor**. Witness how the city's Aztec heritage resonates in the works of modern and contemporary artists like Frida Kahlo and muralists like Diego Rivera and David Alfaro Siqueiros.

Mexico City is one of the world's museum capitals. Experience it firsthand with specially arranged tours guided by curators and directors at venues ranging from contemporary art galleries to Mexico's "Cathedral of Art," the **Museo del Palacio de Bellas Artes**. Share exclusive before-hours access to **Casa Azul**, the house where Frida Kahlo was born, painted, and—true to her word—never left. Amid the 23 galleries of the **Museo de Antropología**, enjoy exclusive after-hours access to its many Indigenous Mexican treasures away from the crowds.

You'll also savor Mexico City's exquisite culinary scene, which has made it essential for gourmands worldwide. **To reserve your place**, contact the Museum Travel Alliance at Arrangements Abroad: 212-324-1893 or trips@museumtravelalliance.com. We look forward to welcoming you to Mexico City with special entry to one of the world's most acclaimed art fairs.

Sun Stone, Museo Nacional de Antropología



Sincerely,

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Jim Friedlander,
President, Museum Travel Alliance

Activity Level:
Intermediate



Pace Level:
Moderato



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Museo Nacional de Antropología



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2: DEPARTURE / ARRIVAL IN MEXICO CITY R

- Depart by air to Mexico City, where you'll be welcomed this afternoon and transferred to your hotel.

AFTERNOON / EVENING

- **Enjoy an exclusive after-hours tour of the Museo Nacional de Antropología**, one of the world's most acclaimed museums. Wander through 23 cavernous rooms, each dedicated to a pre-Columbian civilization that once thrived in Mexico.
- Join fellow travelers at the hotel for a celebratory welcome reception.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3: MEXICO CITY B,L

MORNING

- **Step back in time at the Templo Mayor**, ground once seen as the center of the universe. Visit the archaeological site that once housed a sacred 14th-century double pyramid.
- Walk the surrounding Zócalo, Mexico City's central plaza and once Tenochtitlan's ceremonial and administrative zone.
- Then approach the Metropolitan Cathedral, constructed over 250 years with stones pulled from the Templo Mayor itself, blending Renaissance, Baroque, and Neoclassical elements into one seamless whole.
- **Experience a guided tour of the Museo del Palacio de Bellas Artes. Enter Mexico's "Cathedral of Art."** Inside this splendid structure clad in white Carrara marble, murals by the leading voices of modern Mexican art await, including Diego Rivera's *Man at the Crossroads* and key works by José Clemente Orozco, David Alfaro Siqueiros, and Rufino Tamayo.

- **Explore more of Rivera's murals at the Museo Mural Diego Rivera.** See *Dream of a Sunday Afternoon in Alameda Park*, a 15-ton, 50-foot-long mural that survived the 1985 earthquake. Among its 150 historical figures, spot Frida Kahlo holding a yin-yang symbol, standing behind a young Diego.

AFTERNOON / EVENING

- Enjoy a group lunch followed by shopping at Ciudadela Market before returning to the hotel.
- Dinner is at leisure.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4: MEXICO CITY B,D

- **Meet a curator for a tour of the Museo Jumex.** Since its 2013 debut, this Chipperfield-designed museum has housed one of Latin America's most extensive private collections of contemporary art.
- Gaze upon the Jumex's works by Andy Warhol, Cy Twombly, Gabriel Orozco, Louise Bourgeois, and others.

Dream of a Sunday Afternoon in Alameda Park (detail) by Diego Rivera, Museo Mural Diego Rivera



AFTERNOON / EVENING

- Lunch is at leisure.
- **Take a tour of Zona Maco with specially arranged Platinum passes.** Enjoy the highest level of access to Latin America's premier art fair. Meet collectors, curators, and gallerists from around the globe.
- **Stroll through the fashionable Roma neighborhood,** known for its early 20th-century mansions behind wrought-iron fences, sidewalk cafés, Parisian-style boulevards, and a community of artists, designers, and chefs.
- **Gather for dinner at Casa Virginia,** an exceptional restaurant located in a beautifully restored mansion.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5: MEXICO CITY

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MORNING

- **Share a behind-the-scenes look at Casa Gilardi,** a private Mexico City home designed in the 1970s by Luis Barragán, one of Latin America's most influential architects.
- Barragán's final residential work, the house blends sunlight, water features, vivid colors, and jacaranda trees into a quiet, dreamlike sequence. This visit may include an exclusive greeting by one of the architect's descendants (*subject to availability*).
- **Visit the private home and studio of two renowned Mexican artists,** a married couple, where raw concrete, volcanic stone, and jungle plants form the backdrop to one of Mexico City's most unusual spaces.

AFTERNOON / EVENING

- **Enjoy a delicious lunch at Tetetlán,** a renowned restaurant offering a modern take on traditional Mexican cuisine, set amid glorious natural surroundings.
- **Embark on a private visit to Casa Pedregal,** another masterpiece designed by Luis Barragán, celebrated for its innovative use of space, light, and natural elements that reflect his distinct approach to modernism.
- Dinner is at leisure.



Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México Library



Museo Frida Kahlo

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6: MEXICO CITY

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MORNING

- **Enjoy exclusive morning access to the Museo Frida Kahlo (Casa Azul).** Before the crowds arrive, go behind the scenes at Frida's cobalt-blue lifelong home, where she died in 1954. Walk through rooms filled with her collection—from folk art to pre-Hispanic artifacts—that informed her singular style.
- **Join one of Mexico City's most acclaimed contemporary artists in his private studio (pending confirmation).** During this exclusive visit, the artist will welcome you into his home workspace, sharing recent commissions and works in progress while discussing the physical demands and political urgency behind each piece.
- **Take a private tour of the Museo Estudio Diego Rivera y Frida Kahlo,** where these two formidable artists worked under one roof. This functionalist complex, designed in 1931, features twin studios joined by a narrow bridge.

AFTERNOON / EVENING

- Gather for lunch nearby at Taqueria El Califa.
- **Join a curator at the Museo Universitario Arte Contemporáneo (MUAC),** Mexico's first public museum dedicated solely to 21st-century works. Marvel at pieces by trailblazers like Francis Alÿs, Gabriel Orozco, and Damián Ortega.
- If time permits, make a stop at Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México Library (UNAM), a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Completed between 1949 and 1952, its façade features murals that illustrate Mexico's history, from Tenochtitlán's founding to Spanish colonialism and the nation's modern evolution.
- Dinner is at leisure.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7: MEXICO CITY

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MORNING

- **Start the day with a curator-led tour of the Museo de Arte Moderno.** Set in Chapultepec Park, these domed, amoeba-shaped galleries house masterpieces by Frida Kahlo (*The Two Fridas*), Remedios Varo, Diego Rivera, and David Alfaro Siqueiros.

AFTERNOON / EVENING

- **Head to Lago/Algo for a unique farm-to-table restaurant dining experience** combined with a contemporary art gallery space, perched above the tranquil waters of Lake Chapultepec.
- **Enjoy a guided exploration of Kurimanzutto**, the gallery that redefined how contemporary art in Mexico City. Launched in 1999, it began as a nomadic platform for artists, mounting shows in supermarkets, apartments, and truck containers.
- Now based in a former bakery in San Miguel Chapultepec, redesigned by architect Alberto Kalach, the gallery remains a space for risk, dialogue, and experimentation.
- **Gather for a special farewell dinner at Blanco Castelar**, a contemporary Spanish restaurant housed in a 1939 mansion in Mexico City's upscale Polanco district.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8: MEXICO CITY / RETURN

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- Depart in the afternoon to the airport for your flight home.

DISCLAIMER: The itinerary is subject to change at the discretion of the Museum Travel Alliance and Arrangements Abroad. For complete details, please carefully read the terms and conditions at <https://www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms-conditions>.

ACCOMMODATIONS

JW MARRIOTT HOTEL MEXICO CITY POLANCO

Offering elegant accommodations, world-class amenities, and exceptional service, this luxurious hotel is conveniently located in Mexico City's Polanco neighborhood near many cultural attractions, upscale shopping, and dining options. The hotel features several restaurants, ranging from fine dining to casual eateries, as well as a fitness center and spa facilities.



JW Marriott Hotel Mexico City Polanco

PROGRAM RATES

\$9,999 per person, double rate

\$11,199 per person, single rate

RATES INCLUDE

- Six nights hotel accommodations as per itinerary
- Meals as indicated in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, R=Reception, D=Dinner). Bottled water, soft drinks, juices, and coffee/tea; wine/beer with all included lunches and dinners
- Airport/hotel/airport group transfers for all participants on arrival and departure days
- Enrichment program of lectures and talks
- Escorted sightseeing, transportation, and entrance fees for all included visits
- Taxes, service, and portage charges; gratuities to local guides and drivers

NOT INCLUDED IN RATES: International airfare; meals not specified; alcoholic beverages other than what is noted in inclusions; personal items and expenses; airport transfers other than on arrival and departure days with the group; excess baggage; trip insurance; any other items not specifically mentioned as included.



The Two Fridas by Frida Kahlo, Museo de Arte Moderno



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RESERVATION FORM

To reserve a place, [please click here to register online](#) through a secure form. You may also call Museum Travel Alliance at 212-324-1893 or 855-533-0033; email: trips@museumtravelalliance.com; or complete and return this form with your deposit of \$2,000 per person (of which \$1,000 is non-refundable for administrative fees) payable to *Museum Travel Alliance*. Mail= to: Museum Travel Alliance, 260 West 39th Street, 17th Floor, New York, NY 10018-4424.

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ACCOMMODATIONS

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FORM OF PAYMENT

☐ Enclosed is my check (payable to *Museum Travel Alliance*) ☐ Debit card ☐ Credit card

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I/We confirm that I/we have carefully read and agree to the Terms & Conditions of this Program (see <https://www.arrangementsabroad.com/terms-conditions> to review or call for a copy). I/We agree to full payment 120 days prior to departure. Each participant must sign below.

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