



**San Miguel de Allende, Mexico**  
**September 24 – October 1, 2024**

The trip to San Miguel de Allende begins and ends at the Leon airport (BJX) or the Queretaro airport (QRO). Both American Airlines and United serve these two airports. Closer to the travel date I will determine the airport we will use. I will arrange van transport from the airport into San Miguel and return to the airport for departure. After the minimum of 10 reservations is reached, I will advise you to make your air travel reservations. (This far ahead of the trip, it is difficult to predict what changes may occur in air schedules. Please contact me before making your air travel reservations.)

Trip Start: September 24, 2024 – Leon, MX Airport (BJX) or Queretaro, MX (QRO)

Trip Finish: October 1, 2024 – Leon, MX Airport (BJX) or Queretaro, MX (QRO)

Trip Length: 8 days, 7 nights

Trip Cost: \$2,500 per person sharing a room  
\$2,800 for a single room

(Trip cost includes everything except airfare, 3 dinners, 4 lunches, tips, and all items of a personal nature.)

## **Day by Day Overview**

**Monday, September 24 – Leon, Mexico Airport.** Meet at Leon, Mexico Airport (BJX) or Queretaro, MX Airport (QRO) and transfer by van to Casa de la Noche, San Miguel de Allende.

[www.casadelanoche.com](http://www.casadelanoche.com)

- Dinner together.

**Tuesday, September 25 – San Miguel and Atotonilco** - Following breakfast, we will meet our guide at 10am in the town center for a walking tour of San Miguel de Allende. Afternoon excursion (1:30pm) to Viejo San Miguel (old San Miguel)—this is the mission church that was the beginning of San Miguel; the Galeria Atotonilco—the home and gallery of Mayer Shacter, collector of Mexican folk art. [www.folkartsanmiguel.com](http://www.folkartsanmiguel.com) and also Atotonilco shrine—a sanctuary built in the 1700s;

[http://sacredsites.com/americas/mexico/sanctuary\\_of\\_atotonilco.html](http://sacredsites.com/americas/mexico/sanctuary_of_atotonilco.html) . Return late afternoon

- Lunch at Casa de la Noche.
- Dinner on your own.

**Wednesday, September 26 - San Miguel de Allende** – Today at noon we have a special treat a “Food Tour of San Miguel” (7 of the group does food tour today). Before that tasty event and afterwards you have free time to do as you would like: excellent shopping in San Miguel, visit the Botanical Gardens—beautiful natural cactus garden or visit Aurora—a former textile mill from 1901 now a show place for local artists. (We can discuss these options that morning).

- Lunch – food tour - [www.sanmiguelfoodtours.com](http://www.sanmiguelfoodtours.com) for half the group and others have option of light lunch at Casa Noche or lunch on your own
- Dinner on your own.

**Thursday, September 27 - Guanajuato, Mexico** - After breakfast we leave San Miguel (9:15am) for an excursion to Guanajuato, the capital of the state and once among the richest cities in the world, glutted with silver. We visit the internationally famous Opera House of Guanajuato, the boyhood home of Diego Rivera, and the city center of Guanajuato. On our return, we stop in Delores Hidalgo—the starting point for the Revolution of 1810. Return late afternoon.

[www.travelbymexico.com/guanajuato/atractivos/index2.php?nom=kguamusdiegoriv](http://www.travelbymexico.com/guanajuato/atractivos/index2.php?nom=kguamusdiegoriv)

- Lunch on your own.
- Dinner together.

**Friday, September 28 – San Miguel de Allende** – Marina Lopez Flores will take us shopping at the local mercado followed by a cooking class at her home. The mercado, under one roof, has almost everything a local family would want to buy: vegetables, fruits, flowers, spices, meat, clothes, shoes, music, piñatas, etc. Our cooking class, done in a typical home, will have half of our group in the morning and half in the afternoon. This is always a favorite experience of the week. We return here for dinner—the fruit of our labor today. When you’re not cooking, there is always something happening at the Jardin (center).

- Lunch on your own.
- Dinner together.

**Saturday, September 29 - San Miguel de Allende.** San Miguel stands out as a fiesta town. The Festival of San Miguel (St. Michael’s Day) celebrates the city’s patron saint. There are parades, giant paper mache people, and lots of fireworks. Your camera will be clicking wildly.

- Lunch: Food Tour of San Miguel for half of the group and others have light lunch at Casa Noche or lunch on your own.
- Dinner on your own.

**Sunday, September 30 – San Miguel de Allende.** Today have a little sleep-in to recuperate from a late Saturday night. The Jardin is the place to be today continuing the birthday celebration festivities for St. Michael. A good day to do last shopping.

- Lunch on your own.
- Farewell dinner together.

**Monday, October 1** - Departure day...morning transfer from Casa de la Noche to Leon or Queretaro Airport.

All of our breakfasts are at Casa de la Noche.

This is the planned schedule but is subject to change if needed by circumstances.

**Weather:** Temperatures range from low of 55 degrees to high of 75 degrees

## **Helpful Websites:**

San Miguel photos and info:

- [www.businessinsider.com/san-miguel-de-allende-voted-best-city-in-the-world-2017-7/#there-are-also-many-local-markets-to-explore-22](http://www.businessinsider.com/san-miguel-de-allende-voted-best-city-in-the-world-2017-7/#there-are-also-many-local-markets-to-explore-22)
- [www.visitmexico.com/en/main-destinations/guanajuato/san-miguel-de-allende](http://www.visitmexico.com/en/main-destinations/guanajuato/san-miguel-de-allende)

Aurora textile mill and shopping center: [www.fabricalaurora.com](http://www.fabricalaurora.com)

Town of Dolores Hidalgo: [www.visitmexico.com/en/main-destinations/guanajuato/dolores-hidalgo](http://www.visitmexico.com/en/main-destinations/guanajuato/dolores-hidalgo)