

4 CARDINAL POINTS TO SAN LUIS POTOSÍ:

6 DAYS OF ADVENTUROUS ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT THE BEAUTIFUL STATE OF DE SAN LUIS POTOSÍ



PRE ADVENTURE

November 23th – 28th

Live the experience of venturing into the 4 regions which divide San Luís Potosí, beginig right at the vast and immense Wirikuta desert, impregnated by the wisdom of ancient cultures and its magical nights below the arch of heaven. This adventure will lead us to later have a scuba diving experience into the crystal clear water springs that came to form the "Half Moon" lagoon. For our next stop, we have the "Huasteca potosina", a fascinating region of nature and tropical rivers, where adventure waits for no man; Rappelling into a 459 feet deep cave, at the bottom of which there lies a water spring, giving the adventurer a lush, everlasting landscape. We won't leave aside the valuable Huasteco and Teneek cultures, which dazzle us with their colors and exquisit gastronomy, such as Zacahuil, bocoles and the well-known enchiladas.

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To wrap things up, we will drive back to the capital of San Luis Potosí, having visited all four cardinal points, offering a visit to one of the "haciendas" providing a tour to the production process of the traditional elixir "Mezcal" giving a demonstration of one of the most traditional and complex technics to produce such beverage; Also, there will be a tour through the historic center of the city, the old colonial town, which shows the splendor and beauty of its baroque and vice regal architecture.

- The 4 regions of the state are: Central área (Zona Centro), Middle zone (Zona Media), The Plateau (Altiplano) and Huasteco region; within these 4 regions, a wide variety of environments are represented, E.g. in the Huasteco región there are tropical eco-systems, whereas in the Plateau and the middle zone, there are the desert and the pine oak forest.
- Important note: Some of the journeys between locations will last over 3 hours; however, the tour's logistic will allow us to know spectacular places in the estimated time of 6 days.

Day-By-Day Itinerary

The Plateau

Day 1

On the morning of this day, authorized representatives from "Corazón de Xoconostle" will pick you up whether at your hotel or at the meeting point at 08:10 am. We will start the day by traveling to the Wirikuta desert (3 hours' worth the trip), sacred zone to an ancestral people called the Wixaritaris. Our first stop will be San Antonio de Coronados community (also known as Coyote's place "Paraje del Coyote") where a delicious tipical breakfast awaits, to later begin with the hikking into the mountains, where we will be able to appreciate different eco-systems, starting with semi-desertic, all the way to a high forest spot, sacred place known as "Ameyaltonal" ("Agua del Sol" or "water from the sun") there we will have a snack, in communion with nature. The descent will be done as to appreciate the afternoon; the vehicles will pick us up to drive back to our hotel-hostal Willis, down in Sation 14, where Don Cristino, the land-owner, will be waiting for us with a delicious, typical desert meal.

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Activities

- 1. Hiking up: Difficulty 3 (intermediate level) 2:30hrs, 5.6 km/ 3.5mi 2,100 mts min 2,575mts max; 499m gain, 61m loss.
- 2. Hiking down: Difficulty 3 (intermediate level) 2:00hrs, 5.0 km/3.1 mi 2100 mts min 2,575 max, 61m gain, 499m loss.

Total length: 5 Hours



Day 2

We will wake up to be taken care of by the excellent cook from the hostel at 07:00 a.m. with a breakfast that will provide us with the energy to begin our travels and the photographic safari on the Willies (4X4 vehicles), we will then continue to tour the gorgeous desertic landscape, part of a one of a kind mountain system, we will find the sacred plant "Peyote" (Lophophora Williamsis); this sacred plant will be treated with the outmost respect, since its extraction is forbidden, enjoying the contrast and the ever-changing vegetation, where we will stop at various places to explain the geographic and historical importance. Within the five-hour tour, there will be a pic-nic. Our next stop will be the emblematic and magical town "Real de Catorce", which waits for us to wander through its streets; among its streets and alleys which are frozen in time, we will take a stroll that will invite us to live history in the flesh for 2

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hours. The end of the day will come at the Rural home "La Ceiba" to the heat of a bonfire and with a colonial ambience in the background a typical "cena a la leña" firewood dinner will be served, in the town of Rioverde.





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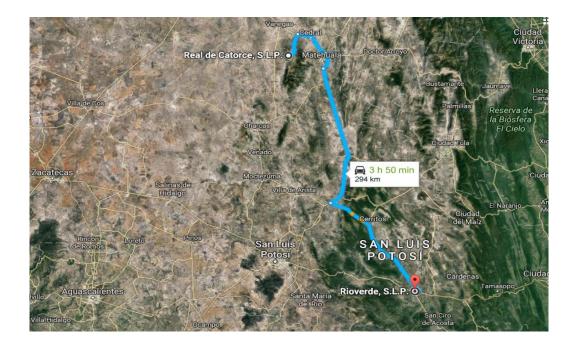
Activity

Photographic Safari: Difficulty 1 (Easy level) 5 hours; Tour through the desert in 4 x 4 vehicles

Cultural visit: Difficulty 1 (Easy level) Stroll through the streets of the town "Real de Catorce"

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Middle Zone

Day 3

Dawn in the Mexican countryside, along with a nice cup of coffee and a refreshing breakfast will set us on the right track to go find the "half Moon" water spring, a Crystal clear water lagoon that evokes prehistoric forests, where we will be preparing for an immersion with full scuba gear at 09:00 a.m. so that we can explore the mysteries that lie hidden in the lagoon. El amanecer de la campiña mexicana con un buen café y un desayuno reparador nos abrirán pauta para ir a buscar el manantial de la Media Luna, lugar de agua cristalina que evoca a los bosques de la prehistoria, donde estaremos preparándonos para hacer inmersión con equipo de buceo a las 9 am, y así poder explorar los atractivos que en ella se esconden. After resurfacing, we'll take an energetic lunch, to afterwards "set sail" towards "Tanchachin", Place of many birds, in teenek language; this will be the point of origin for a journey through the tropical jungle which lasts an hour, to sight the impressive waterfall of Tamul (344 ft high) from a natural balcony. On our return to civilization, we shall be greeted by a typical village feast, featuring handmade tortillas, along with various stews, made with the characteristic

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seasoning of these lands. At nightfall we will stay at "Tanchachin Refuge" a cabin on the river bank, where we will light a bonfire, to enjoy the night.





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Activity

- 1. SCUBA Diving: Difficulty 5(Hard level) 2 hours; basic introductory Scuba Diving course or depending on verifiable experience of the participant, 1 hour immersion; All Gear will be provided to you and it is of professional level; The guides are certified SCUBA divers.
- 2. Tamul Waterfall's visit: Difficulty 1 (Easy level) 4 hours; Tour aboard a 4X4 vehicle amidst the jungle, sighting of the waterfall from a lookout.

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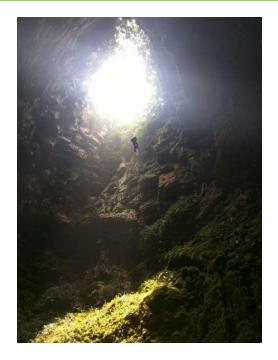
Huasteca Region

Day 4

We will have breakfast at 07:00 a.m. to afterwards go deep into the jungle, towards the teenek communities, to explore the beauty kept away in the center of the earth, down at the bottom of the most impressive abysses of the region "El sótano del Cepillo" "The Brushes Abyss" located in the community of Tamapatz with a depth of 420 feet deep of rappell, at the end of which we will get to see the water spring that lies there, just as its one of a kind flora and fauna. We will descend through the hole of the cave, which has a diameter of 40 feet, only to discover that as we go down, the cave's diameter widens more and more, the contrasting vegetation as we go down is quite a show, and the beam of light that allows for us to see the magnificent work of nature is a sight you won't forget. Once at the bottom we'll admire the Water spring's beauty, always respecting nature and minimizing the impact of our presence since we will be standing in a unique micro-climate in the whole world. This adventure consists only of dropping down to the cave, and appreciate the water spring, there will be no further touring inside the cave. During the activity GORP Trail Mix (Good Old Raisins and Peanuts) will be provided to you, in order to always be well fed, and with a full set of batteries ready to go. At the end of the day we will set up I the "Vergel Huasteco" Hotel, in the village of Aquismón, where, surrounded by mountains and vegetation, will have a nice dinner and a place to rest.

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Activity

- 1. Speleology and Rappel: Difficulty 5 (Hard level) 6 hours.
 - Rating: Pit 4A II (v4a1 II)
 - Hike: 0.3mi
 - Descent: \$\$420ft (128 metros)
 - Raps: 1, Max \$\$420ft (128 metros)

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Día 5

We'll start off the morning by having a nice warm breakfast after having rested the night before, to then part for the village of "Ahuacatitla" in the municipality of Axtla, where we will meet one of the most astounding places of the Huasteco region, "El Castillo de la Salud de Beto Ramon" or "The health castle of Beto Ramon" where we shall get to know the pre-hispanic traditional medicine process, involving the making of products that come from ancient wisdom of Botany. We will eat in the village and will get to know a little bit more about the culture that covers the Huasteco region. Afterwards we will have Lychee's ice cream, before returning to the Capital of the city to get set at the "Corazon de Xoconostle" Hostel, so we can be on our way to a dinner party with typical food from the city.

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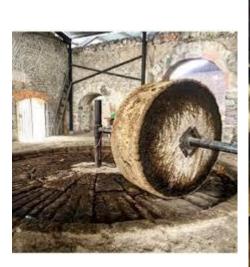
Central Area

Day 6

We will wake up to a delicious "Xoconostle breakfast", to later set off to an authentic trolley car tour aboard the "San Luis Rey Touristic Trolley car" rolling down this beautiful city, taking us back into colonial and vice regal times, all the way to the contemporary México. One the mood is all set; we will continue our journey to the "Peñasco Hacienda", some 25 minutes away from the city. Founded in 1650, it will surprise us with its well preserved colonial architecture, and its colorful spirit; there, together we shall discover the artisan process in Mezcal's production, carried out by "Mezcal Master" Patricio, who will grant us a taste of this magical elixir of passion. We will wrap up our adventure recharged of the magic that is harbored in this State, so that we can start the activities planned for us by "Adventure Next" the following day.

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Activity:

- 1. Guided Visit: Difficulty 1 (Easy level) aboard the "San Luis Rey" touristic Trolley car; 1:15 hours
- 2. Guided Visit: Difficulty 1 (Easy level) Through the Peñasco Hacienda; 2 Hours



Groups from 4 to 6 people

PRECIOS POR PERSONA Y POLITICAS DE RESERVACIÓN

(Price per person)

Price per person:

\$12,500MXP \$680 USD

- 1. Contact the sales staff for tours with Corazón de Xoconostle, through the different channels of contacts.
- 2. Deposit 30% of the total amount in the bank account number assigned and send a photo of the receipt/proof of purchase to this email: reservaciones@corazondexoconostle.com
- 3. Check your email inbox and register using PDF format with your personal information and the names of your companions; reply with all the information.
- 4. Pay for the activity before the activities begin.

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¿Quế INCUYE EL VIJE? (List inclusions in the Price)

- **TRANSPORTATION:** From the airport to the Hostel All trip Back to the Hotel
- **GUIDE:** Certified guide SECTUR NOM-009-TUR-2002
- 12 Meals
- **HYDRATION AND CALORIC RECUPERATION:** water, isotonic drinks, energy bars GORP.
- TRAVEL INSURANCE
- **LODGING:** 6 nights (Private room x2)
- LODGING: 1 Night at Hostel Corazon de Xoconostle before pre adventure
- LODGING: 1 Night at Hostel Corazon de Xoconostle after pre adventure
- ENTRANCES TO PRIVATE PROPERTIES
- HIKING ACTIVITY IN SAN ANTONIO DE CORONADOS
- SCUBA DIVING AT MEDIA LUNA
- ACTIVITY VISIT TAMUL WATERFAL
- ACTIVITY RAPPEL AT SOTANO DEL CEPILLO
- ACTIVITY TOUR IN HEATL CASTLE OF "BETO RAMON"
- **BONFIRE**
- SAFARI ACTIVITY, PHOTOGRAPHY AND 4X4
- ACTIVITY TO VISIT THE FACTORY AND HACIENDA MEZCALERA DE PEÑASCO

¿QuÉ No INCUYE EL VIJE? (List exclusions in the price)

- TIPS FOR THE GUIDE
- ALCOHOLIC DRINKS

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POLITICAS DE CANCELACIÓN (Cancellation policy)

- 1. The reservation is guaranteed the moment you make the 30% deposit.
- 2. The total price of the reservation depends on the number of participants registered with your account. It is the responsibility of the buyer to make the cancellations for any of the participants registered. Cancellations should be received 48hrs prior to the event.
- 3. To apply for a refund of your deposit you are required to send a written notification 15 days prior to the date of the programmed service (total refund). The refund will be through the same medium that the deposit was made as long as there was a transfer.
- 4. The deposit will NOT be reimbursed if the cancellation was made within less than 15 days of notification before the event.
- 5. The deposit can be transferred to another user as long as you send a written notification 48hrs before the start of the programmed event.
- 6. The deposit can remain as a guarantee for the trip for the following 365 days after the deposit was made. Written notification regarding the changes of plans should be made 48hrs prior to the event. To reschedule your trip you should communicate with the sales person to verify the availability of the dates required (minimum one week prior for notification).
- 7. What ever deposit that has been made for trips will not be reimbursed if you do not present yourself on the indicated date of the registration questionnaire at our location or a previously agreed upon site through written agreement. The individual will automatically forfeit any right for refund, exchange or compensation.
- 8. In case of cancellation by the company, your deposit will be fully refunded.
- 9. Excursions with Corazón de Xoconostle reserve the rigth to modify or cancel activities due to external risks that are not within their control (changes in weather, sudden natural disasters, political problems, etc.).

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ELEMENTOS QUE DELE LLEVAR EL TURISTA

(Items participants should be sure to have with them)

- Clothing and shoes with good grip, comfortable and suitable for long walks on irregular terrain.
- Long pants and long sleeve shirt.
- Hat
- Sun glasses.
- Sun block (biodegradable).
- Ecofriendly mosquito repelent.
- Backpack (for personal items).
- Jacket.
- Personal water bottle.
- Personal flashlight.

EQUIPO PROPOREIONADO PARA 12 DETIVIDAD

(Provided gear and/or equipment)

- Helmet.
- Harness.
- Profesional Rope (10.5 mm Petzl, UIAA certificaction).
- Quick Draw.
- Belay Device.
- First AID kit..

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"Excursions with Corazón de Xoconostle fosters sustainable tourism in San Luis Potosí through authentic experiences with a significance aimed to arouse interest in the care of our environment, the economic well-being of the communities and the protection of the cultural heritage of our region."

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