

MAGICAL DESERT & REAL DE CATORCE – POST ADVENTURE DECEMBER 2-3, 2016

Did you ever wonder what would happen, if you would go back in time through the tunnel of time?

This unique and fascinating experience is about to come true. Set in the Catorce mountain range of the Mexican plateau, land of cactus and agave, palm and mesquite trees, you will find the picturesque village of Real de Catorce, an old mining town dating from 1772 and once a ghost town, a nirvana for those seeking adventure and relaxation.

An encounter of the real Real: roosters crowing and donkeys braying, Colonial cobblestone streets, magnificent stone houses, impressive adobe ruins, amicable Mexican cowboys on horse back, world-famed Willy jeeps as well as the opportunity to meet local people who pride themselves of living a more simple life. Local cuisine that will embellish your palate and senses. Satisfaction guaranteed of a lifetime experience!

DAY TO DAY ITINERARY

Day 1. We will pick you up at your hotel by 7:30-8am (snacks on board included) and will head for the *Sierra de Catorce*, driving north on highway 57 through the Mexican highplains. After a 3-hour drive, you will board the Willy jeeps and set off to the Catorce desert, where you will find a wide variety of cactus and ruins of mining settlements, and with a little bit of luck, local fauna. We will continue to Real de Catorce, up the Repentant's Hill, where a set table with a delicious hearty lunch in the afternoon will be awaiting you.

Time to settle in your charming hotel, and rest before the next adventure.

As the highlight of the evening, you will participate in a "Ceremony to Mother Earth", guided by a Huichol shaman in the local arena. A sip of Potosinian mezcal will help you keep warm, as the evenings are chilly.

Supper by the chosen restaurant's fireplace. Snacks, lunch & supper included. Distance from San Luis Potosí 180 miles, elevation 7,500'.

Day 2. After a leisurely breakfast, we will pack our bags in the van and go out for a walking tour of the old mining town: its churches, mint house, squares, buildings, will make you wonder how people lived 250 years ago. The last adventure: a horseback riding tour to an old mine. Bring your camera and capture the best view of the town. Last but not least, we will exit real de Catorce through the Ogarrio Tunnel carved in the mountains in 1901. On the way back to San Luis Potosí, we will stop for a snack, and with a full belly, drive back to San Luis Potosi! Drop off at the hotel of your choice. Breakfast and snacks included. Distance 180 miles back to San Luis Potosi.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

We suggest you check The Weather Channel for more information on what type of clothes to bring.

These hotels have no central heating; only heaters and thick blankets. They all have hot running water.

All of the hotels in Real de Catorce, are old houses converted into little hotels.

Let us know in advance of any special dietary preferences or restrictions. Mexican food is known to be spicy, however, we have considered "hot salsa" on the side.

Tours available in English and Spanish.

WHAT'S INCLUDED:

Medical kit

Certified tour guide

Willy jeep, horses

Entrance fee to the mine

All meals from snacks on day one through snacks on the final day (2 snacks, 1 breakfast, 1 lunch, and 1 dinner)

One night hotel accommodation in Real de Catorce

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED:

Lodging in San Luis Potosí after your Post-adventure

Trip cancelation insurance

Alcoholic beverages

Guide gratuities, tips

PERSONAL RECOMMENDED ITEMS

Warm jacket, pullover, raincoat

Warm pijamas, socks, gloves, scarf

Sneakers (tennis shoes)

Sunglasses, bandana

Personal medications

Hat, cap, beanie hat

Sunscreen, lip protection

Camera

COST: US\$250.00 per person

DATES: December 2-3, 2016

START/RETURN LOCATION: San Luis Potosi, SLP, Mexico