



## Flavors of Mexico City!

with Tanya Cole of KHFM

February 9 - 15, 2026



¡Hola! We're heading to Mexico City for an unforgettable adventure filled with vibrant art, bold flavors, classical music and the rhythms of traditional music and dance—and we'd love for you to come along!

This journey is all about immersion: exploring the city's rich history, diverse culture, and dynamic creative scene. Highlights include visits to the world-renowned National Museum of Anthropology and the colorful Museo Frida Kahlo. We'll marvel at Diego Rivera's epic mural *The History of Mexico*, wander through bustling markets, sample irresistible street tacos, sip local tequila and mezcal, and stand in awe at the ancient pyramids of Teotihuacán.

Sound like your kind of trip? Check out the full itinerary, accommodations, and pricing details here—and reserve your spot soon. Space is limited!

We hope you'll join us for this vibrant cultural experience.

See you in Mexico City!  
Tanya Cole, KHFM host



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“It is strength to laugh and lose oneself, to be light.”

Frida Kahlo

## INCLUDED: YOUR JOURNEY

- ❖ Travel with special host **Tanya Cole of KHFM**
- ❖ Six nights of accommodation at the **5-star historic Hotel Geneve Mexico City**
- ❖ Daily excursions with expert local guides
- ❖ Tickets to the celebrated Ballet Folklórico de México
- ❖ A private classical performance with respected classical artists.
- ❖ A private tour of the Anthropology Museum
- ❖ An exclusive morning devoted to studying the lives and legacies of artists, Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera
- ❖ An in-depth tour of the historic Zócalo, the National Palace, the Metropolitan Cathedral, and other buildings of historical and architectural importance
- ❖ An early morning balloon ride over the ancient pyramids of Teotihuacán
- ❖ Excursions to colorful markets
- ❖ Tequila and mezcal tastings
- ❖ Breakfast daily, plus seven exceptional dining experiences, highlighting the flavors of Mexico
- ❖ Private airport transfers in Mexico, on the day of arrival and departure
- ❖ Transport by air-conditioned mini coaches
- ❖ Gratuities for local staff, drivers and guides



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*Enjoy a private classical concert*

#### **TRIP FACTS**

7 Days / 6 Nights (land)

\$4,450 per person based on double occupancy

\$995 single supplement

Trip begins: February 9, 2026 at 6:00pm

Trip ends: February 15 after breakfast

#### **Where you will stay: The 5- Star Hotel Geneve Mexico City**

Since 1907, Hotel Geneve has blended European elegance with avant-garde design and exceptional service. Located in the heart of Zona Rosa, just minutes from Paseo de la Reforma, it has hosted legendary guests from Churchill to Malala. Known as a “Hotel Museum,” it features antique décor, a unique Telephone Museum, the lush Veranda Bistro, a secret Quiet Garden, and the London-inspired Phone Bar. Guests enjoy refined comfort, rich history, and warm hospitality in one of Mexico City’s most iconic hotels.

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*Enjoy the rich cultural traditions of Mexico City*

## MEXICO CITY QUICK FACTS

- Mexico City is the capital of Mexico. It doesn't belong to any state, rather it is its own federal territory, similar to the status of Mexico's 31 other states
- Mexico City is the city's English name. In Spanish, it is Ciudad de Mexico, or CDMX for short
- The city sits at an altitude of 7,350 feet
- The core metro area spans 573 square miles
- Over 9 million people live in the center of the city. The broader metropolitan area is home to over 22 million people making it the largest city in North America!
- Mexico City is a sprawling metropolis that consists of 16 alcaldías (boroughs) that house almost 2,000 colonias (neighborhoods).
- According to some estimates, **Mexico City has more museums than any other city in the world.** One count puts Mexico City at 150 museums, compared to Paris with 130. Whatever the number, Mexico City has embraced the museum like no other city, with collections ranging from carvings to cultures.



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## YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS

### **Day 1: Monday, February 9 - Arrive in Mexico City: Bienvenido a Mexico!**

Arrive in the vibrant embrace of Mexico City, where the sun's gentle caress invites you to unwind and immerse yourself in its welcoming warmth. Enjoy the city's radiant energy, which will rejuvenate your spirit before you rendezvous with your travel companions for an orientation and welcome dinner, joined by your Earthbound guides and KHFM host, Tanya Cole. (D)

### **Day 2: Tuesday, February 10 - Step into the past in Centro Historico**

The beating heart of Mexico City, the 668-block Centro Historico is the most culturally significant neighborhood. Home to ornate colonial buildings, vast plazas and throngs of tourists and locals alike.

Here sits the largest concentration of the city's historical monuments, which are built on top of the site of the ancient Aztec city of Tenochtitlán.

Our excursion begins with the city's main square, the Zócalo. Officially known as Plaza de la Constitución, this massive central plaza has been a gathering place for centuries and continues to host frequent political and social protests. It's impossible to miss the Mexican flag flying high above the square, one of the largest in the world!



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*View to the powerful murals of Diego Rivera*

The Catedral Metropolitana (Metropolitan Cathedral) looms over the square and is actually the largest cathedral in all of Latin America. Showcasing a range of different architectural styles, it's possible to go inside and take a look at the ornate ceiling and stained-glass windows.

Also bordering the Zócalo is the **Palacio Nacional** (National Palace), which is where you'll find Diego Rivera's world-famous mural, *The History of Mexico*. After our visit, our journey continues as we head across the plaza to the Templo Mayor (Main Temple).

The **Templo Mayor** was once the main temple of the Aztec city of Tenochtitlán, upon which Mexico City is literally built. The ruins of the temple have been excavated by archaeologists, and you can wander around and see what remains. We will visit the on-site museum which is massive and has so much to see.

Enjoy an authentic lunch, after which, we go to the Palacio Postal (Postal Palace) to marvel at the world's most beautiful post office! It's definitely worth going inside to see the stunning Art Nouveau interior. And make sure you look up from the marble staircases to the stained-glass ceiling.

Now it's on to one of the most iconic images of Mexico City, the **Palacio de Bella Artes** (Palace of Fine Arts). This opulent marble building is dedicated to the fine arts, housing a concert hall and arts center. Enter and see works from some of Mexico's most famous muralists, including Diego Rivera, José Clemente Orozco and David Alfaro Siqueiros.



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*Enjoy the mouth-watering flavors of Mexico City*

This evening let's relax with drinks and have dinner at a local restaurant. For some extracurricular activity, check out the Centro Historico and Terraza Catedral with a great rooftop bar. You may wish to grab a drink and enjoy the sunset from here! (B, L, D)

**Day 3: Wednesday, February 11 - Colorful Markets and the Floating Gardens of Xochimilco**



This morning enjoy an outing to Mercado Merced, a feast for the senses, where we will touch, taste and see many of the secret ingredients of Mexican cuisine.

Just outside central Mexico City is a small network of canals, known as the Floating Gardens of Xochimilco. Located in a neighborhood of the same name, these canals are the last remaining evidence of the complex system of waterways built by the Aztecs back when Mexico City was the ancient city of Tenochtitlán.

Cruising along these canals in a colorful gondola-style boat, or *trajinera*, is a fun and festive activity for friends and families celebrating various occasions. Vendors row up alongside your boat to serve up micheladas and snacks. And there are even mariachi bands on the canals, ready to climb aboard and sing you a song! Return to our hotel in the late afternoon and relax before enjoying dinner in the garden. (B, D)



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*Enjoy a tranquil, beautiful hot air balloon ride over ancient pyramids*



#### **Day 4: Thursday, February 12 - The Museo Nacional de Antropología and Frida**

Mexico's answer to Central Park, Bosque de Chapultepec, is the city's largest green space. Covering over 4 sq km, it is considered the lungs of the city. More than just a park, this expansive area is home to world-famous museums, historic attractions and some epic city views.

This morning, head to the **Museo Nacional de Antropología** (National Anthropology Museum). Even if you're not a museum lover, this fascinating museum is crucial to understanding the pre-classical period and other ancient civilizations in Mexico, such as the Teotihuacan, Mexica, Oaxaca, Toltec, Aztec and Maya.

After lunch, we venture to the charming Coyoacán neighborhood, a quiet, green suburb located a short distance from the center of the city. A rainbow of colonial-style buildings line leafy cobblestone streets in this bohemian neighborhood, with an artsy vibe and gentle pace.

There will be an independent lunch opportunity at Mercado Coyoacán. Inside the market is a famous food stall called Tostadas de Coyoacán, known as having the best tostadas in the city.



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The area is famous for the **Casa Azul (Blue House)** where renowned Mexican artist and feminist **Frida Kahlo** lived with her husband Diego Rivera. The house has been converted into the Museo Frida Kahlo (Frida Kahlo Museum), which is our first stop of the day. The museum displays many of Kahlo's personal belongings and some of her artworks.

We'll also view the many gorgeous colorful houses in this area as well as Plaza Hidalgo and Jardin Centenario.

Dinner this evening? Time for a food tour! Tacos, tortas, tamales and more, the food of Mexico City is some of the tastiest in the country, and the best way to see it is with a local. Be accompanied through markets, down backstreets and into small street food stalls to discover some of the most delicious local dishes and learn more about the cuisine of the city.

This tour is all about Mexico City's tacos, and you'll get to try a variety of popular tacos all over the city, as well as sample some mezcal, Mexico's other popular spirit. (B, D)

#### **Day 5: Friday, February 13 - Fly over the Ancient City of Teotihuacán**

We depart very early for Teotihuacán, an ancient Mesoamerican city located a short distance from the center of the city. The site is home to some of the world's largest pyramids, and a visit to the impressive city is a must. But seeing it from above on a hot air balloon is a true bucket list item, especially as you watch the sunrise as you fly over 2,000-year-old pyramids.

You'll float over all the major sights, such as the Pirámide del Sol (Pyramid of the Sun) and the Pirámide de la Luna (Pyramid of the Moon). A once-in-a-lifetime experience, it is simply mind-blowing to see such well-preserved history from above, in a sky filled with colorful balloons.

Upon safely landing, celebrate the flight with a champagne toast and a buffet breakfast.

After breakfast, we then visit Teotihuacán on foot to see it from a different perspective.

Very little is known about the people who lived there, and it remains a mystery who built this spectacular city. It is often incorrectly assumed that Teotihuacán was an Aztec city. But this isn't true, and the Aztecs only discovered the city once it was well and truly abandoned. They gave it the name Teotihuacán, meaning the place where the gods were created.

Whoever it was that constructed Teotihuacán so long ago, it is incredibly preserved and offers a fascinating insight into one of the earliest Mexican civilizations. (B, L)



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### **Day 6: Saturday, February 14 - Murales de Diego Rivera en la Secretaría de Educacion Publica**

Urban market scenes bustle with activity and seem to burst out of the picture plane. The colorful festivities at the Canal at Santa Anita draw us in with the vibrant colors of their flower vendors. Scenes of industry depict the labor and heroism of the worker. These are but a few of the subjects that cover the walls of Mexico City's Secretaría de Educación Pública (SEP)—the federal government building that houses the Ministry of Public Education. The enormous mural cycle celebrates Mexico: its festivals, its industries, and its people in over 100 panels.

The murals were painted from 1923–1928, primarily by Diego Rivera. Many consider the murals to be the foundational work that established the aesthetic of the Mexican Mural Renaissance. The murals address thematic issues of nation-building, indigenismo, modernization, and socialist politics - themes that Mexican muralists continued to address and that were important in post-revolutionary Mexico. (B, D)

### **Day 7: Sunday, February 15 - Return home with a lifetime of memories!**

Your journey concludes after breakfast. Transfers are included this morning to the Mexico City airport. (B)

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## **Meet Your Host - Tanya Cole!**



Tanya's radio journey began at Oregon State University's campus station, KBVR, where she caught the broadcast bug early.

From there, she lent her voice and passion to community radio at KBOO in Portland and KUNM in Albuquerque.

Over the years, she's been a trusted local host for *Performance Today*, NPR's *Morning Edition*, *Weekend Edition*, *All Things Considered*, and an eclectic mix of music shows.

With a wide-ranging love of music and an ever-curious ear, Tanya is thrilled to keep exploring new sounds as part of the KHFM team. When she's not behind the mic, you'll

likely find her with her hands in the dirt—tending to gardens or enjoying time with her family.



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