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KINGDOM OF THE MONARCH MEXICO TOUR

Benefiting Wimberley's EmilyAnn Theatre & Gardens

Friday February 9-Thursday February 15, 2018

7 Days / 6 Nights

Enjoy our exciting ecological and cultural adventure. Fall in love with the Monarchs as you spend 2 days including Valentines day with tens of millions of Monarch butterflies! Experience one of the world's most astounding natural events featuring the delicate Monarch at two different sanctuaries in Mexico where they "winterize" prior to making a remarkable springtime 3,000 mile journey to the northeastern US and Canada. Along the way we'll take a boat ride with a local birding expert through floating gardens and canals of Xochimilco and explore Coyoacán, one of the most well preserved colonial areas of Mexico City to experience the art and culture of artists Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera.







Day 1 Texas to Mexico City

Friday February 9

Depart Texas for Mexico City and the wonders that await. Upon arrival, we'll transfer to our 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ Star Tripadvisor rated hotel where you'll have free time to get settled in your hotel room. We gather this evening for a welcome dinner at the award-winning Taberna del Leon.







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Day 2 Mexico City

Saturday February 10

Breakfast. Leave for one of the best handicrafts market in all of Mexico, Bazaar Del Sabado in San Angel. Time to shop on your own or with our guides. Walk to a nearby gourmet restaurant for lunch. Then, we'll head out to the picturesque Mexico City district of Coyoacan to visit the Frida Kahlo's home and Museum. Dinner in Coyoacan at award winning San Angel restaurant on the main square. Return to hotel for a restful night's sleep.

(B,D) Hotel: Paraiso















Day 3 Mexico City

Sunday February 11

Start each day with breakfast at our hotel. Depart for the UNESCO World Heritage Site of the ancient Aztec Parque Ecologico Xochimilco for bird-watching around the marshes and lakes with our expert guide. Lunch afloat on a traditional trajinera (hand carved and painted boat) while we tour Xochimilco's pre-Columbian historic canals. Afternoon enjoy the remarkable Dolores Olmedo Patino Museum with an astonishing collection of priceless pre-hispanic art as well as paintings by Diego Rivera, Frida Kahlo and Angelina Belof. Return to our hotel for cocktails (not included in tour) and dinner at a nearby restaurant. (B)

Hotel: Paraiso



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Day 4 Kingdom of the Monarchs

Monday February 12

NOTE: We are ecologically responsible taking only a small group to the sanctuaries as larger groups kick up more dust that can affect the butterflies' respiration and adversely disturb their habit. Breakfast then depart for the Kingdom of the Monarchs. Arrive at our hotel for lunch in the beautiful surrounding gardens. After lunch hike the many trails at the 70 acre resort or swim in the natural therapeutic mineral pools. Book a spa treatment. Your choice! 6:00 pm Cocktails or other drinks (not included in the price) will be offered while a Monarch movie (documentary) is presented with an expert-led Q&A session. Dinner on your own at the hotel restaurant.

(B,L,D) Hotel: Agua Blanca Canyon Resort















Kingdom of the Monarchs

Tuesday February 13

Breakfast and depart for Sierra Chincua Butterfly Sanctuary. Hike up or ride your own horse* (led by your private trained horse handler) to get to the butterfly colony. Picnic with the butterflies. In the afternoon relax at our hotel, or visit the nearby town of Jungapeo. Dinner at our hotel.

(B,D) Hotel: Agua Blanca Canyon Resort

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Day 6 Kingdom of the Monarchs

Wednesday February 14

Breakfast and depart for UNESCO World Heritage site El Rosario Monarch Biosphere Reserve. Hike or ride your own horse* (led by your private trained horse handler) to get to our location of the butterfly colony to eniov the miraculous company of the Monarchs. A sack lunch "picnic" with the butterflies. Late afternoon ride your horse or hike back downhill to site center and shops. Leave sanctuary for our hotel. Arrive and relax or go to the spa (additional fee for spa services). Dinner at our hotel. (B,L,D)











Day 7 **Thursday February**



Say adios to magical Mexico as we transfer to the airport and return home to Texas. (B)



Tour Guide Information

Our expert local guide is Rodrigo Lopez, who is deeply committed to his vision of helping groups, individuals and organizations discover and experience the natural and cultural heritage of Mexico.

He holds degrees in Business Administration from the prestigious Instituto Politecnico Nacional in Mexico City, and Creative Marketing from Texas A & M (Mexico City Program). He is co-founder/organizer of the successful Audubon Eco Journeys program. He is currently on the Audubon Board as committee head for Audubon Tours, and is actively involved with its Birding Committee.

Rodrigo is an enthusiastic birdwatcher and photographer. His love of Mexico is shared daily in the outstanding in-depth tours he develops and shares with travelers.





About the EmilyAnn Theatre

The EmilyAnn Theatre was founded on August 1, 1998 to celebrate the life of Emily Ann Rolling, a vivacious 16-year-old, who lost her life in a car accident in 1996. The theatre provides a home for Shakespeare Under the Stars, a unique educational program for middle and high school students in which Emily excelled as both an actress and a costume designer. The Emily-Ann now offers year-round family entertainment through a variety of productions, festivals, and classes.

WHAT'S INCLUDED*

- Excellent experienced local English-speaking guide
- Round-trip airfare San Antonio/Mexico (call Cynthia if you intend to fly from another city ie: Austin, Houston)
- Round-trip transfer Mexico City airport to hotel
- 3 nights accommodations at 4 star hotel (rated by Tripadvisor) located in the southern historic district of Mexico City
- 3 nights accommodations at 4 1/2 star resort (rated by Tripadvisor) near butterfly sanctuaries
- 6 breakfasts, 3 lunches, 4 dinners
- UNESCO World Heritage Site Parque Ecologico Xochimilco with our expert guide. Embark on a traditional trajinera (hand carved and painted boat) while we tour Xochimilco's historical canals.
- Dolores Olmedo Patino Art Museum
- Mexican handicrafts market Bazar Del Sabado in San Angel
- Frida Kahlo's home and museum.
- UNESCO World Heritage site El Rosario Biosphere butterfly sanctuary
- Sierra Chincua Butterfly Sanctuary

CASH PRICE PER PERSON

\$2300* pp Double \$2600* pp Single

*Airfare Subject to change

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