

Central Mexico Adventure: Trip Guide & Details

October 26 – November 2, 2025

Welcome to your Central Mexico experience with Pride Adventures! This cultural journey takes us through Oaxaca, Puebla, and Mexico City during the vibrant week of Día de los Muertos. Below is your essential guide to help you prepare, pack, and make the most of your adventure.



Full trip documents and confirmations:

<https://prideadventures.com/trips/mexico/#trip-documents>



General Checklist

- ☑ Valid passport (6+ months validity)
- ☑ Travel insurance with minimum \$200,000 emergency medical & repatriation coverage
- ☑ Flight itinerary & confirmation
- ☑ WhatsApp installed & group chat joined (7 days before trip)
- ☑ Full packing list reviewed
- ☑ Cultural awareness for Día de los Muertos



Trip Overview

- Start/Finish: Oaxaca → Mexico City
- Duration: 8 Days
- Group Size: 10–14 travelers
- Style: Cultural Journey with local CEO (Chief Experience Officer)
- Physical Rating: Light to Moderate
- Transport: Private van
- Hosts: G Adventures CEO + Chris Smith (Pride Adventures)
- Luggage: One main suitcase (roller/backpack/duffel) + one daypack
- Trip Type: Part of G Adventures' Geluxe Collection — elevated hotels, immersive cultural experiences, and a relaxed pace



Hotel Overview

- Nights 1–3 (Oaxaca): Parador San Miguel
- Night 4 (Puebla): Casona de la China Poblana
- Nights 5–7 (Mexico City): Novotel Centro Historico (updated)



Hotels subject to change, but always of similar quality and location.

Rooming & Check-In + Confirmations

Rooming is based on your original registration (shared or private). If you are sharing, we encourage you to connect with your roommate before travel.

Each traveler should bring one main piece of luggage and one small daypack.

Roommate List:

- Keith K – Private Room
- David T & Oman HT – Shared Room
- Tom S & Russ F – Shared Room
- John B & Louis A – Shared Room
- Robert V & Ricardo FR – Shared Room
- Jonathan Z & Chris S – Shared Room

Pre-Night Hotel Confirmations:

- David & Oman – Check in 10/25
- Ricardo – Check in 10/25

Post-Night Hotel Confirmations:

- David & Oman – Check out 11/3
- Louis A – Check out 11/5

Arrival & Departure

Arrival – Oaxaca (Oct 26):

- Arrival transfer is included if you provided flight details.
- Look for a driver holding a G Adventures sign.
- If you cannot find your driver within 30 minutes:
 1. Contact Chris via WhatsApp.
 2. Call G Adventures Costa Rica (+506 4001 8474 weekdays; +51 997 582 712 after hours).
 3. Take an official Taxi Ejecutivo to Parador San Miguel. Keep your receipt for refund.

Departure – Mexico City (Nov 2):

- Departure transfers are not included.
- Use Uber, authorized taxis, or coordinate shared rides via WhatsApp.
- Airport: Mexico City International (MEX)

WhatsApp Group

We'll create a WhatsApp group about 7 days before the trip. Use it to:

- Coordinate arrivals & departures
- Connect with fellow travelers
- Receive daily updates
- Share photos & fun



Expanded Daily Itinerary

Day 1 (Sun, Oct 26) – Oaxaca: Arrival, transfer to Parador San Miguel, welcome meeting and Welcome Dinner (Pride Adventures).

Day 2 (Mon, Oct 27) – Oaxaca: Walking tour of Santo Domingo Cultural Centre, zócalo & markets. Visit Monte Albán ruins.

Day 3 (Tue, Oct 28) – Oaxaca: Cycle through valley towns and agave fields. Visit Herve el Agua and a mezcal distillery. Evening at leisure.

Day 4 (Wed, Oct 29) – Puebla: Transfer to Puebla (4–5 hrs). Orientation walk, Talavera ceramics, and mole-making demo. Overnight in historic centre.

Day 5 (Thu, Oct 30) – Mexico City: Transfer to CDMX. Xochimilco boat ride and Frida Kahlo Museum (Casa Azul).

Day 6 (Fri, Oct 31) – Mexico City: Choice day: Teotihuacán pyramids or guided food tour. Farewell Dinner (included with G Adventures).

Day 7 (Sat, Nov 1) – Mexico City: Día de los Muertos parades and celebrations. Dinner not included.

Day 8 (Sun, Nov 2) – Mexico City: Breakfast included. Departure day. Use Uber/taxi to MEX airport.



Meals

Included: 7 Breakfasts, 5 Lunches, 4 Dinners

Day 1: Dinner (Welcome Dinner – Pride Adventures)

Day 2: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 3: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 4: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Day 5: Breakfast, Lunch

Day 6: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner (Farewell Dinner – G Adventures)

Day 7: Breakfast (Dinner not included)

Day 8: Breakfast (added by Pride Adventures)

Estimated Meal Costs (not included meals):

- Lunches: \$20–30 USD per person
- Dinners: \$30–60 USD per person
- Street food/snacks: \$2–8 USD

Tipping & Gratuities

- Covered by Pride Adventures (≈10%): Local guides, drivers, transfers, and included group meals
- Not Included:
 - CEO (Tour Leader): \$10 per person, per day → \$70 per traveler
 - Restaurants when meals are not included: Please cover your own tips (~10%, or more)
- Additional gratuities always welcome

Health & Safety

- Drink bottled/filtered water (avoid tap/ice unless safe)
- Consult your doctor for vaccines (typhoid, hepatitis A, tetanus boosters recommended)
- Bring a personal first-aid kit (bandages, blister care, Imodium, electrolytes, meds)
- Keep valuables secure; use hotel safes where available
- Use Uber/authorized taxis at night; travel in groups
- More info: <https://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel>

Responsible Travel & Planeterra

Pride Adventures partners with G Adventures + Planeterra Foundation, supporting local communities and sustainable tourism. A portion of your trip cost goes directly to community-based projects.

During Día de los Muertos, please ask before photographing altars or people.

Weather & Climate (Late Oct – Early Nov)

- Oaxaca: Highs ~75°F (24°C), lows ~55°F (13°C)
- Puebla: Highs ~72°F (22°C), lows ~50°F (10°C)
- Mexico City: Highs ~73°F (23°C), lows ~52°F (11°C)

Pack layers — warm days, cool evenings.

Packing List

Essentials:

- Passport + photocopy
- Travel insurance documents
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Daypack/sling bag
- Pride water bottle
- Sunglasses, hat, sunscreen
- Light jacket/sweater

- Smart-casual outfit for dinners
- Accessories for Día de los Muertos
- Portable phone charger

Optional:

- Swimsuit (hotels/spas)
- Small umbrella/rain jacket
- Spanish phrasebook/translation app
- Travel pillow for long rides

LGBTQ+ Traveler Notes – Gay Bars

Oaxaca:

- La Casona – LGBTQ+ club with drag shows
- La Nueva Babel – casual gay-friendly bar



Puebla:

- El Cielo – fun gay-friendly bar
- Envy Lounge – popular with locals

Mexico City (Zona Rosa):

- Kinky Bar – iconic LGBTQ+ club
- Nicho Bears & Bar – popular bear/men's spot
- La Purísima – legendary queer dive bar

Emergency Contacts

- Trip Host – Chris Smith (Pride Adventures)
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