

Mexico City/Chiapas



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Contrast the dynamics of life in Mexico City with the rural reality of Chiapas. Meet with people who offer hope through alternative models of work, society and governance. See the importance of water projects and schools in isolated areas. Learn of the unique contributions of indigenous people to Mexican history today. Understand the struggle for land and rights.
Appreciate the natural beauty of Chiapas.

The Mexico City portion includes:

- A guided tour of the National Museum of Anthropology.
- The experience of contemporary reality.
- A visit from Women for Dialogue on women's reality in the country.
- The experience of popular religiosity at the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- Sharing by a psychologist who works with children of the street.
- The Zocalo (Plaza) where Mexico City was born.
- A guided tour of the Diego Rivera murals in the National Palace.

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In Chiapas:

- Listen to a curandero (healer) speak of his work with the indigenous people. Visit his museum collection of traje (typical clothing) and learn about local customs.
- A presentation on the history of Mexico with a focus on current events.
- A visit to the villages of San Juan Chamula, where unique indigenous rituals take place daily, and in Zinacantan where weavers demonstrate their artistry and sell their handicrafts.
- A presentation on the Mexican economy and how it effects people and everyday life.
- Visit with offices and organizations that are working to promote change, and dialogue with leaders.
- Visit an indigenous rights group committed to non-violence.



"GATE helped me learn things I had never known before and see things in real life that I had only heard about. It raised my social awareness and has caused me to look for ways that I can change things."

-Christine M., Mexico/Chiapas GATE participant

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