

# Monarch Butterfly Eco -Tour

Feb 21 – March 1, 2019

1 Space Remaining

**A UNESCO Site & one of Mexico's greatest treasures. Monarchs that travel 3,000 miles from northeast US & Canada to winter in the protected mountain forest sanctuaries of central Mexico in Michoacan. 150 million before your eyes. See Trip Advisor!**

**Day 1:** Arrive in **Mexico City**. Frank Correa will pick us up at the airport & deliver us to [www.hotelroyalreforma.com](http://www.hotelroyalreforma.com). He has led other tours with me & has 26 years of guiding in Mexico.

**Day 2:** With Frank we will take the Subway to the center to: *Zocolo, National Palace-murals of Diego Rivera, Metropolitan Cathedral, Bellas Artes, Alameda Park, Lunch at Sanborn's House of Tiles.*

**Day 3:** *“Casa Azul” of Frida Kahlo, Chapultepec Castle & Xochimilco Floating Gardens.*

**Day 4:** Drive to **Zitacuaro**, near the **Reserve**. (2 ½ hr). [Www.lacasadelosrecuerdos.com.mx](http://Www.lacasadelosrecuerdos.com.mx).

**Day 5: Am - depart for El Rosario Butterfly National Reserve, the largest & World Heritage Site.** We will be assisted with steps to mount horses & each horse led individually by a guide to the sight, 10,000 ft. You must know your ability. Approx 20 min trek. Butterfly conservationist **Carlos Gottfried**, “When you stand in a monarch sanctuary, your soul is shaken & your life changed. Lunch & on to Patzcuaro for two nights. Approx 3 hrs. Lovely scenery. Dinner on the Plaza.

**Day 6: Patzcuaro**, (mid-way between Mexico City & Guadalajara) a lovely town with 17<sup>th</sup> century elegant colonial architecture overlooking the plaza vibrant markets & strong indigenous traditions. **And the most delicious food, of which I can attest. A visit to Santa Clara de Cobre**, town of copper artisans for demonstrations of copper craftsmanship. Utopia Hotel.

**Day 7: Depart in AM for Guadalajara, (3 ½ hrs).** [Www.hotelmorales.com.mx](http://Www.hotelmorales.com.mx). Visit local sites.

**Day 8: Visit to Tlaquepaque** where mansions have been transformed into shops & galleries & history of the Tonaltecas in Tonalá. A walk on the lovely Malecon of Ajijic on Lake Chapala.

**Day 9:** Fly home from Guadalajara airport.

**Cost: \$950/person/dbl occupancy, (not including airfare). \$100 deposit to register.**

**Balance due: 12/10/18. No refund after 12/10/18 unless space is filled. 9 guests max.**

**Includes: Airport transport, private driver & van for tour, guide, 8 nites lodging, 7 breakfasts, All Tour & Entrance fees. Does not include tips. I can assist with flight arrangements.**

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**Payments can be made by PayPal on Website. Credit Card, (3% added).**

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