About the Tour Guide

Dr. Nelly Robles García is Director of Archaeological Projects at Monte Albán and Atzompa, and the former National Coordinator of Archaeology for the Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia of Mexico. She has served as a Research Associate in the Anthropology Department of the American Museum of Natural History, a Fulbright Visiting Scholar at Harvard University, and Director of the Archaeological Zone of Monte Albán in Oaxaca, one of Mexico’s most important sites. She received her Doctorate from the University of Georgia in 1994 as a Fulbright Scholar.

Dr. Robles García received the Society for American Archaeology’s Presidential Award in 2008 for her dedication to bringing North American and Mexican archaeologists into conversation, and continues to teach and publish on Oaxacan archaeology, cultural heritage management, and architectural restoration.

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A Tour to Remember

Make memories at the Historic Centre of Oaxaca and Archaeological Site of Monte Albán

Inhabited over a period of 1,500 years by a succession of peoples – Olmecs, Zapotecs and Mixtecs – the terraces, dams, canals, pyramids and artificial mounds of Monte Albán were literally carved out of the mountain and are the symbols of a sacred topography. The nearby city of Oaxaca, which is built on a grid pattern, is a good example of Spanish colonial town planning. The solidity and volume of the city's buildings show that they were adapted to the earthquake-prone region in which these architectural gems were constructed.

Tour Itinerary

Day One
- Arrive in Oaxaca, check-in at Hotel Quinta Real

Day Two
- Tour of the Historic District and cultural sites in Oaxaca.

Day Three
- Tour of Monte Alban and Atzompa, nearby mountain top archaeological sites by its senior conservator Nelly Robles, director of archaeological projects.

Day Four
- Tour of archaeological sites in the Oaxaca Valley (Yagul and Mitla). Visit of rug weavers at Teotitlán and Mezcal production areas.

Day Five
- Tour of archaeological sites and historic villages in the Oaxaca Valley (Cuilapan and Zaachila).

Day Six
- Tour of culinary sites in Oaxaca. Visit chocolate, cheese, and coffee shops and traditional markets. Open patio, or mole-tasting for Lunch and dinner at iconic Oaxaca restaurants with Guelaguetza (local folk dances) at Hotel Quinta Real.

Day Seven
- Morning shopping, depart in the afternoon.

Total Cost (all fees included)
$10,000 (2 people)