



Tour

**Mexico**

MEXICO CITY • TULA TEMPLE COMPLEX  
XOCHITLA ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION CENTRE  
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NEVADO DE COLIMA • PATZCUARO • TLALPUDAHUA

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FURTHER INFORMATION,  
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TOUR ORGANISER

Dates

**Main tour 1 November to 12 November 2018**

**Pre tour 30 and 31 October 2018**

**Post tour 12 November to 16 November 2018**

Organisers

Stephen Wood and Giles Crisp

Point of contact for potential and confirmed participants is Giles Crisp,  
email: jdem@btconnect.com

12  
PARTICIPANTS  
MAXIMUM



Zacatlán

**TOUR SUMMARY AND OUTLINE**

Two weeks exploring Pine Oak forests and botanic gardens around Mexico City, Puebla, Oaxaca and Monterrey. Pre-tour to see archaeological site. Post tour to see 12,000 ft oak forest at Nevado de Colima, to Morelia and to Tlalpudahua.

This tour is for a maximum of 12 participants. The programme for each day will be full and in terms of severity / comfort it will be fairly severe (rated 4 based on a scale of 1 to 5).



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Tlatlauquitepec - Puebla

## TOUR SCHEDULE

### PRE TOUR

#### DAY 1

TUESDAY 30 OCTOBER

Arrival in Mexico City

Overnight: Mexico City

#### DAY 2

WEDNESDAY 31 OCTOBER

Day out to visit the **Tula Temple complex** in the Tula Valley, in the Mexican state of Hidalgo, northwest of Mexico City.

### MAIN TOUR

#### DAY 1

THURSDAY 1 NOVEMBER

**Xochitla** Environmental Education Centre.  
20 hectares of gardens.

#### DAY 2

FRIDAY 2 NOVEMBER

**UNAM Botanic Garden.** Divided into different zones with temperate trees, agaves and the National Collection of dahlias.

Travel to **Taxco**.

#### DAY 3

SATURDAY 3 NOVEMBER

**Huixteco.** Diverse forest with *Quercus urbanii*, *Q. candicans*, *Q. affinis*, *Q. greggii*, *Q. crassifolia* besides *Cornus disciflora* and *C. excelsa*. Verges full of salvia.



*Cosmos bipinnatus*



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View of Puebla and the volcanos Popocatepetl and Iztaccihuatl in the far distance

## DAY 4

## SUNDAY 4 NOVEMBER

Travel to **Puebla** 202 km, Amozoc and Valsequillo: dry oak and juniper woodland. *Quercus laeta*, *Quercus microphylla*, *Quercus mexicana*, *Quercus crassipes*, *Quercus castanea*, *Quercus liebmannii*, *Quercus magnoliifolia*, *Quercus gaucooides* besides *Crataegus mexicana* and *Comarostaphylis polifolia*.

## DAY 5

## MONDAY 5 NOVEMBER

Travel to **Sierra Norte de Puebla**, cooler wetter mountainous terrain, some cloud forest, some large areas with *Pinus*, large leaf oaks, dwarf *Quercus microphylla*, *Q. hirtifolia*.



Puebla Cathedral

## DAY 6

## TUESDAY 6 NOVEMBER

**Botanic Garden Puebla.** Fine collection of native oaks, tree Ipomoeas, *Pinus maximartinezii* with 1.5 kg cones. Drive to **Xalapa** for Botanic garden, en route stop for site with *Quercus rugosa*, *Juniperus*, *Dasyliion*, *Nolina*. The botanic garden is in a low, humid, tropical area, and has *Magnolia dealbata*, *M. schiedeana*, large *Platanus mexicana*. *Quercus xalapensis* and *Q. germana* are native here.



The Tuliman Waterfall between Chignahuapan and Zacatlan



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Forest between Zacatlán - Chignahuapan - Puebla

## DAY 7

### WEDNESDAY 7 NOVEMBER

From Xalapa to Las Canadas in Huatusco. Cloud forest *Quercus insignis*. To Orizaba.

## DAY 8

### THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER

Drive to Oaxaca 278 km via temperate *Pinus* - oak forest then desert with columnar cacti.

## DAY 9

### FRIDAY 9 NOVEMBER

Santa María del Tule. Massive *Taxodium mucronatum* in church precinct. Sierra Juárez for *Quercus conzatii*, *Q. rhytidophylla*. Santo Domingo Ethnobotanical Garden, unusual desert plants.

Evening flight to Monterrey.

## DAY 10

### SATURDAY 10 NOVEMBER

To Saltillo: cool moist forest. *Quercus laceyi*, *Q. fusiformis*, *Q. cabyi*, *Q. polymorpha*, *Q. rhytidophylla*, *Q. sartorii* and *Acer negundo* subsp. *mexicanum*.



*Juniperus flaccida*



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Above, from left, *Dahlia coccinea*, *Ipomoea* and *Bouvardia tournifolia*.

## DAY 11

## SUNDAY 11 NOVEMBER

**Inares:** another part of the eastern escarpment with diverse oaks and dramatic landscapes.

## DAY 12

## MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER

Return to Mexico City, end of the Main Tour

## POST TOUR

### DAY 1

### MONDAY 12 NOVEMBER

Fly from Mexico City to Guadalajara, then Zapotlan.

### DAY 2

### TUESDAY 13 NOVEMBER

To Nevado de Colima 12,00 ft oak forest, return to Zapotlan.

### DAY 3

### WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER

To Chapala dry oak woodland then Patzcuaro.

### DAY 4

### THURSDAY 15 NOVEMBER

To Cerro Burro forest to Morelia acclaimed colonial centre (was known as Valladolid).

### DAY 5

### FRIDAY 16 NOVEMBER

To Tlalpujahua colourful traditional mining town, dry oak forest, then Mexico City.

Evening flight to Europe.



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## TOUR SUMMARY

Location	Mexico
Dates	28 April to 5 May 2018
Tour organiser	Stephen Wood and Giles Crisp Point of contact for potential and confirmed participants is Giles Crisp, email: jdem@btconnect.com
Availability	Tour restricted to 12 participants.
Accessibility	Walking difficulty: 4-5 (fairly severe)  There will be rough tracks and steep, rocky slopes.  Altitude (Mexico City 2,250 m / 6,750 ft) will <u>increase</u> during the tour. If concerned about your level of fitness for the tour, please check with the tour organisers prior to booking.
Approximate cost	£4,000 per person (based on two people sharing).  Costs are subject to final confirmation so may vary slightly from the figures shown above.
Accommodation	The level of accommodation has been reduced to help keep costs to a minimum. Food will be Mexican; European alternatives will be unlikely.
Travel insurance	Not included in the cost of the Tour
What's included?	Transfers, all hotel accommodation, transport, gratuities, presents and guides.



## LOCATION MAP

Please see the following page for details

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