

SAN CARLOS / COPPER CANYON MEXICO / SAN CARLOS

APRIL & SEPTEMBER

LAND & TRAIN GROUP TOUR - 6 NIGHTS / 7 Day

*Transportation by bus (BT) *Transportation by train (TT).

2026 DATES (ITINERARY 2):

*April 8-14

*April 22-28

*September 9-15

*September 23-29

2026 Train Tour Package Price (USD):

\$1675.00 usd per person

\$1585.00 usd per person

\$2185.00 usd

Double occupancy.

Triple occupancy.

Single Supplement

DAY 1 – WEDNESDAY – (BT) / (TT) PEARL FARM IN GUAYMAS

SAN CARLOS, SONORA TO EL FUERTE, SINALOA

We pick you up at Hotel Sawari in San Carlos at 8:00 AM for travel to El Fuerte in the state of Sinaloa. En route visit a pearl farm known as the "Perlas del Mar de Cortez" (Pearls of the Sea of Cortez). The pearl farm is situated in the Sea of Cortez, which is famous for its clear waters and rich marine life. Learn about the process of pearl cultivation, the types of pearls produced, and the history of pearl diving in the region. Continue the route.

Submerge in scenic views and stops along the way for lunch, breaks and shopping.

Estimated time of arrival in El Fuerte is 5:00 PM. Gather at the pool area for a lively presentation of the legendary vigilante El Zorro; before dinner at Hotel Posada Hidalgo. At Hotel Posada Hidalgo, the legend of Zorro is celebrated as part of the hotel's charm and history. The hotel itself is located in a historic building that dates back to the 19th century, and it is often associated with the rich cultural heritage of the region, including stories of bandits, heroes, and legendary figures like Zorro.

HOTEL: Posada del Hidalgo

MEALS: Lunch and Dinner

DAY 2 – THURSDAY (BT) / (TT) RIDE THE CHEPE EXPRESS TRAIN CHEPE EXPRESS

WINE TASTING EXPERIENCE FROM HOTEL MISION VINEYARDS

After breakfast at Hotel Posada Hidalgo, depart from El Fuerte at 8:15 AM to El Fuerte Train Station. Board the Chihuahua al Pacifico Railroad train on a 5-hour ride through the Copper Canyon on the famous El Chepe. As the train departs El Fuerte, it starts to wind through lush valleys and rolling hills. The landscapes change dramatically as you move away from the town, with views of fertile farmland, rivers, and mountains in the distance. The train journey takes you through a variety of terrains, including dense forests, open fields, and rugged mountain areas. As you approach the Sierra Tarahumara, the scenery becomes increasingly dramatic, with steep cliffs and deep canyons coming into view. One of the highlights of this journey is the breathtaking views of the surrounding canyons. The train often runs parallel to the stunning cliffs and ravines, providing ample opportunities to take in the majestic beauty of the Copper Canyon region. Keep an eye out for wildlife along the route.

TRAIN SCHEDULE: Depart El Fuerte 09:20AM. Arrive Bahuichivo TS 2:25PM

Train station stop is Bahuichivo. Depart from El Chepe and board a van for a short ride to the Valley of Cerocahui to Hotel Mision, located in the beautiful Cerocahui, a small village nestled in the heart of the Sierra Tarahumara. The hotel offers stunning views and connection to the surrounding natural beauty, and serene environment. Choices for sightseeing will be presented to travelers, included, but not limited to a boarding school for Tarahumara girls and Mission Church. Before dinner, enjoy an exquisite Balderrama wine tasting experience, enhanced by the vineyard inside the hotel.

HOTEL: Misión

MEALS: Breakfast, Dinner

DAY 3 – FRIDAY (BT) / (TT)**URIQUE CANYON OVERLOOK (CERRO GALLEGO)****VAN TRANSFER TO DIVISADERO, CHIHUAHUA (COPPER CANYON RIM)**

After breakfast at Hotel Mision, depart at 8:00 AM to Urique Canyon Overlook (7,000 ft); the deepest and most expansive view of the canyon on this itinerary. The Urique Canyon Overlook provides a stunning panoramic view of one of nature's most impressive landscapes. The combination of dramatic cliffs, vibrant colors, lush vegetation, and the winding river creates a breathtaking experience that captures the essence of the Copper Canyon region.

Return to Hotel Mision before noon for check out; continue by land (1hr) to the rim of the Copper Canyon and Hotel Mirador on the Rim. You are right on the rim of Copper Canyon – the most scenic location in all the canyon system. This hotel has a wonderful, relaxing atmosphere and it is very conducive to contemplating the natural wonders around you. From the comfort of your room's balcony, you will feel surrounded by the lush beauty of the Copper Canyons and its dramatic canyon landscape.

HOTEL: Mirador on the Rim**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**DAY 4 – SATURDAY (BT) / (TT)****COPPER CANYON ADVENTURE PARK (DIVISADERO AREA)**

After breakfast at Hotel Mirador, depart at 9:00 AM to Copper Canyon Adventure Park. Travelers will experience different canyon views from Divisadero. Optimal activities at the park are offered at additional cost, i.e.; Ziplining, cable car, rock among other events. In this place of privileged beauty, we recommend a walk around the edge of the canyon to enjoy the majestic views.

HOTEL: Mirador on the Rim**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**DAY 5 – SUNDAY (BT) / (TT)****TRAIN CHEPE EXPRESS: DIVISADERO TO EL FUERTE, SINALOA**

After breakfast at Hotel Mirador, depart at 9:00 AM for Divisadero Train Station. Board El Chepe for a 7½-hour journey aboard this marvelous engineering feat through the Sierra Madre Mountains, descending from 8,000 feet to sea level. The route takes you through pine forests, rocky cliffs, and open valleys. You'll witness the transition from the high-altitude terrain of the canyon rim to the lower elevations as you approach El Fuerte. Keep an eye out for wildlife along the way.

TRAIN SCHEDULE: Depart Divisadero Train Station at 09:55 AM. Arrive at El Fuerte Train Station at 3:35 PM. Travelers will disembark at El Fuerte Train Station. Founded in the 16th century, El Fuerte has a rich history that dates back to the Spanish colonial period. The town's name, which means "The Fort," refers to the fort established by the Spanish to protect against attacks from indigenous groups. Dinner will be at Hotel Posada Hidalgo.

HOTEL: Posada del Hidalgo**MEALS:** Breakfast, Dinner**DAY 6 – MONDAY (BT) / (TT)****FULL-DAY ADVENTURE in EL FUERTE, SINALOA****RIVER RAFTING & INDIGENOUS MAYO VILLAGE EXPERIENCE**

Immerse yourself in the natural beauty and rich cultural heritage of El Fuerte on this full-day guided adventure that blends outdoor excitement with meaningful cultural exploration. Your day begins with a scenic morning river-rafting tour along the tranquil waters of the El Fuerte River. Enjoy a gentle journey surrounded by lush vegetation, diverse birdlife, and stunning mountain views. This is the perfect opportunity to observe the region's unique ecosystems.

After lunch and a short rest, continue your experience with an afternoon visit to Capomos, one of the most traditional Mayo Indigenous villages in northern Sinaloa. Here, you'll gain insight into the living traditions of the Mayo people—an opportunity to learn about their customs, daily life, ancestral practices, and artistry. Depending on the day, you may witness traditional dances, ceremonial music, or local craftsmanship passed down through generations.

HOTEL: Posada del Hidalgo**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner

DAY 7 – TUESDAY (BT) / (TT)**EL FUERTE, SINALOA TO SAN CARLOS, SONORA
SUNSET YACHT CRUISE IN SAN CARLOS**

After a leisure breakfast at Hotel Posada Hidalgo, depart at 8:00 AM, from El Fuerte to San Carlos. The scenery from El Fuerte to San Carlos is a rich tapestry of landscapes, from lush river valleys and rolling hills to arid deserts and stunning coastal views. You'll be treated to a delightful sunset experience that allows you to enjoy the stunning beauty of the Sea of Cortez as the sun sets over the horizon. As the yacht glides through the water, and the sun sets over the horizon, the sky transforms into a canvas of vibrant colors—shades of orange, pink, purple, and gold reflecting off the water create a breathtaking spectacle. **END OF SERVICES AFTER DINNER.**

HOTEL: None**MEALS:** Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner**PACKAGE PRICE INCLUDES:**

- ❖ EXECUTIVE TRAIN TICKETS: El Fuerte /Bahuichivo and Divisadero / El Fuerte
- ❖ LAND TRANSFERS:
 - Transfers: San Carlos/ El Fuerte – El Fuerte/ San Carlos
 - Transfer: Hotel Mision / Hotel Mirador
 - Train station transfer: El Fuerte / Bahuichivo and Divisadero / El Fuerte
- ❖ LODGING:
 - 2 night El Fuerte, Hotel Posada Hidalgo
 - 1-night Cerocahui, Hotel Mision
 - 3 nights Copper Canyon (Divisadero), Hotel Mirador on the Rim
- ❖ TOURS:
 - Pearl Farm Visit
 - Cerocahui Historic Walking Tour
 - Wine Tasting Experience
 - Urique Canyon Overlook (Cerro Gallego)
 - Divisadero Overlook / Copper Canyon Adventure Park
 - El Fuerte Pueblo Magico Walking Tour
 - Sunset Yacht Cruise
- ❖ 18 meals: 6 breakfasts, 5 lunches, 7 dinners
- ❖ English-speaking tour guide/director
- ❖ Entrance fees per tours included
- ❖ Gratuities (lodging, meals, train portage, luggage handlers)

DOES NOT INCLUDE: lodging in San Carlos, airfare, meals not included in the itinerary, drinks/beverages, optional tours offered by the hotel and in the Copper Canyon Adventure Park, Guide and Driver gratuities, Mexican Tourist Card/Permit (approx. \$30 usd) and travel insurance.

OBSERVATIONS:

- *Minimum of 08 passengers required to confirm group tour departure date (may be arranged individually).
- *Transportation varies on # of travelers: van/sprinter, mini-coach or motorcoach.
- *Registration: A completed registration/agreement form will be required to reserve your seat on the tour.
- *This tour is suitable for people in good health, i.e.; walk on rocky paths at high altitudes (up to 7800ft elevations), balance aboard moving train and extensive bus / van rides.
- *Most rooms have 2 double beds. We will try to accommodate your preferred bed configuration.
- *First-Class option to upgrade (upon availability) at \$410.00 usd per person.
- *Supplemental rate may apply for holiday travel (Spring Break, Easter, Christmas, New Year).
- *Train tickets subject to change without notice.
- *Schedules are tentative.
- *This itinerary is for April & September; for October to March, please refer to Itinerary 1.**

TOUR POLICIES:

- ❖ **Payments:** A deposit of \$350.00 usd per person is due to reserve your space. The remaining balance is due 60 days before the start of the tour. By paying the deposit, you agree to the Terms & Conditions.
- ❖ **Cancellation Policy:** Trip deposit is non-refundable. 60% of the trip balance (after the deposit) will be refunded 60-30 days prior to travel; 0% will be refunded less than 30 days prior to travel. A cancellation must be made in writing; the date received determines the fees charged.
- ❖ **Travel Insurance:** It is recommended to obtain travel insurance for your trip. Insurance must be purchase before final payment. We recommend TRAVEL GUARD www.travelguard.com; 1 (800) 826-1300; Our account #334854. You may call or go online to purchase your travel insurance.

TOUR NOTES:

- ❖ **Activity Level:** Copper Canyon region in Mexico reaches at an altitude of 8,600 ft. You need to be in good health. Moderate activity including long distance walks, stairs and uneven walkways, sidewalks and cobblestone streets are common. Walking tours are arranged where vehicle transportation is impossible. Seeing everything mentioned in this itinerary requires active participation. There can be longer walks at the train station or overlooks. If you feel you are not able to keep up with the group or require assistance, we recommend that you bring a capable companion to assist you. The guide, tour director, and driver have many responsibilities, so please do not expect them or your fellow travelers to provide ongoing assistance. Please be mindful of your fellow travelers.
- ❖ **Guide:** A bilingual (English/Spanish) Mexican guide accompanies you on all the days in Mexico. The Mexican guide provides commentary and knowledge about the culture and history.
- ❖ **Accommodations:** Our hotel stays will be in unique and historic buildings with great location and distinct locations. Due to the remoteness of the area HOTELS do not have elevators. Hotel Posada Hidalgo requires a walk up a steep ramp. Hotel Mirador may require a 3-story walk. Hotels named in the itinerary are subject to change but will be of similar characteristics. Hotels named in the itinerary are subject to change but will be of similar characteristics.
- ❖ **Documentation:** A passport with at least six-month expiration is required.
- ❖ **Tour Changes:** The itinerary as stated for each tour must be taken only as an indication of what each group may accomplish and not a contractual obligation. The nature of travel in these areas requires significant flexibility and should allow for changes. Amenities, type of transport, route, schedule, and itinerary may change without prior notice due to local circumstances or events, which may include mechanical breakdown, flight cancellations, illness, strikes, political disputes, weather, and other unforeseeable factors.