

**THE GRAND MASTER'S MEXICO CITY TRIP'S ITINERARY**  
**March 3-9, 2025**

**Monday**

Travel day

**Welcome Reception, 5-8pm (included)**

Join the Grand Master at the hotel for drinks and light fare to kick-off the week!

**Tuesday**

*Daytime Activities and Tours (Add-on):*

• **Food Tour**

Discover the culinary riches of Mexico City's historic center on this half-day food walking tour. Taste authentic Mexican cuisine, designated a UNESCO Intangible Cultural Heritage, as an in-the-know guide takes a small group to a local market, a traditional cantina, a street food stall, and restaurants. Sample different types of foods and gain insight into Mexico's history and culture as you admire its historical architecture along the way.

• **Cooking Class**

Learn to prepare classic Mexican dishes alongside a professional chef with this cooking class in Mexico City's Roma Norte neighborhood. Shop for ingredients at a local market, and then head to a private cooking studio to prepare your 4-course menu with appetizers, mains, and dessert. This tour also includes a tasting of aqua fresca and your choice of alcoholic beverage to complement your meal.

• **Chapultepec Castle Tour**

Get a detailed introduction to one of Mexico City's most important landmarks during this private tour of the Imperial Castle in Chapultepec. Learn about the different historical periods that left their mark on this iconic building, and the viceroys, emperors, and presidents that once called the residence home.

• **National Palace Museum**

*Evening Activities (Add-on):*

• **Show at Belles Artés**

The Palacio de Bellas Artes is a prominent cultural center in Mexico City. This hosts performing arts events, literature events and plastic arts galleries and exhibitions.

- **Lucha Libre**

Lucha libre meaning "freestyle wrestling" is the term for the style of professional wrestling originating in Mexico. Since its introduction to Mexico in the early 20th century, it has developed into a unique form of the genre, characterized by colorful masks, rapid sequences of holds and maneuvers, and "high-flying" maneuvers, some of which have been adopted in the United States, Japan, and elsewhere.

## **Wednesday**

### *Daytime:*

#### **Xochmilco Boat Tour/Lunch (included)**

Live the best party of your life with our local tour of the southern area of Mexico City and the traditional floating gardens of Xochimilco, the place where flowers are born. Xochimilco a wonderful experience. There will be music, alcoholic drinks and lots of fun.

### *Evening:*

#### **Opening of the Grand Lodge of California at The Historic York Grand Lodge of Mexico Building in Polanco (Masons only)**

On Wednesday, we will be privileged to ceremonially Open the Grand Lodge of California at the iconic Historic York Grand Lodge of Mexico Building in the distinguished Polanco district. This event is a significant milestone, symbolizing the strong bonds of brotherhood and mutual respect between our two Grand Lodges. The Historic York Grand Lodge of Mexico Building, with its rich architectural beauty and deep-rooted Masonic history, provides a profound setting for this ceremonial act, reflecting our shared values and commitment to the Masonic principles of fellowship, integrity, and enlightenment.

Join us for this unparalleled experience, where we will not only celebrate our shared Masonic traditions but also explore the rich cultural tapestry of Mexico City, creating memories that will strengthen the bonds of our global Masonic family.

## **Thursday**

### *Daytime:*

#### **Teotihuacan Pyramid Day Trip (included)**

Experience the Teotihuacan UNESCO World Heritage Site, one of Mesoamerica's most significant pre-Hispanic cities. See the site's main attractions, including the Sun Pyramid, Moon Plaza, and Temple of Quetzalcoatl,

## **Friday**

### *Daytime:*

#### **Business Session** (Masons only)

On Friday and Saturday, the York Grand Lodge of Mexico will convene for its annual communication, a key event that Masons should anticipate with great interest and respect. This business session will be similar to the Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of California where crucial matters concerning their Grand Lodge's governance, future initiatives, and current affairs will be deliberated. The annual communication promises to be a forum for insightful dialogue, collaborative decision-making, and the reaffirmation of our collective commitment to the principles of Freemasonry.

### *Spouses and Partners* (Add-on):

#### **Frida Kahlo Museum & Lunch**

Here you'll find a collection of personal items, sketches, paintings, and furniture that reflect Kahlo's life and work.

### *Evening* (Add-on):

#### **York Grand Lodge Dinner**

## **Saturday**

### *Daytime:*

#### **Business Session** (Masons only)

### *Spouses and Partners* (Add-on):

#### **Brunch**

#### *(Potential)* **Women's March Activity**

#### **Cooking Class**

#### **Food Tour**

### *Evening* (included):

#### **Grand Master's Banquet, 6-9pm**

Join the Grand Master as he hosts the Grand line of the York Grand Lodge of Mexico for an elegant evening of food and libations to culminate the trip.

## **Sunday**

Travel day