

THE GREAT
NORTH AMERICAN

Total
Solar Eclipse
Mazatlán, Mexico

APRIL 3-10, 2024



MAZATLÁN

Dear University of Michigan Alumni Travelers,

Join the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan to view a total solar eclipse in April 2024 at one of the premier viewing locations in North America, Mazatlán, Mexico. The total eclipse will first reach landfall near Mazatlán on Mexico's Pacific Coast. Although the eclipse's path will also cross the U.S. and Canada, Mazatlán's dry season in April offers the very best prospect of a clear sky. The sight of the sun's ethereal corona, the 360-degree sunset, over four minutes of totality, and the collective awe expected across our continent are just a few of the reasons astronomers and eclipse chasers are looking forward with great anticipation to the 2024 North American total solar eclipse.

The Alumni Association of the University of Michigan has found an exclusive viewing site near the eclipse centerline on the outskirts of Mazatlán where the totality will last the longest to maximize your enjoyment of this eclipse.

We'll gather for a cocktail reception and welcome dinner in Guadalajara, Mexico's second-largest city where many of the images associated with Mexico have their roots—mariachi music, wide-brimmed sombreros, and the Mexican hat dance. After a tour of the city, we'll journey onto the magical town of Tequila. We stop along the way at Guachimontones, a UNESCO world heritage site of

impressive round pyramids dating back to 350 BCE, and for lunch at a lovely colonial hacienda. In Tequila we'll learn about the Tequila distillation process at the famous Jose Cuervo distillery and of course, imbibe in some of the premium tequilas.

We'll arrive finally in Mazatlán, Mexico's largest port on the Pacific coast and major beachside resort. Our accommodations are away from the crowds in a more remote location from the city center. We'll prepare for the total solar eclipse at our secluded viewing site located on the beach in the path of the totality for optimal viewing conditions for this rare and exciting astronomical event.

Make the most of your time in totality by securing your space on this unique tour to witness a spectacular total solar eclipse in scenic Mexico with fellow University of Michigan alumni and friends.

Yours for Michigan,

Rachele Neu, President
Alumni Association of the University of Michigan



ECLIPSE VIEWERS

Study Leader

We have not yet confirmed the AAUM study leader for this program. We intend, however, that you will be joined by an astronomer study leader who will enhance your travel experience. You will discover that our lecturers are not only first-rate scholars and teachers, but also friendly and approachable traveling companions, eager to share their insight and knowledge through informal conversation as well as in scheduled presentations.



AGAVE FIELD, TEQUILA



Itinerary

DAY 1 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

U.S. / Guadalajara

Depart the U.S. on a flight to Guadalajara, Mexico. Guadalajara rests on a mile-high plain of the Sierra Madre Occidental, surrounded on three sides by rugged hills and on the fourth by the spectacular Oblatos Canyon. Mexico's second-largest city has a population of 4 million and is the capital of Jalisco State. Transfer to your hotel and gather this evening for a cocktail reception and welcome dinner. **QUINTA REAL HOTEL (B, L, D)**

DAY 2 THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Guadalajara

Today we'll tour the historic center of Guadalajara to discover popular sites, like the impressive mansion, El Palacio de las Vacas. Discover the City of Roses' other fundamental landmarks, including the Cathedral of the

Assumption of Our Lady, Hospicio Cabañas, home to the mural of Jose Clemente Orozco, and Plaza Tapatia. **QUINTA REAL HOTEL (B, L, D)**

DAY 3 FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Guadalajara / Tequila

This morning we will leave for Tequila designated a magical town by the Mexican government. We'll first stop at the small town of Teuchitlán, whose name derives from a Hispanic corruption of "place dedicated to divine forces," (Teotztlán in Nahuatl). Here we'll visit the Guachimontones, a UNESCO world heritage site and one of the most impressive archeological sites in western Mexico with its round pyramids. Constructed by the Teuchitán culture (350 BCE to 350 CE), it served as a major base for this civilization and had a population of around 40,000 people at its peak. We'll have lunch at the colonial Hacienda El Carmen, built by monks in

the early 1700s and surrounded by cane fields and agave plantations. At the end of the day, we'll transfer to our hotel set alongside the church of Santiago Apóstol or St. James the Apostle, right in the heart of the town of Tequila at the foot of a volcano. Our luxury hotel is based on a Creole colonial house and is typical of Mexican architecture from the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. **HOTEL SOLAR DE LAS ANIMAS (B, L, D)**

DAY 4 SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Tequila

Wander the cobblestone streets amongst colonial buildings of the town of Tequila that will have you transported back in time. Mezcal producers from Tequila helped establish the predominant international standard for agave spirits. We'll learn about the Tequila distillation process at the world-famous Jose Cuervo distillery and taste some of their premium tequilas. **HOTEL SOLAR DE LAS ANIMAS (B, L, D)**



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:
GUADALAJARA; COLORFUL BUILDINGS IN MAZATLÁN;
BEACHES OF MAZATLÁN; TEQUILA COCKTAIL.

DAY 5 SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Tequila / Mazatlán

This morning we will transfer to Mazatlán. Just eight miles south of the Tropic of Cancer, Mazatlan is the largest port on Mexico's Pacific coast as well as a major beachside resort. Recently its historic core—referred to as "tropical neoclassical"—has been restored. En route we'll stop to explore the Ceboruco Volcano which looms 7,480 feet high and is situated in one of the most geotectonically complex regions of the country. On arrival in Mazatlán, we'll check into the hotel Estrella del Mar located in a more remote area away from the city center. This afternoon enjoy the views of the ocean and a

secluded 3.5-mile-long beach. We have selected Mazatlán as our total solar eclipse site as the convective clouds are rare and southward-sweeping cold fronts make a little impact; the frontal cloud and moisture are blocked by the 2600-meter heights of the Sierra Madre Occidental.

ESTRELLA DEL MAR (B,L,D)

DAY 6 MONDAY, APRIL 8

Mazatlán (Total Solar Eclipse)

Today prepare for the total solar eclipse. Our total solar eclipse site is located at the hotel's beach property. Refreshments and lunch will be served nearby. The partial eclipse will begin at approximately 9:51 am with totality commencing at 11:07 am. The total solar eclipse duration will be approximately 4 minutes and 20

seconds. See this remarkable eclipse and afterward toast with champagne to celebrate. Enjoy a festive farewell dinner in Mazatlán's old downtown with its colorful and renovated French-inspired buildings. ESTRELLA DEL MAR (B,L,D)

DAY 7 TUESDAY, APRIL 9

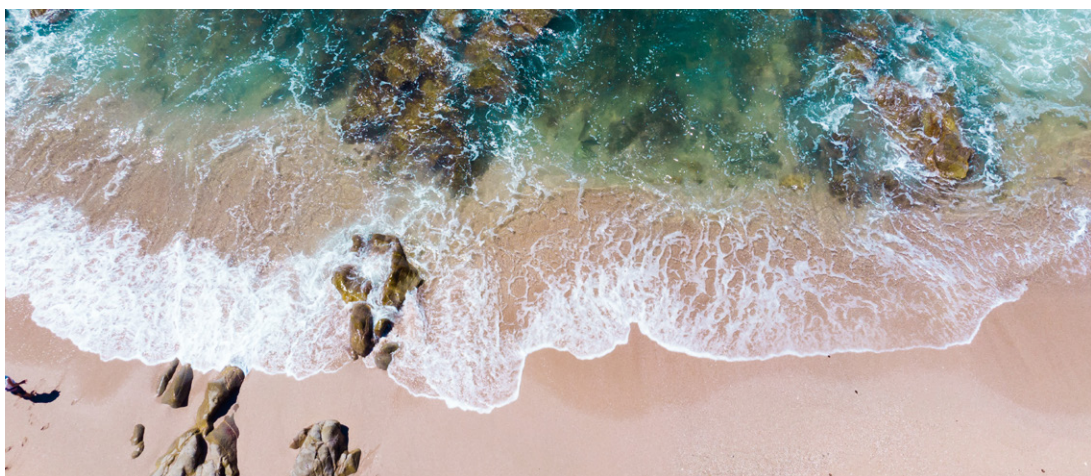
Mazatlán / U.S.

Today is at your leisure to explore the secluded beach at our hotel or you may opt to visit the historic center of Mazatlán. Some passengers may alternatively choose to transfer to the airport for late afternoon or evening flights back to the U.S. ESTRELLA DEL MAR (B)

DAY 8 WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Mazatlán / U.S.

Transfer to the airport for your flight home to the US. (B)





CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT:
QUEEN ROOM, QUINTA REAL;
COURTYARD SEATING AREA AT
HOTEL SOLAR DE LAS ANIMAS;
SUPERIOR DOUBLE ROOM AT
HOTEL SOLAR DE LAS ANIMAS;
EXTERIOR OF QUINTA REAL.

Accommodations

Quinta Real Guadalajara

Situated in a residential area, this luxury hotel offers spacious suite-style accommodations just 20 minutes from downtown Guadalajara and its exciting attractions, shopping and dining. The Quinta Real features antique-style furniture, original works of art, and ivy-covered, pink stone walls. Guest rooms offer amenities such as a flat screen TV, air conditioning, and a minibar, and free Wi-Fi.

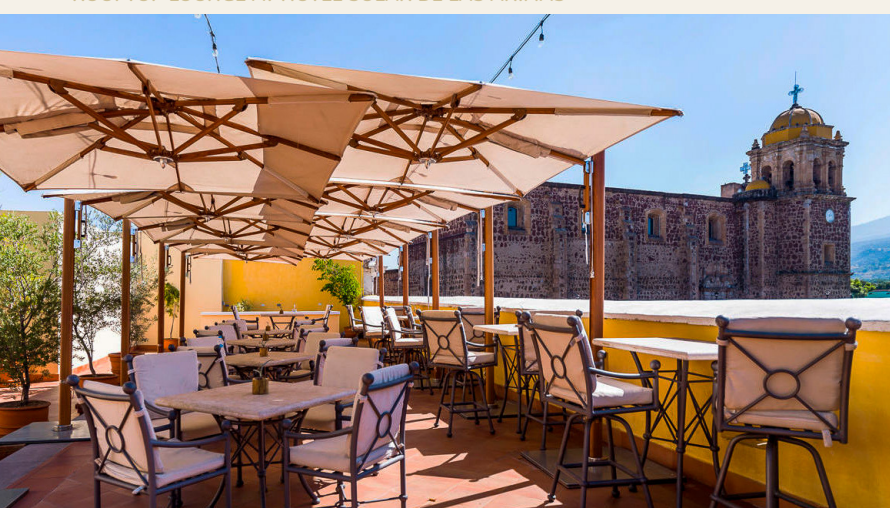
Hotel Solar de las Animas

This 5-star property is set alongside the church of “Santiago Apostol”— St. James the Apostle—right in the heart of the town of Tequila, nestling at the foot of the great Tequila volcano. The soul of the town of Tequila is present at this beautiful boutique hotel with its vast architecture inspired by the surrounding colonial estates. The hotel recalls an elegant past with its arcades, corridors, ceramics, and patios and in the paintings of Chucho Reyes which adorn the bar. Free Wi-Fi in all rooms.

Estrella del Mar

The Estrella del Mar sits on an oceanfront property with over three and a half miles of secluded beach in Mazatlán, Mexico. Located 10 minutes from the Mazatlán Airport, the 900-acre gated community includes a colonial Mexico-style hotel with a gracious open-air hacienda-like courtyard. Rooms feature private balconies, and free Wi-Fi.

ROOFTOP LOUNGE AT HOTEL SOLAR DE LAS ANIMAS



DOUBLE ROOM AT ESTRELLA DEL MAR





GUACHIMONTONES, A UNESCO WORLD HERITAGE SITE

What to Expect

This tour is designed for University of Michigan alumni, family, and friends who are interested in learning and experiencing a total solar eclipse as well as the culture, history, cuisine, and flora of western Mexico. This tour is a shared departure with Dickinson College Alumni. The pace of walks will be leisurely occasionally over unpaved or uneven surfaces. Average temperatures in Guadalajara in April are between 89° and 52° F; Tequila 76° to 53° F; and Mazatlán 83° to 63° F. Since some travel will be in remote areas, everyone must be flexible concerning time schedules,

Program Note

Mazatlán will be a prime location to experience the Great North American Total Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024. We will provide an optimal viewing location to experience this phenomenon. Please keep in mind that because viewing the total solar eclipse will be weather dependent, there is always a chance that passengers will not be able to view it or view it only for a short period of time. Neither Royal Adventures nor Michigan Alumni Travel make any guarantees as to the viewing of the total solar eclipse. Keep in mind that unexpected schedule changes could affect the program. Your Tour

Director will keep you fully informed of any changes to planned activities. A sense of humor, flexibility, and patience will be greatly appreciated during this program and especially on eclipse day.

Program Cost Includes

Study leader's lectures and discussions • Accommodations and meals as specified in the itinerary • Airport transfer for recommended group flight • Professional Tour Director • Entrance Fees • Eclipse site • Eclipse viewing glasses • Motorcoach for excursions • Bottled water on motorcoaches • Baggage handling • Gratuities to waitstaff, guides, drivers and tour director • Coordination and administration • Pre-departure information.

Program Cost

Double Occupancy
(cost per person)\$6,450
Single Occupancy
(limited availability).....\$7,990

Sample Coach Airfare

Detroit/Guadalajara/Mazatlán/Detroit roundtrip approximately \$902
(Not Included; Airfare as of September 2022 and subject to change.)

Air Arrangements

Valerie Wilson Travel, Inc. is the preferred provider for airline arrangements for this trip and can help with international air arrangements for this trip and can be reached at 800-447-3560. You are welcome to book your air transportation through your local travel agent, an online travel site, or the airline of your choice.

To participate in a University of Michigan trip, all participants must be members of the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan. Please call the Alumni Travel team at (855) 764-0064 for more information.



TACOS DE MARLIN, MAZATLÁN

weather, and dust. To enjoy this trip, a spirit of adventure and anticipation and the desire to explore spectacular natural areas as well as urban areas are a must. There is a relatively long drive from Tequila to Mazatlán (approximately five hours), broken by a tour of the Ceboruco volcano and lunch. Travel is by motor coach.



AGAVE FARMER
IN TEQUILA

Terms and Conditions

PROGRAM COST DOES NOT INCLUDE: International Airfare • Passport Fees • Meals not specified in the itinerary • Personal items such as laundry, fax, e-mail, wi-fi, or telephone calls • Liquor • Room service • Excess baggage charges • Private transfers • Fuel Surcharges • Medical expenses • COVID-19 testing and immunizations or quarantine expenses • Travel insurance • Deviations from the scheduled tour.

RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENT: To reserve your space on this program, a \$1,000 deposit is required per person. Reservations are acknowledged in order of receipt. A second deposit of \$1,500 per passenger will be due on or before October 5, 2023. Please fill out and mail, e-mail, or fax the registration form. The initial deposit may be charged to a credit card. The second deposit and final payment must be paid by cash. Final payment is due December 7, 2023. Royal Adventures handles all invoicing. CST #2009579-40

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A NOTE ABOUT COSTS: Tour costs are based upon current fuel prices, taxes, tariffs, and a minimum number of participants. While we will do everything possible to maintain the listed prices, they are subject to change. If there are significant changes, details and costs will be advised prior to departure.

INSURANCE: Insurance Travel insurance for trip cancellation and interruption, evacuation, medical problems, baggage loss, delay, etc., is highly recommended. Information about travel insurance will be sent to confirmed participants. "Cancel for Any Reason" insurance coverage must be purchased within 14 days following the date of trip confirmation.

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Enclosed is my/our deposit for \$_____ (\$1,000 per person) for _____ person(s) on **The Great North American Total Solar Eclipse—Matzátlan, Mexico** departing April 3, 2024. I/We understand that the second deposit of \$1,500 per person will be due October 5, 2023, and that final payment by check only is due December 7, 2023.

Click on the button above to register and pay the deposit online, OR

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EMAIL CLASS YEAR

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ROOM PREFERENCE:

☐ One Bed ☐ Two Beds

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☐ Please charge the deposit of \$_____ (\$1,000 per person) to:
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ACCOMMODATIONS

☐ I will share a room with _____
☐ I request a single room (limited availability)

I/We have carefully read the Terms and Conditions and Responsibility sections of this brochure and agree to their terms on behalf of myself and of my party named above.

SIGNATURE #1 DATE

SIGNATURE #2 DATE



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Highlights

SEE the Great North American Total Solar Eclipse from our secluded beachfront property in Mazatlán

TOUR historic Guadalajara

INVESTIGATE Los Guachimontones, a UNESCO world heritage site with impressive round pyramids

ENJOY lunch at the lovely colonial Hacienda El Carmen

DISCOVER the magical town of Tequila

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EXPLORE the massive Ceboruco volcano in one of the most geo-tectonically complex regions of Mexico

STROLL along a lovely 3.5-mile-long beach outside of our hotel on the outskirts of Mazatlán

CELEBRATE the total solar eclipse at a farewell dinner in Mazatlán's old downtown with its colorful and renovated French-inspired buildings



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JALA, MEXICO