

# Community Forests of the Sierra Norte: Forest Stewards Guild Tour of Oaxaca, Mexico



## Important Cost and Cancellation Information

The Forest Stewards Guild is thrilled to be working with Traditions Mexico to bring this incredible travel opportunity to our members and friends.

**Cost:** The cost for this trip is \$3,525 per person, double occupancy. For single occupancy add \$250. If possible, we encourage you to bring your partner or a friend or colleague to secure the double occupancy price. For those travelling alone who would like to share accommodations to receive the lower rate, the Guild will work with you to identify others on the tour willing to share a room but we cannot guarantee finding you a roommate.

**What's Included in the Tour Cost:** Traditions Mexico, in consultation with the Forest Stewards Guild, has developed an outstanding itinerary for our tour. This tour package includes:

- Seven nights of lodging in a variety of hotels, cabins or guest houses. All accommodations are selected for local character, location, cleanliness, and safety.
- Six dinners, six lunches, and seven breakfasts (one dinner is on your own). See Pre-Departure Information for additional food information.
- All local transportation by private van (except transport to and from the Oaxaca airport)
- Experienced bi-lingual local guide with a knowledge of sustainable forestry
- All meetings and demonstrations on the detailed itinerary
- Entry fees

**What's Not Included in the Tour Cost:** These items are the responsibility of the individual traveler:

- Airfare and transportation to and from the trip pick up and drop off locations (Oaxaca City hotel)
- Lodging either before or after the trip if you choose to extend your stay
- Personal items purchased during the trip
- Alcoholic beverages
- One dinner is "on your own"
- Gratuities for your Traditions Mexico Guides may be given at your discretion in response to their professionalism and leadership

## Payment

All payments may be made by credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover or American Express) or by check to the Forest Stewards Guild

### **Due at the time of registration: \$450**

A \$450 deposit is required to hold a reservation for each registered participant and is due upon registration

### **Due by 7/15: \$1450 / \$1700**

An additional \$1,450 for double occupancy travelers is due to the Forest Stewards Guild by 7/15 (\$1700 for single occupancy travelers).

**Due by 8/31: \$1625**

Final payment of remaining balance of \$1625 is due to the Forest Stewards Guild by check or credit card on 8/31.

**Cancellation Policy**

Traditions Mexico requires a minimum of eight travelers to run the tour. In the event that we have not secured eight participants by July 15, the tour will be cancelled. Should this occur, all monies paid will be refunded to you. **We strongly recommend you wait to purchase airline tickets or other non-refundable trip expenditures until the minimum number of participants has been secured.** The Guild will notify registered participants as soon as eight individuals registered.

Should you as an individual need to cancel your participation prior to the trip, the following cancellation fees will be applied:

Days Prior to Departure

91 or more days - \$250 administration fee retained by Traditions Mexico

90-61 days – 75% of tour fee refunded

60-31 days – 50% of tour fee refunded

30 days or less – no refund

There are no refunds should a participant abandon the tour nor will there be refunds for transfers, city tours, meals, or accommodations not taken.

**Travel Insurance**

As noted in Traditions Mexico's Pre-departure Information, travel insurance is recommended and they note a couple of options. <https://www.insuremytrip.com/> provides an easy-to-use on-line platform for comparing the policies of over 20 different companies offering travel insurance along with reviews of the companies.