

Technical Visits Programme

This programme is open to all registered delegates. Visits will take place in groups and are subject to prior registration. The number of places will be limited. The programme will include guided visits aimed at familiarising participants with the urban infrastructure and public services of Mexico City. The programme will be available on November 17, 18 and 19.

1. Public Space and Historical Downtown Rescue.

Public spaces need to be seen as sites for social expression, as places that promote equality amongst citizens. For this reason, the Mexico City Government has implemented a program to recover these spaces by applying different levels of action:

Emblematic Plazas: Renewal of Historical or Main Plazas (e.g. *Plaza de la República, Plaza Garibaldi and Alameda Santa María de la Ribera*).

Neighborhood Recovery: Focused on reviving areas of the city through trade and tourism management, aimed to improve urban image, signage, sidewalks and security within the neighborhood. (e.g. *Roma, Condesa, Juarez and Tlalpan*).

Urban “Under Bridge” Areas: the adequate use of spaces, -left under lifted lanes and bridges-, as green and recreational areas.

Downtown Mexico City covers an area of 9.1 kilometers holding within its borders more than 9,000 spaces and 1,436 buildings with monumental and historical value. In December 1987, Mexico City’s Downtown area was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO.

The objective of the government is to rescue and recover buildings, as well as, public spaces within this area (for the amusement of locals and visitors), such as, Plaza Garibaldi and the construction of the Tequila and Mezcal Museum. The “plan” also includes the creation of more pedestrian streets. Today the streets of Regina, Alhóndiga and Madero enjoy the live vibration of its walking visitors.

Day	Hour	Term	Activity	Description
Nov 17th	10:30	3 ½ hours	outdoors	Visits: - Juan Escutia Bajopuente - Republic Square -Francisco I. Madero pedestrian street -Mexico City Government Building Green Roof.

2. Transportation and Mobility.

Eighty percent of the population in Mexico City use public transport. As a public administration, we are working towards an integral transport strategy that involves the use of different ways of transportation, as well as, improving the existing infrastructure.

Metro Line 12: Currently, the biggest public work in the country, within the last ten years and actually one of the world’s largest underground projects. It will directly benefit more than 400,000 citizens.

Metrobus: The construction of lines 3 & 4 will serve to integrate the existing bus and transport system as a whole.

Zero Emissions Corridor: Located in *Eje Central Lázaro Cárdenas*, pretends to reduce CO2 emissions through the use of electric buses on rails. This will also improve normal transit.

Fast Tracks: With private investment, the Mexico City Government shall build three expressways in the west, north and south areas of the city. This will avoid traffic conglomerations within the main urban streets when driving through the city.

“Move in Bicycle” Initiative: The City Government program that promotes the use of alternatives ways of transportation, such as cycling. This form of transport is considered cheap, safe, healthy and sustainable.

Day	Hour	Term	Activity	Description
Nov 19th	11:00	3 hours	outdoors	Visit to: -Metrobus - Subway stations -Bicycle stations
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Nov 19th	11:00	3 hours	outdoors	Visit to the Subway Line 12 Tunneling machine

3. Environment and Sustainable Water Management.

Within the medium term general strategy as a City, there is a clear intention and determination to develop strategies and actions towards a sustainable development; thus, providing optimal life conditions for its residents avoiding further damage to the environment.

The Green Plan for Mexico City is one of the five priorities of this government. This plan seeks to reinforce and expand the environmental agenda within the next 15 years, with programs such as: **Pro-Air, Solid Waste Management, Climate Action**, -two of the most important goals are: mitigation of CO2 gases and adaption towards climate change in Mexico City for 2012,- and **Water Sustainability**, among others.

The Mexico City’s Water System provides public service for clean water supply, sewerage and wastewater treatment for its reuse; furthermore, promoting a responsible use of water towards sustainable development in Mexico City.

This has been possible thanks to the implementation of the “**Sustainable Water Management Program**”, the construction of new water treatment plants, the building of new clean water networks and the replacement of collectors and drainage tubes, amongst many other actions.

Day	Hour	Term	Activity	Description
Nov 19th	11:00	3 hours	outdoors	-Visit to the Climate Change Observatory - Visit to an Air Quality Monitoring Station.
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Nov 18th	16:00	3 hours	outdoors	- Tour in the water treatment plant located in Cerro de la Estrella

4. Public Health Care

Mexico City Government has a public health care policy based on Universal Access for its residents. The objective of this project is to improve and enhance the standards of life by providing high quality medical surgery with quick response and professionalism. The most important project is the **Angel Program**, which consists of giving health care services and delivery of free medicine. It also involves other initiatives, such as, “you’re pregnancy has angel” or the reopening of *Clinica Especializada Condesa* for HIV/Aids patients.

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Nov 18th	16:00	3 hours	Indoors	- Visit to the Specialized Clinic Condesa for HIV/SIDA patients -Visit to the Dermatological Centre.

5. Civil Protection

Mexico City has efficiently faced recent contingencies through the implementation of an assistance and protection program for all citizens; this program involves every possible disaster scenarios.

These protection programs include: recommendations for the rainy season along rivers and ravines, a permanent plan for contingencies, the seismic alert system, and a continuous updating of the possible risk atlas within the Mexico City geographical area.

Day	Hour	Term	Activity	Description
Nov 19th	11:00	2 hours	Indoors	- Visit to the Civil Protection monitoring center

6. Public Security

We intend to insure the wellbeing of our society by placing the objectives of maintaining public order, protecting our citizens physical and property integrity, and the prevention of crime and other minor violations. Thus, the Mexico City Government has implemented a series of programs to pursue these objectives; programs such as: “**Proyecto Bicentenario**”, which involves the use of more than 8,000 CCTV cameras and the acquisition and leasing of new patrol vehicles, making Mexico City one of the most guarded and protected cities in the world. We can also highlight the update of services: the Virtual Public Ministry and the Implementation of Programs against Drunk Driving.

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Nov 17th	10:30	3 1/2 hours	Indoors	- Visit to the Command and Control Center - Visit to the Traffic Computerized Control Center