

Testimonials from Travelers, February 2017

“This was my first trip to Mexico and I must admit with the current political climate that I was a bit nervous. I did not know anyone in the group so I was not sure how safe I would feel. The very first day my concerns vanished. The Mexican people were so warm and welcoming. They went out of their way to greet us and make us feel part of their families. I would not hesitate to return to Mexico and hope to do so soon.

Linda C., Vancouver, BC, Canada

“I am currently enjoying my first ever “textile tour” and Norma is making it fabulous. I had only visited beach towns in Mexico until my good friend moved to Oaxaca city about seven years ago. I have visited Oaxaca three times, including last October 2016 for Day of the Dead. At various times the news is filled with blockades, demonstrations, etc. Although this is true, it has never made me feel endangered. Rather, it is a question of inconvenience — closures, reroutings on some roads. I met a group of Americans last year in the dark streets around the cemeteries filled with Mexican families decorating the tombs of their ancestors and enjoying a shared meal or song. Many were visitors from other parts of Mexico who were returning home for the celebration, and commented to me about the relaxed and friendly interchange between residents and tourists.”

Lanita B., Golden, CO

“I have been in Mexico for two weeks and have traveled to Puebla, Mexico City and Tenancingo. I did have concerns about safety in all of Mexico, but once I was here, those fears subsided. The people are very friendly and appreciate the tourists who come to their city to see the sights and buy their artesanía. The food here is excellent and they try hard to please the tourists. You need to be aware at all times of your surroundings for safety, but that is true in any city around the world and in the USA. I thoroughly enjoyed my two weeks here.”

Cherie D., Toronto, Ontario, Canada

“I have traveled to Oaxaca three times, once by direct flight from Houston and twice by bus from Mexico City. The buses are luxurious and a pleasant ride. The last trip was for a full month and I never felt less than completely safe by myself, even late at night.”

Elizabeth P., Asheville, NC

“Oaxaca is completely safe! I’ve been visiting for over 20 years. Oaxaca relies on the tourist income and is very protective of its reputation. There are bilingual “tourist police” to help visitors find places they are looking for or to fulfill any other needs. You’ll never be more than a short and inexpensive taxi ride from your lodging. Don’t miss the opportunity to visit this lovely and welcoming city.”

Sandra R., Grapevine, TX

“I arrived on my own to Terminal 2, Mexico City. The directions were clear and simple. The taxis were easy to find and I easily got a ride into the historic center of Mexico City. We stayed at Hotel Catedral, which is very central to shops, restaurants, cafes and bars. I walked around by myself during the day with no concerns. At night, I walked with a group of women, but again with no concerns for my safety. If you pay attention to the people around you, watch out for your belongings, be respectful of the culture, you will have no problems.”

Christine C., Vancouver, BC, Canada who does not speak Spanish