

Field Trip Itinerary

7:45 am Meet at the Instituto Allende main entrance.

8:00 am Departure to Teotihuacan Archaeological Site

10:15 am Arrival to Peralta Archaeological Site, visit to the Main Area

12:45 Lunch

14:00 Departure to Plazuelas

14:30 Arrival to Plazuelas

4:30 pm Return to San Miguel Allende

Instituto Allende and Artisans of Time are not responsible for changes in the itinerary for unexpected situations out of our will the day or days of the Field Trips.

**PRICE: \$70 U.S.
OR PESO EQUIVALENT
PER PERSON**

Includes: Transportation, guides,
entrance fees, one meal.

TIPS ARE NOT INCLUDED

Refund Policy:

100% Refund if notified 7 days prior to departure

50% Refund if notified 4 days prior to departure.

NO Refund if notified 4 days prior to departure.

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ASPECTS OF MEXICO
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**Cosmic Cities of Ancient
Guanajuato:
PERALTA AND
PLAZUELAS
Archaeological Sites**

GUANAJUATO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES

Aspects of Mexico Lectures + Field Trips

Continuing a tradition started decades ago by Stirling Dickinson, Instituto Allende and Artisans of Time want to present you the perfect blend to get a closer look to the cultural and historical complexity of Mexico: Lectures plus field trips. Our third Lecture + Field Trip experience is dedicated to the Guanajuato prehispanic sites of Plazuelas and Peralta.

The prehispanic history of Guanajuato is not very well known by the general public. In Mesoamerican times Guanajuato was a dynamic area connecting the Central Highlands with the northern area.

In the epiclassic period there was a great cultural flourishing that ended about the X century of our era probable because climate change.



There are two open archaeological sites in Guanajuato, Peralta and Plazuelas. Both places were developing on the Classic period (300-900 ad). These sites show us the typical architecture of prehispanic Guanajuato, the connections with other areas of Mesoamerica and the close relation between architecture and the natural landscape in the indigenous cultures of Mexico

LECTURE

The first part on the slideshow-lecture is going to be focus on the archaeology of Guanajuato; its the main historical periods, archaeological sites and theories about the social dynamics of the Mesoamerica north frontier.

The second part of the lecture is going to be focus on the main features of the two archaeological sites that we are going to visit and two prehispanic rituals closely related with them:

- The Ritual of The Flyers
- The Ball Game Ritual

FIELD TRIP

In this field trip we are going to visit two “off the beaten track” archaeological sites: Peralta and Plazuelas.

Open to the public just a couple of months ago Peralta let us experience the typical Guanajuato architecture of the Sunken Patios. The main feature of Peralta is a huge plaza with a circular platform in

the west where the Ritual of the Flyers was performed.

Plazuelas is a site open since 2006, it developed between 600 ad and 900 ad. Here we can feel and experience the sacred relation between the landscape and the temples of a prehispanic city.

In its location and design the place has connections with Xochicalco in Morelos or Monte Alban in Oaxaca.

The Aspects of Mexico Lecture + field trip experiences are lead by Mexican anthropologist Alberto Aveleyra, manager of the cultural research and divulgation project Artisans of Time.

Aveleyra has made research on Mexico history and cultures for the last 12 years, winner of the National Price of History on National Symbols.

