

MEXICO - CHIAPAS

Textiles, Arts & Crafts of the Maya

January 14 - 29 January 2024

We have two minds. One thinks, the other knows. The mind that knows goes back many lifetimes. This is the mind of the one heart, of all things: the trees, the plants, the clouds, the rivers, the mountains
- Forrest Hayes





Weaver in Magdalena Aldama. Photograph © Chloë Sayer

Your Destination Awaits...

In the highlands of southern Mexico, mountains split the land to isolate and sustain centuries-old communities. Here, **exquisite arts, crafts, and textiles** follow a rich tradition integral to the country. Take in **the creativity of Maya villages** with famous ceramic or textile traditions near the lovely colonial town of San Cristóbal de las Casas, the natural beauty of Chiapas, and the magnificent archaeology of Palenque and other ancient sites. In January, during **the festival of the Parachicos**, performers in Chiapa de Corzo wear intricately carved wooden masks, vast headdresses and flamboyant clothing. The **feast of San Sebastián** is also celebrated in the Tseltal Maya communities of San Juan Chamula and Zinacantan with lavish processions. As in the past, artistic traditions link the contemporary Maya with their ancestors.

Highlights

- Visits to textile cooperatives, collections of Maya dress, meetings with makers and designers
- Archaeological sites: Palenque, Bonampak, Yaxchilán, La Venta Olmec Sculpture Park.
- Craft markets
- Festivals in honour of San Sebastián
- Workshops and demos
- Cultural lectures by Chloë Sayer



Led by Scholar and curator
Chloë Sayer

16 days' immersion in the ancient civilizations
and rich traditions of Mexico

Chloë Sayer is an independent scholar and curator, specialising in Mexican art and culture. The author of numerous books about textiles and craft skills, she was guest-curator of the exhibition ¡Viva México! Clothing and Culture at the Royal Ontario Museum, where she is a Research Associate. She lectures widely, and has made ethnographic collections for the British Museum. In 2016 she was given the prestigious Ohtli award by the Mexican government to thank her for her enduring commitment to Mexican culture.

TOUR AT A GLANCE

15 nights/16 days 14-29 Jan, 2024

- 10 nights San Cristóbal de las Casas
- 1 night Chiapa de Corzo
- 3 nights Palenque
- 1 night Villahermosa

COST based on max 16 pax

USD 4780 per person in twin shared room

Add USD 1100 for own room throughout

Note: International and internal flights not included

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COSTS

USD	15-16 pax	13-14 pax	11-12 pax
Per person double occ.	4780	4890	4990
Single occ. (own room) Add:	1150	1150	1150

REGISTRATION:

- Contact shila@eyhotours.com
- Deposit USD 800 with registration form
- Minimum 11pax | Maximum 18pax.

Tour starts San Cristobal de las Casas (Tuxtla Gutiérrez TGZ) ends at Villahermosa (VSA)

Extras

- Extra night Na Bolom*: \$105 per room with bfast and taxes
- Airport transfer early arrivals: please enquire.

*please feel free to book direct, or we can bill you.

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WHAT'S INCLUDED:

- Led by Chloë Sayer, author, curator, expert on Mexican textiles, arts and crafts
- Accompanied by E.Y.H.O. tour manager
- All accommodation in select 3- and 4-star boutique hotels
- Road transport in private AC vehicles
- All guided tours and sightseeing, except noted
- All entrance fees at museums and sites
- All breakfasts, 8 lunches, and 2 dinners
- Lectures by Chloë Sayer

WHAT'S NOT:

- International airfare
- Tipping and gratuities
- Travel insurance