

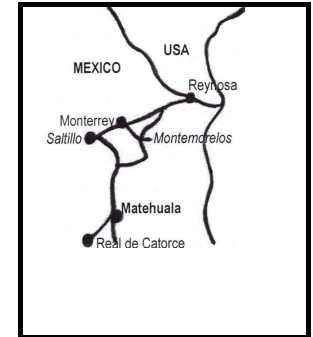
REAL DE CATORCE -

The Incredible City

3 DAYS (3 Meals)

\$199 PER PERSON*

*High in the Sierra Madres, at an altitude of approximately 9,000', sits a **silent jewel of a town** which for 150 years supplied Spanish conquistadors with silver. Now the population - once 35,000 - has dwindled to approximately 1,200 and the **colonial mansions, fountains and cobble stone streets remain frozen in time.** Perhaps the **mystery and intrigue** lie in its **inaccessibility for the incredible city can only be reached by a narrow mile long tunnel, wide enough for only one vehicle at a time.** This is **Jo's favorite 3 day tour.** Come and visit the town once inhabited by luxury-loving Spaniards, adventurous bandits and still descended upon once a year by the Huichol Indians in their search of sacred peyote, a cactus which, when chewed, will cause hallucinations. Since we spend two nights in Matehuala, Jo's tour will allow you more time to enjoy Real.*



DAY 1 - Travel west towards Monterrey before we detour through ranch and farm land into the citrus belt surrounding **Montemorelos**. Drive through the picturesque **Santa Rosa Canyon** where we pause to enjoy awe inspiring vistas. Continue to Matehuala and the High Plains. **Overnight** at the **Las Palmas Midway Inn** in **Matehuala**.

DAY 2 - Natural, rugged beauty surrounds us today as we journey out to **Real de Catorce**. When we reach the tunnel entrance, transfer to smaller vehicles to carry us into the town. Let your imagination take over as we view spectacular buildings from by-gone days. Visit the **Cathedral**, the **Casa de Moneda** (the old mint), the **cemetery**, from where you can view four states, and a beautiful, old **Palenque**(Spanish for cock-fighting ring). Enjoy an included lunch before returning to our hotel. Tonight enjoy the music of a local group. **Overnight** at the **Las Palmas Midway Inn** in **Matehuala**. **B, L**

DAY 3 - Right after breakfast, we depart for **Saltillo**, known as the **Adobe City**. Tour the baroque **Santiago Cathedral**, the **Plaza de Independencia** and the **State Capital Building**. Saltillo's special handicraft is the production of **sarapes**. Be sure and taste Saltillo's famous "**pan de pulque**", a bread leavened with a mild alcoholic beverage produced from the maguay cactus. Arrival at the border is estimated at 6:30p.m. **B**

PRICE PER PERSON*

Single - \$249
Double - \$199
Triple - \$189

DEPARTURE DATES

February 10, 23, 2010
March 17, 2010

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