

REAL DE CATORCE

The Incredible City

3 DAYS (3 Meals)

\$279 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 after crossing the border routing is through Monterrey and Saltillo. Continue to Matehuala and the High Plains. **Overnight** at the **Las Palmas Midway Inn** in **Matehuala, San Luis Potosi.**

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, San Luis Potosi. 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 **serapes**. Be sure and taste Saltillo's famous "**pan de pulque**", a bread leavened with a mild alcoholic beverage produced from the maguey cactus. Arrival at the border is estimated at 6:30p.m. **B**

PRICE PER PERSON*

DEPARTURE DATES

Single - \$345

Feb. 9; March 1, 2017

Double - \$279

July 3, 2017

Triple - \$269

PASSPORT OR PASSPORT CARD REQUIRED

Currently there is **NO CHARGE** for the Mexican Visa on land tours of **7 days or less!**

Departs from **Brownsville** at 5:30a.m.; from **Harlingen** at 6:00a.m.; from **Weslaco** at 6:30a.m.; and from **Mission** at 7:00a.m. or from your park with specified number.