

# MEXICO - CHIAPAS

Textiles, Arts & Crafts of the Maya

11 - 26 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, centuries-old communities are isolated and sustained by mountains that split the land. Exquisite arts, crafts, and textiles arise from a rich and integral tradition. On this tour, explore these traditions in Maya villages around the lovely colonial town of San Cristóbal de las Casas. Marvel at the magnificent archaeology of Palenque that informed the arts and take in the natural beauty of Chiapas. In January, the festival of the Parachicos brings out performers in Chiapa de Corzo wearing intricately carved wooden masks, vast headdresses and flamboyant clothing. In the Tsotsil Maya communities of San Juan Chamula and Zinacantan, the feast of San Sebastián is celebrated with lavish processions. Bear witness to how artistic traditions link the contemporary Maya with their ancestors.

## Highlights

- Visits to textile cooperatives, collections of Maya dress, and meetings with makers and designers
- Archaeological sites: Palenque and 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 11-26 January 2025

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

COST based on max 16 pax

USD 5260 per person in twin shared room

Add USD 1480 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
<b>Per person double occ.</b>	<b>5260</b>	<b>5380</b>	<b>5490</b>
Single occ. (own room) Add:	1480	1480	1480

### REGISTRATION

- Contact [shila@eyhotours.com](mailto:shila@eyhotours.com)
- Deposit USD 800 to register
- Minimum 11pax | Maximum 16 pax.
- Tour starts Villahermosa (VSA) and ends in San Cristobal de las Casas (Tuxtla Gutiérrez TGZ)

### Terms and Conditions

For your complete peace of mind, we are TICO (Travel Industry of Ontario) accredited #50023991

### 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