

A close-up photograph of a woman's hands holding a woven basket filled with bright yellow flowers. She is wearing a vibrant, multi-colored embroidered blouse with green, red, and yellow patterns. The background is softly blurred, showing a street scene with a pink wall and a person in the distance.

JOIN GLOBAL FUND FOR WOMEN

FOR AN EXTRAORDINARY JOURNEY

MEXICO CITY AND OAXACA CITY, MEXICO, APRIL 7 -14, 2018

At this moment of transition, women's movements around the world are poised to ensure that women's voices are heard and that human rights are not rolled back. Women fighting for rights in Mexico tell us and show us that they will continue to advocate and work on key issues like reproductive rights, ending sexual violence, creating economic opportunities, defending natural resources, indigenous women's rights, and girls' rights. They are determined to grow and flourish, to make connections, and to work together across borders.

On this unique trip, we will gain inspiration and insight from an array of amazing women leaders fighting to ensure equality, sustainability, and justice in their communities and around the world.



Through carefully selected visits to Global Fund for Women grantee partners, we will meet women and communities who are:

- **DEFENDING OUR PLANET:**

The encroachment of oil palm, drug trafficking, mining, hydroelectric and wind farm projects, and large-scale tourist development has intensified over the past ten years. The government has militarized many territories, bringing violence, and it has too often sided with large companies to take control of ancestral lands and resources. Women are working tirelessly to preserve their rights and the natural resources upon which they and their communities depend.

- **FIGHTING FOR WOMEN'S AND GIRLS' RIGHTS:**

Women around the world are facing threats to their fundamental rights from rising religious fundamentalism and conservative government policies. Grassroots groups from Mexico City to Oaxaca are working to fight back on many fronts: whether to ensure access to safe abortion and an end to sexual violence, or to expand economic opportunities and racial justice.

- **SHAPING THE FUTURE:**

Women activists are working tirelessly to defend our freedoms and rights on issues from food and land rights to indigenous women's rights to preventing violence against women human rights defenders. They stand up under threat of violence from those who wish not only to deny those rights, but also to deny their very right to speak out. Their courage is extraordinary and inspiring. Their work is crucial for advancing, protecting, and respecting human rights.

Throughout your journey, you will have opportunities to reflect with peer travelers, grantee partners, and Global Fund for Women staff and leadership to envision a better future for all women and girls globally. Local guides and translators will facilitate a smooth journey and provide insight into the day-to-day lives of the people we meet.



WOMEN IN MEXICO:

- Mexico's story includes colorful and powerful Mesoamerican traditions as well as a history of Spanish conquerors and colonizers. The women's movement emerged from this rich bed of cultural, religious, and societal influences.
- Mexico is the 14th largest country in the world and home to the largest population of Spanish speakers. Modern Mexicans are a unique blend of many ancient civilizations, including the Olmec, Zapotec, Toltec, Maya, Aztec, Inca, African, French, and Spanish.
- Women have played a pivotal role in political struggles throughout the country's history—but their service did not result in political rights until they gained the right to vote in 1953.
- Women and the women's movement have had to struggle with an oppressive moral standard in terms of sexuality, family, work, social, and other contexts. Racism and ethnic discrimination too play a role.
- Women's movements in Mexico have achieved legal reforms, politicized gender issues to give them a high degree of legitimacy, introduced issues of gender-related justice into the democratic agenda, and widened the political, social and civil rights of women.



DAY ONE

ARRIVE IN MEXICO CITY

Arrival and private transfer to hotel.

Enjoy a Welcome Dinner with Global Fund for Women and meet the people who you will be traveling with.

Overnight Mexico City - Hotel Downtown

DAY TWO

MEXICO CITY

In the morning visit Coyoacan and the Frida Khalo museum, enjoy sightseeing downtown and a beautiful dinner at La Casa de las Sirenas.

Overnight Mexico City - Hotel Downtown

DAY THREE

MEXICO CITY

Full day visiting Global Fund for Women programs and meeting local partners.

Overnight Mexico City - Hotel Downtown

DAY FOUR

MEXICO CITY

In the morning visit Xochimilco, its market, and Dolores Olmedo Museum. Enjoy lunch at San Angel Inn.

In the afternoon, visit Global Fund for Women programs and partners.

Overnight Mexico City - Hotel Downtown



DAY FIVE

MEXICO CITY - OAXACA CITY

Enjoy a beautiful four-hour drive.

In the afternoon, join a craft workshop with a group of women artisans who work with textiles, embroidery, and wood.

In the evening, enjoy a cooking class with Ms. Abigail Mendoza, a traditional Mexican chef.

Overnight Oaxaca City - Quinta Real Oaxaca

DAY SIX

OAXACA CITY

Full day visiting Global Fund for Women programs and meeting local partners.

Overnight Oaxaca City - Quinta Real Oaxaca

DAY SEVEN

OAXACA CITY

In the morning, visit Global Fund for Women programs and partners.

In the afternoon, visit Monte Albán, one of the earliest cities of Mesoamerica.

Visit with the Muxe community - a group of men who consider themselves women and live in a socially sanctioned "netherworld."

Overnight Oaxaca City - Quinta Real Oaxaca

DAY EIGHT

OAXACA CITY

In the morning, have a closing meeting to reflect on the Global Fund for Women programs you have experienced.

Transfer onwards to the airport for your international departure.



COSTS

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: \$4,750*

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: \$800

*Includes: accommodations, meals, transport, activities as described, and gratuity. Does not include: international flights or insurance.

REGISTER

Space is limited and financial commitment will be needed upon registration.

Please complete the following **Guest Profile form** at your convenience. This allows us to easily record your vital travel information.

MORE INFO

VISIT THE WEBSITE:

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