

SILVER CITIES

For travelers and MEXpats wanting to broaden their cultural horizons (without crossing oceans), Mexico has more 16th-19th century European architecture, monuments, museums and fine art than any country in the Western Hemisphere. From the high deserts of Zacatecas and San Luis Potosí to gracious Guanajuato and always festive Oaxaca, Mexico's historic interior showcases the country's 300 years under Colonial rule.

There's never been a better time to explore full-time living opportunities in these welcoming communities. Here are some curated where-to-stay suggestions.

SAN LUIS POTOSÍ

The city owes its early importance to the discovery of silver and gold deposit in 1592. In the 17th century SLP assumed the role of Mexico's most important northern city, whose domain once stretched from Louisiana to New Mexico. For much of the colonial era, mining and ranch wealth bestowed the city with elaborate Neoclassic and Baroque public buildings, mansions and churches.

Hotel Museo Palacio de San Agustín

Unique in Latin America for the beauty of its Neoclassic architecture, murals, chapel and antique furniture, Palacio San Agustín is a mother load of antiquities brought directly from Europe. There are 18 suites each with its own scene and personality.

ZACATECAS

The Historic Center of Zacatecas (founded in 1546 and a UNESCO World Heritage Site) winds through a high desert ravine. A massive 16th century silver discovery helped adorn a tight clustering of magnificent churches, convents and sturdy colonial mansions. By the early 18th century, Zacatecas was producing one-fifth of the world's silver. At 8,100 feet elevation, Zacatecas will literally take your breath away.

Quinta Real Zacatecas

This property is arguably the most unique historic inn in the Americas. Spacious suites (Master, Gran Class, Presidential) face El Ruedo, a lovely, circular, 16th century Spanish bullring. The site's former bullpens today offer refined dining, with an extensive wine list, barrel vaulted passage-ways, candles and romance.

SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE

Arched colonial mansions, flower-filled patios, and winding cobblestone streets. Founded in 1542, San Miguel became an important commercial center connecting Mexico City with Zacatecas. It has been luring artisans and writers for decades. Pastel hued historic architecture, galleries and fine dining make San Miguel a "must" for any colonial cities visitor. The city boasts a thriving cultural, festival and entertainment scene, and everyone is invited!

Rosewood Casa de Sierra Nevada

Capturing the historical essence and ambiance of San Miguel's Spanish past, the Rosewood stays true its 'Sense of Place' philosophy. Surrounding guests with a curated collection of contemporary Mexican art, the intimate Rosewood is reminiscent of a grand hacienda. There's even your own 'Art Concierge' immersion into San Miguel's renowned allure.

Belmond Casa de Sierra Nevada

Occupying a cluster of historic buildings and mansions, this charming luxury hotel offers the ultimate colonial Mexico experience. Gardens, stone arches and traditional wooden doors surround subdued, color-splashed patios. The hotel has its own cooking school, Spa, and its swimming pool is a hidden oasis.



OAXACA

Oaxaca State and capital city are among a handful of the most culturally important region of the Americas. It is one of five human 'wellspring regions' of the world, and still today maintains its ethnic authenticity, architectural purity and ecological complexity. Oaxaca City's astonishing colonial-era treasures include green-hued stone architecture, colorful markets, fine art galleries, regional delicacies, and astonishing archaeological treasures.

Palacio Borghese With its six uniquely appointed suites, Palacio Borghese offers luxury, refinement and views of Oaxaca's historic center. Its beautiful cloistered spaces invite reading or meditation. Evening Tea, fine dining and suites that project European elegance are what make the Borghese one of Oaxaca's most sought hotels.

Quinta Real Oaxaca This exclusive jewel reflects the vice regal splendor of New Spain. Houses in a 16th century former Dominican Convent, there are 23 peaceful, spacious rooms with beautiful views of the hotel's interior gardens and patios. Eight spacious Grand Class Suites offer a view onto Oaxaca's historic streets or interior patios and gardens.

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