

WELCOME TO THE **IXTAPA** INSIDER COLLECTION

Truly memorable meetings and events with authentic local flavor – that is the inspiration behind the InterContinental Insider Collection.

Our network of hotels and resorts is global; our knowledge and expertise local, giving planners guaranteed choice, range and depth to add to any meeting or conference. Each hotel offers its own bespoke selection of services which are firmly rooted in their location and are responsibly guided by our partnership with National Geographic's Center for Sustainable Destinations.

The options are limitless, the local knowledge rich, the service professional and faultless, the delegate experience enriching and rewarding every time.

Sample for yourself some of our wonderful Ixtapa experiences.

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INSIDER LOCATIONS

Choose an InterContinental venue for your event and a world of possibilities opens up. As locals, your hotel team hold the key to a side of your locality tourists never see. What and who they know gives you an exclusive mix of authentic venues and experiences to play with.

INSIDER SPEAKERS

Bring your event to life with an inspirational speaker – someone who can really strike a chord with your delegates and enrich their experience beyond measure. Fascinating and engaging, motivating Insider Speakers range from celebrities and cultural experts to sporting heroes. Whatever their passion, they all have a local connection and you will discover that their unique insights and local know-how make your event one to remember.

INSIDER COMMUNITY

There's nothing quite like immersing yourself in the community to gain an added depth and understanding to your experience in a new destination. Insider Community has been designed to benefit local people and create truly memorable and meaningful experiences for your delegates too.

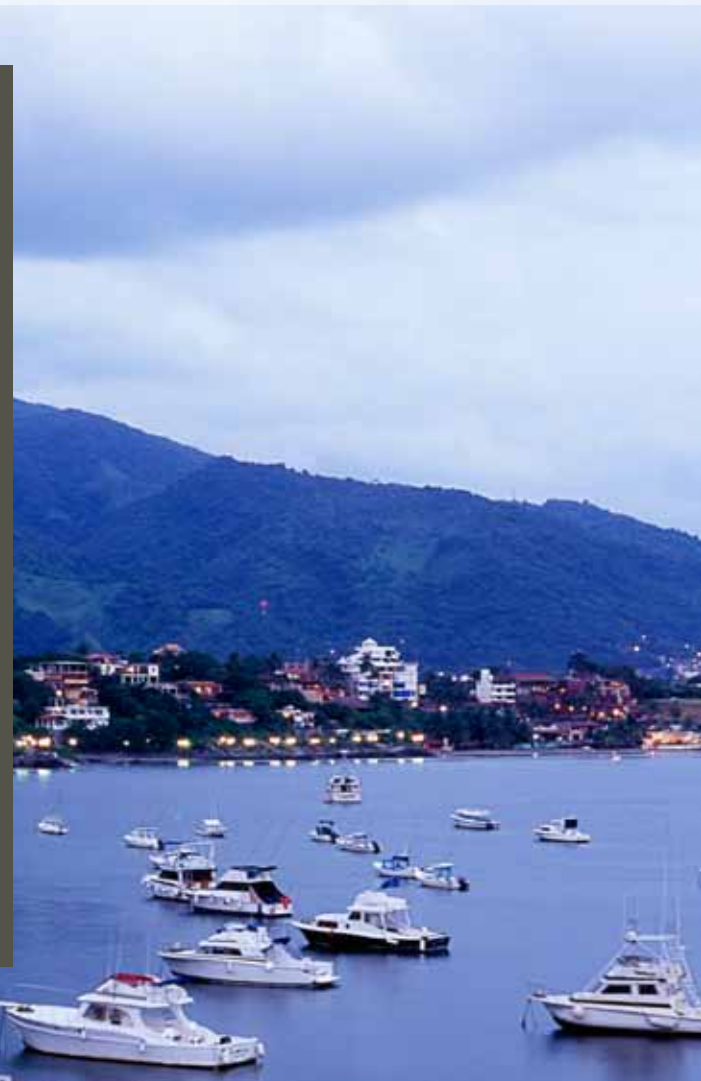
INSIDER INTERACTIONS

This team-building experience will help your delegates connect with each other as never before. Using the unique character, heritage or geography of your destination to inspire interaction, each experience, whether based on or off-site offers an original way to engage delegates and motivate them to build effective working relationships.

INSIDER BREAKS

With Insider Collection even your breaks are fulfilling experiences. From serving up a delicious lunch of provincial dishes for a taste of regional cuisine to spending some quality time with your Concierge team to get their best insider tips, a few minutes out of your busy schedule becomes a whole experience in itself.

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ENRICHING EXPERIENCES FOR OUR GUESTS AND OUR ENVIRONMENT

We believe that a responsible meeting is not only what you experience in the meeting room but also knowing that your hotel respects the destination around it.

We're proud to partner the leaders in geotourism, the National Geographic Center for Sustainable Destinations. Our ambition is that guests enjoy enriching experiences that reveal what makes a place truly special – its heritage, culture and tradition – and the importance of protecting it.

At InterContinental we use a holistic approach to being a responsible business: to work from the grass roots up, recognizing each individual hotel team as the experts best placed to use their local knowledge for developing community and environmental initiatives that meet the specific needs of the destination. This Insider Collection gives delegates access to some of these unique experiences, and for those meetings that stay in the meeting room, you can be assured our hotel is working behind the scenes to protect what is special about the place for fellow travelers.

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SPEND TIME AT LA COSTA GRANDE ARCHEOLOGICAL MUSEUM

Located in Zihuatanejo at the eastern end of the Paseo del Pescador, the museum directly faces the town beach and can be hired for your exclusive use.

Perfect for a meeting or cocktail reception, surrounding a central patio, six exhibit rooms illustrate human evolution from the prehistoric to the pre-Hispanic era, showcasing findings from 54 archeological sites and settlements discovered nearby and elsewhere along the Costa Grande.

A remarkable array of artefacts, utensils, stone carvings, jewelry, ceramic figurines, seashells, obsidian, murals and maps, attest to Olmec, Teotihuacan, Tarascan and Mexican (Aztec) presence and influences in this coastal region.

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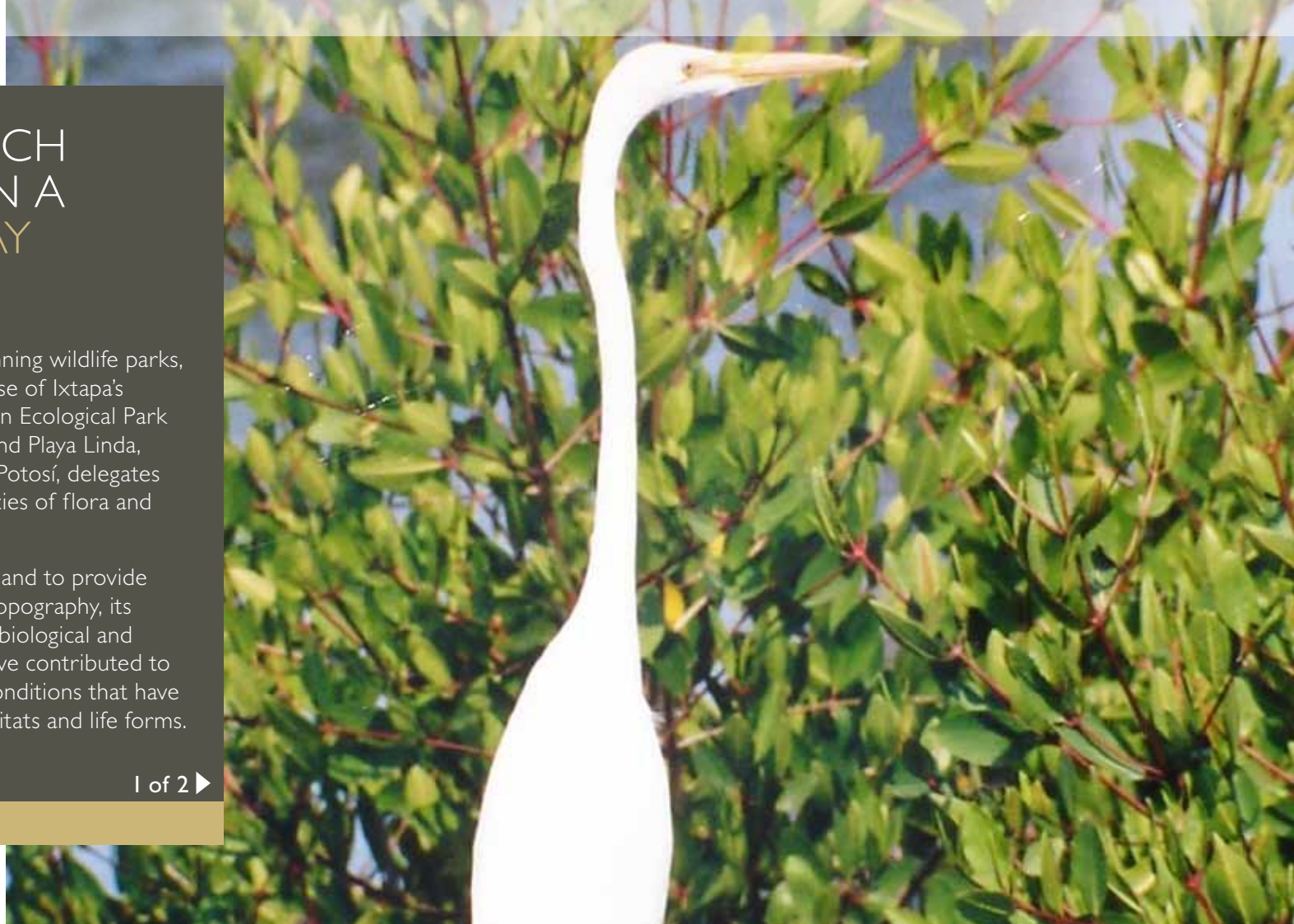
DISCOVER IXTAPA'S RICH FLORA AND FAUNA IN A MOUNTAIN HIDEAWAY

High in the mountains and surrounded by stunning wildlife parks, Ixtapa Zihuatanejo offers a breathtaking glimpse of Ixtapa's wonderful natural heritage. Close to the Aztlán Ecological Park and its ecological cycle track between Ixtapa and Playa Linda, Educational and Ecological Park El Refugio de Potosí, delegates will have the privilege to see a number of species of flora and fauna in their natural habitat.

Expert biologist Pablo Mendizabal will be on-hand to provide a unique insider insight into Mexico's diverse topography, its variety of climates and its complex geological, biological and cultural history. All these important factors have contributed to the formation of a mosaic of environmental conditions that have enabled the evolution of a large variety of habitats and life forms.

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EXPERIENCE THE OLD
AND NEW MEXICO WITH
CITY CHRONICLER
GREGORIO LARA

Get to experience the very best of old and new Mexico with city chronicler Gregorio Lara as your personal guide.

Take a visit into Mexico's fascinating past with a trip to Zihuatanejo ('Place of Women' in Náhuatl). One of the first cities in this region, it still retains the charm of a quiet fishing village with cobblestoned streets, characteristic of the culture and Mexican past that gives this area its unique identity.

Its counterpart, Ixtapa ('Place of White Sands' in Nahuatl) has been consolidated by the environmentally careful and planned growth of its tourist services, offering delegates everything they need in an avant-garde tourist infrastructure. A great place to relax and unwind.

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JOIN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY AND HELP OLDER PEOPLE

In a unique, team-building and personally very rewarding experience, you can offer your delegates the opportunity to work alongside the local community by sponsoring elderly people.

Maria Auxiliadora old folks home is a non-political voluntary organization that provides specialized help to vulnerable senior citizens.

Delegates will be able to spend time with the residents, talking and interacting. There will also be the opportunity to give the older people a gift and to give the charity financial help in the form of a donation.

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LOSE YOURSELF IN THE PEACEFUL SILENCE OF IXTAPA'S WILD PLACES

Get your delegates out into the great outdoors for some healthy cycling along Ixtapa's amazing cycle routes. This is a fantastic way to explore the local region.

Choose the route to suit you. Start at Marina Ixtapa and head west to circle the perimeter of the Marina Ixtapa Golf Course, up the coast, passing alongside the Parque Aztlan, an ecological reserve with crocodiles, iguana, heron and other exotic birds, until it reaches Playa Linda.

Or head out in the opposite direction to Zihuatanejo through lush tropical rain forest with majestic trees such as ceiba, huje, and exotic parota, some over 115 feet tall. Keen-eyed birders will spot myriad species: woodpecker, calandria, magpie, parrot, eagle, white heron, hawk, and other exotics.

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GET YOUR ADRENALINE PUMPING IN AN ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE SAFARI

Take time out of your busy schedule to experience the excitement of conquering one of the most beautiful environments of the region.

Brand new all-terrain vehicles (ATV's) are easily mastered and provide a smooth, safe ride. Experience exhilarating and diverse terrains passing through different eco systems. Discover this tropical landscape and its rich variety of native trees and vegetation.

Take a stunning drive along the scenic and pristine beach of the Pacific Ocean, or head up into the mountain trails between the jungle foothills of the Sierra Madre del Sur.

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SPEND PART OF YOUR MEETING DIVING AT THE MANZANILLO BEACH

Clear warm water, colorful coral reefs and an incredibly rich and thriving biodiversity from tiny seahorses to humpback whales. This is the experience that awaits your delegates at Manzanillo Beach.

Brightly decorated nudi branches, queen angelfish, Cortés angelfish, yellow barberfish, striped Mexican goatfish, and a continuous flurry of brilliantly colored little tropical fish darting around the corals. The sandy bottom can reveal camouflaged crabs, starfish, guitar fish, even a patchwork of graceful electric stingrays.

During summer or early fall (June-October) you may even see a big golfina sea turtle swimming by, returning to her beach of birth to lay her eggs. Compared to the Caribbean, currents here are minimal. There are dozens of underwater sites – shallow corals for snorkeling, jagged underwater canyons 100 feet deep, even sunken ships to explore. Paradise.

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ENJOY THE AUTHENTIC FLAVORS OF IXTAPA ZIHUATANEJO

During your break let us take you on a fantastic journey around Ixtapa Zihuatanejo. Discover the new flavors of this beautiful country. Tempt your palate with the delicious scents and tastes of local and national dishes – cuisine at its very best. Delight your delegates with a fantastic array of authentic Mexican food and beverages including:

- Fish Tiritas over coconut
- Mini Plantain with shrimp mousse
- Little Mexican Sopes with Sausages
- Sweet Coconut

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THANK YOU

Contact us to learn more about the Ixtapa Insider Collection and how we can help you create a truly memorable experience with authentic local flavor.

Whichever Insider Collection experience is right for you, you can be assured that it reflects the best principles of Responsible Business, a commitment demonstrated by our partnership with the National Geographic Center for Sustainable Destinations.

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