

WELCOME TO THE MEXICO CITY 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 Mexico City 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 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 travellers.

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SPEND PART OF YOUR MEETING AT THE ANCIENT COLLEGE OF SAN ILDEFONSO

Perfect for a stylish cocktail reception or gala evening, the ancient College of San Ildefonso is a National Heritage Site and one of Mexico City's most prestigious art and culture museums.

Founded by the Jesuit Catholic Order on 1588, it became the most important educative Institutions from the Conquest times, evolving into the country's first National Bachelor School belonging to the Autonomous National University of Mexico (UNAM).

Since the middle of the 20th Century it has housed the magnificent mural works of Diego Rivera and is where he met his most renowned student and future wife, Frida Khalo.

Soak up the atmosphere in this exclusive venue, guaranteed to deliver a night to remember.

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DISCOVER THE LOST WORLD OF XOCHIMILCO

Take to an authentic wooden boat and spend your meeting exploring the 'chinampas' (or exotic floating gardens) of Xochimilco.

Located to the south of the city, this magical place is the only surviving relic of the Aztec capital's lacustrine landscape. In their rush for power and riches, the conquistadores destroyed the monuments and drained the canals. On the edge of Lake Xochimilco and in the midst of a network of small canals, are some surviving chinampas. These floating gardens were much admired by the Spaniards and this half-natural, half-artificial landscape is now an ecological reserve, which still holds many mysteries and ancient legends.

Hold your meeting in this magical place, uncovering its secrets and enjoying some typical local cuisine.

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LEARN THE MYSTERIES OF THE MAYAN COSMOS

Allow our cosmology expert to interpret your company's destiny according to the Mayan or Aztec calendars.

In this fascinating interactive session, delegates can see into the future by learning about the ancient past. Share the key dates and facts of your company (date of company creation, future goals, etc) and receive your very own personal reading of the stars.

Our expert speaker will also share his wealth of insider knowledge and tips on Mayan and Aztec cosmology, including an explanation of the mythical 2012 prophecy. December 21, 2012 at 11.11am GMT marks an event that has been anticipated for thousands of years. Is it the close encounter of the 'Sacred Tree' between the crossing point of the Milky Way Equator and the Ecliptic path of the Sun.

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BECOME A MEXICAN WINE AND TEQUILA EXPERT

This is an opportunity to learn the art of making Tequila in its many different nuances direct from a Master Tequila connoisseur. Delegates will also discover the fine wines produced in Mexico's many prestigious vineyards. Let us also introduce you to our very own fine wine collection.

Presidente InterContinental Mexico City is proud to own one of the largest and most complete wine cellars in Latin America with over 1,800 labels and 35,000 bottles. A rare treat for the budding wine fan.

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BOND EVEN MORE AS A TEAM AND HELP LOCAL CHILDREN

Come and spend some quality time at the 'Escuela-Hogar del Perpetuo Socorro' – a non-profit Catholic orphanage school devoted to the protection, care and love of girls from kindergarten to elementary school age who have suffered difficult or extreme situations.

The charity has been providing shelter, clothing, medical attention and education to girls for over 60 years and it opens its doors to your delegates.

Come along and spend time with the children, taking part in their social and education activities. You will be touched by their warm smiles, exuberance and fun. This is a fantastic way to work together as a team and inspire and reward your delegates.

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JOIN THE GREEN TEAM AND HELP YOUR ELDERS AT A LOCAL RETIREMENT HOME

Helping those who once devoted their productive time to take care of us is a hugely rewarding and inspiring thing to do. The Presidente InterContinental Mexico City team invites you to come along to the 'Casa Hogar Para Ancianos Desamparados' to help the elderly residents there to tend their beautiful green roof garden.

Not only will you be helping to make their stay at the retirement home a happier and more productive time, you will also be doing your bit for universal environmental conservation.

Be part of this great initiative by collaborating with our elders and with Mother Nature whilst having your delegates benefit from this gentle and unforgettable team activity.

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ENJOY CORN TORTILLAS THE LOCAL WAY

In their ancient book “the Popol Vuh” the Mayan legend whispers that the Gods created humankind by using the sacred ingredient: Corn. From its four varieties (red, white, yellow and black) sprang the main four skin colors of the human race.

Presidente InterContinental Mexico City invites you to learn to prepare delicious and authentic dishes derived from our national food: corn. Delegates will get to work with local people to learn the secrets of preparing corn tortillas in the traditional ‘comales’ way. An interaction and flavor experience your party will never forget!

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INTERACT WITH LOCAL ARTISANS AND LEARN ABOUT THEIR CRAFT

How about this? Have an authentic Mexican market right in the middle of your meeting without even leaving the hotel!

We will bring the traditional Sunday Mexican market experience complete with local artisans direct to your meeting area. Delegates will love the street ambiance as they browse the stalls in search of that unique gift to take back home. Local craftsmen and women will be on hand to showcase their work and to explain the inspiration and techniques behind it.

Local traditions will come alive in your meeting, with a rich and large variety of handicrafts on display. We can even tailor the products according to your meeting theme.

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MANGO BREAK

For your meeting break try our refreshing range of delicious mango – the 'king of fruits'. Mango (*Mangifera Indica*), originally from India, found its way to Mexico in the 18th Century aboard the Nao of China, the vessel that went from Manila to Acapulco.

Our fresh mango menu selection includes:
(In season May to August)

- Mango water
- Cup of fresh mango with lemon and chilli powder
- Mango fritters with aniseed syrup
- Scallops with mango
- Cup of mango marinated with rosemary
- Freshly brewed coffee
- International tea selection

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SOURSOP BREAK

The whitish pulp and bittersweet taste of the tropical fruit soursop ('Guanabana') has been enjoyed here since pre-Hispanic times. The fruit, seeds, and leaves have medicinal uses and recent investigations have shown that the pulp has anti-carcinogenic properties.

Choose from our tasty menu selection:
(In season May to August)

- Guanabana water
- Melon water
- Guanabana muesli
- Guanabana cake
- Guanabana jelly with red fruit soup
- Guanabana skewers

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INDEPENDENCE BREAK

Break free from your meeting and enjoy this delicious and healthy break option.

Choose from our range of authentic local drinks and speciality snacks:

- Guanabana (soursop) water
- Lemonade and chia seed water
- Pambazos
- Gorditas
- Quesadillas
- Huaraches and garnishes
- Chocolate atole
- Mexican coffee
- Traditional Mexican sweet bread (churros)

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REVOLUTION BREAK

A taste explosion for the senses this red-hot authentic flavors break option will have your delegates coming back for more.

Enjoy:

- Mango water
- Orange water
- Tlayudas
- Quesadillas
- Fish tostaditas (corn shells with green and red salsa)
- Mexican coffee
- Hot Oaxaca chocolate
- Assorted pastries

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THANK YOU

Contact us to learn more about the Mexico City 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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