

Post-meeting field trip (24-26 Feb., 2023)

“Archaeology and recent volcanism in the Zacapu lacustrine basin (Michoacán, Mexico)” (3 days, two nights)

Departure and return from Morelia. 2 nights at the small town of Naranja, near Zacapu.
Cabañas Lago Verde: (<https://www.lagoverde.mx/copia-de-cabana-el-ciruelo>)

Participants: Minimum: 10; maximum: 30.

Vehicles: Hiace vans

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Objectives: Volcanoes of the Zacapu lacustrine basin and archaeological sites on the Zacapu lava flows will be visited (first two days). During the third day we will visit the sites of Tzintzuntzan, capital of the Tarascan Empire, as well as Angamuco on the lava flows of Rancho Seco volcano (both in the Pátzcuaro lake basin). Participants will obtain an integral view of these important pre-Hispanic archaeological sites, and understand the role that volcanic activity played in their development.

Cost: 270.00 US\$. Includes transportation, lunch boxes, breakfasts, dinners, 2 hotel nights (Cabañas Lago Verde, Naranja), field-guide booklet.

Itinerary

Friday, February 24 (total: 90 km)

9h – 10h: Morelia - Alberca de Guadalupe (38 km, 55 min)

10h-11h: Visita Alberca de Guadalupe

11h-12h: Alberca de Guadalupe - Tarejero (40 km, 53 min)

12h-12h30: visita Tarejero

12h30-12h45: Tarejero - Cantabria (3 km, 5 min)

12h45-14h: almuerzo

14h-14h30: Tarejero - Loma Alta (3 km, 3 min) y parada/visita.

14h30-14h45: Loma Alta - La Angostura (5 km, 10 min)

14h45-15h30: visita sitio petrograbados y parque de la Laguna

15h30-16h: La Angostura - Naranja (8 km, 15 min)

Comida

Tarde-noche: visita centro Naranja, iglesia de Santa María, artesón siglo XVIII.

Saturday, February 25 (total: 41 km)

9h-9h30: Naranja-Alberca Los Espinos (17 km, 28 min)

9h30-10h45: visita Alberca

10h45-11h: Alberca-Malpais Prieto (5 km, 4 min carretera + 10 min terracería aprox)

11h-12h: visita Malpais Prieto

12h-12h30: almuerzo

12h30-12h45: Malpaís Prieto - El Infiernillo (3 km, 15 min aprox de terracería)

12h45-13h45: visita Infiernillo

13h45-14h15: El Infiernillo - Las Minas (10 km, 30 min aprox)

14h15-15h: visita Las Minas

15h-15h30: Las Minas - Las Cabras (10 km, 30 min)

15h30-16h15: visita Las Cabras

16h15-16h40: Las Cabras - Naranja (16 km, 25 min)

Dinner.

Afternoon in Zacapu: Conference, Casa de la Cultura, visit main square and Santa Ana parish church.

Sunday, February 26 (total: 135 km)

9h-9h20: Naranja - Zacapu/El Palacio (8 km, 17 min)

9h20- 10h20: visita Palacio

10h20-11h30: Zacapu - Tzintzuntzan (50 km, 1h05)

11h30-12h30: visita Tzintzuntzan

12h30-13h: Tzintzuntzan-Pátzcuaro (20 km, 30 min)

13h30-14h: visita centro Pátzcuaro

14h-15h: lunch

15h-15h25: Patzcuaro – Rancho Seco (20 km, 23 min)

15h25-16h: visita Rancho Seco/Angamuco

16h-16h45: Rancho Seco – Morelia (35 km, 40 min)

Incidentally, our stay coincides with the yearly celebration of the patron saint of Naranja (the town where we will spend the two nights). This is certainly an interesting cultural event:

<https://moreliactiva.com/miles-de-feligreses-llegan-este-dia-a-venerar-a-padre-jesus-patrono-en-naranja-de-tapia-michoacan/>

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