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### The Tree of Life

**One of the most symbolic Mexican handicrafts** is the Tree of Life, which comes from the municipality of **Metepec** (on the hill of magueys). This magical town is located in **Toluca Valley**, State of Mexico, and one hour away from Mexico City.

Originally, **Metepequen** artisans made utensils like pots, pans, and plates. However, starting in the **1920s**, they started to create crafts that were more ornamental. According to the State of Mexico's Institute of Research and Promotion of Handicrafts, the Tree of Life has several possible beginnings. One possibility is that it was created by the anthropologist **Daniel Fernando Rubín de la Borbolla** and the artisan **Mónico Soteno Fernández**, who were inspired by a candelabrum in the city of **Toluca**. Although there is no record of who first created the Tree of Life, the community of artisans in Metepec gives credit to **Don Timoteo González Degollado**, who began to make them around **1945**.

The creation of any Tree of Life is based on the process of preparing the **clay**. The form that the clay takes on is determined by the ingenuity of the master **craftspeople**, who give life and color to this **tradition**. There are two color themes that are most commonly used. The first is made up of yellow, purple, fuchsia, green, white, and black. The second uses colors like ochre, rust-red, black, brown, hazel, and rust-yellow, which are the characteristic colors of **pre-Columbian pottery**. Each workshop, or family, has a specialty, and they try to create pieces that identify them.

At first, the Tree of Life specifically represented the **Garden of Eden**, containing figures of Adam, Eve and the snake. Nowadays, however, it has a variety of themes including suns, eclipses, angels and cherubs, the Virgin Mary, Noah's Ark, and the spring. Artisans also interpret **traditions** and **customs** from around the country such as the Virgin of Solitude (Oaxaca's Patron Saint), Catrina, Papantla Flyers and many more.

**Join us** and explore this magical town that has gained a worldwide reputation for being the Tree of Life's place of origin. [Click here](#) or [contact@meetpoint.com.mx](mailto:contact@meetpoint.com.mx). Article by **Con Acento Latino**. They strive for the knowledge of the Spanish language and Latin culture among executives and students throughout the world.



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### Excellent Apartment for Rent – Parques Polanco, Lago Alberto

100m2, 2 rooms, 2 bathrooms, 1 parking spot. Level 4. Common garden, playground. Shopping mall and few blocks from Polanco. **Rent Furnished: \$18,000MXN.**

### Incredible Apartment for Rent – Residential Carso, Granada

116m2, 2 rooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 parking spots. Amenities: gym, pool, gardens. Shopping mall and excellent location few blocks from Polanco. **Rent Furnished: \$25,500MXN.**

### Furnished Apartment for Rent – Suderman, Polanco

Level 1, 194m2, 3 rooms, 3 bathrooms, 2 parking spots. Fully furnished. **Price: \$30,000MXN.**

### Furnished Apartment for Rent – Emerson, Polanco

Level 3, 196m2, 3 rooms, 2 bathrooms, 1 parking spot. Fully furnished. **Price: \$32,000MXN.**

### Furnished Apartment for Rent – Fuentes de Molinos, Tecamachalco

143m2, 3 rooms, 2.5 bathrooms, 2 parking spots. Fully furnished and equipped. Amenities: pool, gym, garden. Located close to Palmas. **Rent Furnished: \$27,000MXN.**

### Gorgeous Apartment for Sale – Fuentes de Molinos, Tecamachalco

143m2, 2 rooms, 2.5 bathrooms, 3 parking spots. Security. Amenities: pool, gym, garden. Located close to Palmas. **Price: \$4,350,000MXN.**

### Furnished Apartment for Rent – Residential Santa Fe, Santa Fe.

Level 1. 140m2, 1 room, TV room, 2 bathrooms, parking spot, balcony with bbq. Excellent location. Price includes all services. Totally furnished. **Rent: \$30,000 MXN.**

### Cozy Apartment for Rent – Coahuila, Santa Fe.

123m2, 2 room, 2 bathrooms, 2 parking spots. Well located. **Rent: \$10,500 MXN.**

### Beautiful Apartment for Rent – Residential WTC, Nápoles.

125m2, 3 rooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 parking spots, storage room. Amenities: Gym, pool, social areas, roof garden, shopping mall. **Rent: \$29,000 MXN.**

### Cozy Apartment for Rent – Tanana, Narvarte.

100m2, 2 rooms, 1.5 bathrooms, 2 parking spots. Convenient location. **Rent: \$11,000 MXN.**

### Furnished Apartment for Rent – Vicente Guerrero, Coyoacán

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Office desk: \$1,800MXN

Coffee table: \$2,400MXN



## Settling in – Shopping Smartly

## Teotihuacan Hot-Air Balloon Tour

This complex of awesome pyramids was once Mesoamerica's greatest city which extended its cultural and artistic influence throughout the region, and even beyond. Constructed around 300 AD, the holy city is characterized by the vast size of its monuments, carefully laid out on geometric and symbolic principles. The whole **Teotihuacan** represents a unique artistic achievement based on **cosmic harmony**. Nowadays, Teotihuacan remains an important pilgrimage site, every year thousands of devotees congregate here to celebrate the equinox and soak up the **mystical energies** believed to converge here. Today Teotihuacan is one of the most noted archaeological attractions made a **UNESCO** World Heritage Site in 1987.

Discover the magnificent Teotihuacan Pyramids from a whole new angle, **looking down on them from the sky**. Enjoy breath-taking aerial views of the the **Temple of Quetzalcoatl**, the **Pyramid of the Sun** (the third-largest pyramid in the world) and the **Pyramid of the Moon**. Your journey starts at 07:00 with the inflating of the hot air balloon. Flight duration is approximately 45-60 minutes and the exact route is dictated by wind patterns. We will turn out the lights for an amazing and different experience. We'll visit a **handcraft workshop** where you'll be able to see different handcrafts made in the site and also learn all about **Maguey**: the sacred plant for almost all the Mesoamerican cultures. We'll enjoy a tasteful **prehispanic meal**. If you want you may also taste some **Tequila** and **Pulque** (an alcoholic beverage known as the wine of the gods). To finish our adventure we will have one last activity: **temazcal**. Temazcal is a traditional prehispanic steam bath.

This is an experience you should not miss. We will be running this 2-day tour on: **31AGO13**. Price **\$3,800MXN** per person. It includes Round-trip transfers from Mexico City, certified guide, meals, hotel, balloon flight and temazcal. For further information [click here](#) or [contact@meetpoint.com.mx](mailto:contact@meetpoint.com.mx) to secure your seat.



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TLYACAPAN Y TEPOZTLÁN	10AUG - \$699MXN
PEÑA DE BERNAL Y TEQUISQUIAPAN	17AUG - \$699MXN
GRUTAS DE CACAHUAMILPA Y TAXCO	18AUG - \$699MXN
<b>CONVERSATION CLUB – CHILANGOLANDIA</b>	<b>22AUG - \$200MXN</b>
ZACATLÁN Y PIEDRAS ENCIMADAS	24AUG - \$699MXN
<b>METEPEC Y COSMOVITRAL</b>	<b>25AUG - \$699MXN</b>
<b>EXPERIENCE THE BENEFITS OF ADAPTING TO A NEW CULTURE</b>	<b>29AUG – FREE SESSION</b>
VALLE DE BRAVO	31AUG - \$699MXN
<b>VUELO EN GLOBO EN TEOTIHUACAN</b>	<b>31AUG &amp; 01 SEP - \$3,800MXN</b>
MEXICO CITY & ANTHROPOLOGY MUSEUM	TUESDAY TO SUNDAY - \$500 MXN
XOCHIMILCO	DAILY DEPARTURES - \$550MXN

**Metepec**  
Salida: 25 Agosto

METEPEC reconocido por su reconocida arquitectura, el Hotel de la Villa. Visita al conjunto arquitectónico conformado por la iglesia y el ex convento franciscano de San Juan Bautista de Metepec, la capilla del Calvario, el centro de los Magareños y taller artesanal.

**TEQUILA**. Visita al Conventillo y Jardín Botánico. Tiempo libre para conocer la Ciudad y hacer compra de queso y chorizo tradicionales.

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**Vuelo en Globo Teotihuacan**  
2 días 1 noche. Única salida 31 de Agosto

Primer día: Visita guiada por la zona arqueológica con recorridos personalizados en nuestra villa a un taller de alfarería y procesamiento del maguey. Regreso de tour de asistencia, pulque y pulque. Comida de tres platos según tradición prehispanica.

Segundo día: Vuelo en globo. La aventura comienza a las 7am en el despegue para alcanzar todo el panorama y tener un espectacular 30-40 minutos de vuelo sobre el valle de Teotihuacan. Certifcaci personalizable. Regreso al hotel para el desayuno y sector de traslado en una casa tradicional.

**INCLUYE:**  
Transportación turística.  
El costo de transporte en avión (billete aeropuerto a casa).  
Vuelo en globo por 45 minutos.  
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Comida de tres platos.  
Regulación de tour de asistencia, pulque y pulque.  
Alfombrado de transporte.

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