Mexico City has a long and storied history of providing home and inspiration to artists, perhaps most notably during the inter-war period when Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera were arguably the reigning queen and king of the scene.

Optional Pre-Trip Extension in México City. Arrive a day early in Mexico. Guided visit to Chapultepec; Casa Luis Barragán, the Mexican modernist architect’s house, studio and art collection; Fountain of Tláloc by Diego Rivera, a massive tiled sculpture of the god of Rain; Casa Estudio Diego Rivera; and a visit to Fonart that offers sophisticated and high quality handicrafts. 1 Night (L)

Optional Post-Trip Extension to visit San Miguel de Allende. A truly lovely colonial city located in Mexico’s central highlands and known for its thriving art scene. On the way, tour Guanajuato, one of the most beautiful cities in México, proclaimed a World Heritage Site by UNESCO known for its silver mining and colonial architecture. 3 Nights (3B, 4L, 3D)

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Saturday, October 15
U.S. / México City
Arrive in México City and transfer to your hotel. Gather this evening with those on the pre-trip extension for a cocktail reception and dinner. Hotel Sara Hamburgo (6 Nights) (D)

Sunday, October 16
Historic Center / Murals / Templo Mayor
Explore the roots of México’s capital at its Historic Center, an area that occupies the original Aztec city of Tenochtitlán. See the Templo Mayor, an Aztec temple in the heart of modern México City. Visit historic buildings such as the Cathedral and the National Palace. Inside the National Palace, see murals by Diego Rivera for an introduction of Mexican art and history. At the Palacio de Bellas Artes admire the huge murals of famous muralists Rufino Tamayo, Diego Rivera, David Alfaro Siqueiros, and José Clemente Orozco. Cooking demonstration this evening and lecture on Pre-Columbian and Mexican food followed by a dinner. (B, L, D)

Monday, October 17
Teotihuacán
Visit Teotihuacán, one of the most significant and haunting archaeological sites in the world. At its zenith, around AD 600, Teotihuacán was one of the largest cities in the world and the center of a Maya empire that inhabited much of central México. On the return, visit some of the most prestigious art galleries in the Colonia Roma or Condesa neighborhoods and learn about new developments and influences of Mexican art. (B, L)

Tuesday, October 18
National Anthropological Museum / Frida Kahlo Blue House
Explore México City’s National Anthropological Museum, considered one of the world’s finest anthropological museums. Take a privately guided visit with a focus on Pre-Columbian art including the Maya Room and the original jade jewels found in the archeological site of Palenque in Chiapas. Next, journey to see Frida Kahlo’s Blue House where she lived with Diego Rivera in Coyoacán, which houses a number of her works of art and numerous relics from her personal life. This evening gather for cocktails and dinner at Casa Lamm. (B, L, D)

Wednesday, October 19
National Autonomous University / MUAC Museum / Museum Soumaya
Drive through the National Autonomous University of Mexico and the MUAC Art Museum. See the beautiful architecture and murals designed by Juan O’Gorman. Depart to the Private Museum Soumaya, founded by Carlos Slim and known for its striking architecture. Visit the new Jumex Museum, containing—the largest private collection of contemporary art in Latin America amassed by Eugenio López Alonso, heir to the Jumex fortune. Farewell dinner (B, L, D)

Thursday, October 20
Return to the U.S.
Transfer to the international airport for flights home OR continue to San Miguel Allende Post-trip extension. (B)
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