



**ECOLIFE**  
CONSERVATION

**ROAR OF THE MONARCH  
EXPEDITION TO MEXICO**

**2019**

The background of the entire page is a close-up, artistic photograph of monarch butterfly wings. The wings are a mix of orange, black, and white, with intricate patterns of veins and spots. The lighting is soft, highlighting the texture of the wing scales.

# travel for good

## WITH ECOLIFE

Immerse yourself in the rare beauty of millions of monarchs in their protected sanctuaries in the high mountains of Michoacán, Mexico. Butterfly wings create a humming chorus - what we call the '**ROAR OF THE MONARCH**' - an experience like no other.

Between butterfly journeys, indulge in delicious Mexican cuisine, be pampered in unique lodging, and discover the historical and cultural features distinct to the colonial cities of Michoacán. Visit local artisans of the region and explore beautiful Morelia, Pátzcuaro, and Zitácuaro.

Internationally recognized biologist and ECOLIFE Founder Bill Toone has traveled to experience the monarchs for over 30 years. He invites you to experience the butterflies in their full glory during our 2019 Mexico Expedition. Alongside him, local guide Alejandro Vilchis teaches you the true traditions of Central Mexico.

Join us in 2019 for an adventurous and authentic experience of monarchs butterflies, people, and marvelous Michoacán!

**FEBRUARY 17-24, 2019**

A large group of monarch butterflies is shown on a mossy branch. The butterflies are densely packed, with their wings creating a complex pattern of orange, black, and white. The background is a soft, out-of-focus grey. The image is overlaid with a diagonal split: the top right is a light grey gradient, and the bottom right is a teal gradient.

experience one  
of the world's most

# majestic wonders

experience the **unforgettable** when traveling with ECOLIFE to Mexico's **best kept secrets**

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### DAY 1 - SUNDAY 2/17 | MORELIA

Arrive at the Morelia Airport where you will be personally escorted to the luxurious Hotel de la Soledad by Bill and his wife, Sunni. Indulge in delightful sightseeing of Morelia's colonial architecture and art. Recharge in your room after a dinner of authentic cuisine and prepare for an adventure-packed week.



### DAY 2 - MONDAY 2/18 | PÁTZCUARO

Fall in love with local artisans en route to the beautiful Hotel Boutique Casa Leal. Spend your day exploring the plaza and streets in the colonial gem of Pátzcuaro. Enjoy lunch at the award winning restaurant of Blanca Villagomez.



### DAY 3 - TUESDAY 2/19 | PÁTZCUARO

Journey to the charming village of Santa Clara del Cobre where you will enjoy a private demonstration by a family of coppersmiths. Leisure through the cobbled streets lined with artisan copper shops. End your day enjoying a cocktail on the rooftop terrace overlooking panoramic views of historic Pátzcuaro.



## DAY 4 - WEDNESDAY 2/20 | ZITÁCUARO

Prepare for your stay at the quaint estate of Rancho San Cayetano, your home for three nights. Located thirty minutes outside the butterfly reserves, you will enjoy plentiful family meals, relax poolside, or visit the local community featured in Humphrey Bogart's *Treasures of the Sierra Madres*.



## DAY 5+6 - 2/21-2/22 | BUTTERFLIES!

At last, with cameras ready, you will make your excursion to see the majestic butterflies. Your amazing wildlife experience begins with a horseback ride to reach the peaks of the butterfly sanctuaries.

Prepare for two days of unforgettable beauty within the fragile forests where millions of monarchs shelter for the winter.

As you learn about the efforts to preserve the monarch, you will also get a chance to meet members of the community invested in improving the health of families through the use of ECOLIFE's programs.





## DAY 7 - SATURDAY, 2/23 | MORELIA

Return to the beautiful colonial city of Morelia, offering your last savoring moments of true tourism. Enjoy your last night at Hotel de la Soledad, located one block from the magnificent Morelia Cathedral - an iconic building that cannot be missed with its dynamic architectural styles and rare 16th-century artwork. Past ECOLIFE travelers raved over the surprising European elements that paint the true culture of Michoacán.



## DAY 8 - SUNDAY, 2/24 | HOME

Adios Mexico! Wake up to canaries singing in the courtyard and spend the morning at your leisure - enjoying brunch or exploring the bustling downtown streets. Pack your bags and say farewell to the friends you are sure to have made. ECOLIFE staff will assure your safe transportation to the airport for your flight departing Morelia.

## What's Included?

- Food and beverages, including alcohol
- First class accommodations in Mexico's finest hotels
- Comfortable ground transportation
- Park entry fees and horseback rides
- Tips for all hotels and meals



### Trip Cost:

**\$3,500**

*(Airfare not included)*

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ready to travel?

**register today!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED:** Send a copy of passport to [admin@ecolifeconservation.org](mailto:admin@ecolifeconservation.org)

Enclosed is my tax deductible deposit of \$1,250 *(Checks made payable to ECOLIFE)*

Please charge my tax deductible deposit of \$1,250 to my credit card

Card # \_\_\_\_\_

Name on Card \_\_\_\_\_

Exp. Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ CVV \_\_\_\_\_ Billing Zip \_\_\_\_\_

## *the fine print*

**DEPOSIT:** A non-refundable, tax deductible deposit of \$1,250 per person confirms your reservation along with this registration form. The final balance is due 60 days prior to departure.

**SINGLES & SHARES:** Travelers who would prefer a single room are subject to a fee of \$275. We cannot always guarantee single accommodations even after reservations and confirmations have been made. We will be happy to make a roommate match for you.

Cancellations must be received no later than 90 calendar days prior to departure. One registration form per traveler.

These unforgettable sights require the ability to hike or ride a horse at altitudes up to 11,000 feet. Altitude sickness affects some, resulting in symptoms that range from mild to life-threatening. Check with your doctor prior to travel.

# frequently asked questions

## **How much does the trip cost?**

\$3,500 per person

## **What if I'm traveling alone?**

There is a supplement cost of \$275 for a single room.

## **Does this price include airfare?**

Because our guests come from all different places in the nation (and world!) this cost does not include airfare.

## **What is the deposit?**

The deposit for the trip is \$1,250 and is counted towards your total trip cost. Your deposit is **100% TAX**

**DEDUCTIBLE!** That's right - before you even visit the butterflies in Mexico, you will be playing a part in directly helping their habitat.

## **You didn't answer my question!**

We have more FAQs on our website or call us at (760) 740-1346. We're happy to answer questions or tell you more about this travel opportunity.



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