



ECOLIFE
CONSERVATION

**ROAR OF THE MONARCH
EXPEDITION TO MEXICO**

2023

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for ECOLIFE


Take a trip of a lifetime to witness one of the world's most rare biological phenomena: the monarch butterfly migration. Monarchs travel from Canada to spend the winter in their protected sanctuaries in the mountains of Michoacán, Mexico. Butterfly wings create a humming chorus - what we call the **'ROAR OF THE MONARCH'** - an experience like no other.

We invite you to indulge in regional, delicious Mexican cuisine, be pampered in unique lodging, and discover the historical and cultural features distinct to the colonial cities of Michoacán. We will visit local artisans of the region and explore beautiful Morelia, Pátzcuaro, and Zitácuaro.

We invite you to experience the butterflies in their full glory during our 2023 Mexico Expedition. Alongside ECOLIFE staff, local guide Alejandro Vilchis teaches you the true traditions of Central Mexico.

Join us in 2023 for an adventure of monarchs butterflies, people, and marvelous Michoacán!

FEBRUARY 26-MARCH 5, 2023

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**



DAY 1 - SUNDAY 2/26 | MORELIA

Arrive at the Morelia Airport where you will be personally escorted to the luxurious Villa Montaña Hotel & Spa. Enjoy sightseeing of Morelia's colonial architecture and art, enjoy a group meal, and prepare for an adventure-packed week.



DAY 2 - MONDAY 2/27 | 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 2/28 | 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 3/1 | ZITÁCUARO

Relax poolside 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 means, play pingpong, or visit the local community featured in Humphrey Bogart's Treasures of the Sierra Madres.



DAY 5+6 - 3/2-3/3 | 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, 3/4 | MORELIA

Return to Morelia, and 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



DAY 8 - SUNDAY, 3/5 | 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?

- \$1,500 tax deductible contribution to ECOLIFE Conservation's work
- 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:

\$4,250

(Airfare not included)

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ready to travel?

register today!

Are you ready to join on a the trip of a lifetime? You can provide all the necessary information and pay the deposit on the ECOLIFE Conservation travel registration website available here:

www.ecolifeconservation.org/travel

After researching the trip and what ECOLIFE offers, feel free to reach out with any questions, comments, or concerns. You may contact at ECOLIFE at any time via:

- Email: admin@ecolifeconservation.org
- Phone: (760) 740-1346
- Office: 101 N. Broadway Escondido, CA 92025

the fine print

DEPOSIT: A non-refundable, tax deductible deposit of \$1,500 per person and completed registration form confirms your reservation.

The final balance is due 60 days prior to departure.

The trip is known to sell out quickly, so reserve quickly to secure your spot.

SINGLES & SHARES: Travelers who would prefer a single room are subject to a fee of \$700. 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?

The total cost of the trip is \$4,250, \$1,500 of the trip cost is a 100% tax deductible contribution to ECOLIFE conservation.

What if I'm traveling alone?

There is a supplement cost of \$700 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 \$1,500 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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