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**PUEBLA**

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10 things to know about

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### **1. First settlement**

Puebla was founded on April 16th 1531 as the first 'perfect' city in the Americas; that is, a city built to accommodate only Spaniards

### **2. Documentary heritage of the City**

Unlike other cities, the Archive of the City of Puebla preserves unique documents such as the original Royal Charter that establishes its foundation and its Royal Provision, showcasing the famous coat of arms of the city. Because of their importance, the aforementioned documents and many others belonging to the Archive have been inserted in the UNESCO-Mexico Memory of the World Register.

### **3. A Historic Centre to admire**

The Historic Centre of Puebla ("World Heritage" by UNESCO since December 11th 1987), contains 2619 monuments distributed across 391 blocks allocated over 6.9 square kilometres; making Puebla the city with the largest number of monuments in the Americas.

### **4. Mexican History and Puebla**

Many relevant historical events have occurred in the city of Puebla; for example, the famous "Battle of 5 de Mayo" commemorated even outside of Mexico. This battle took place in 1862 and in it the Mexican army defeated the French army (then considered the strongest of all). Furthermore, the city is the birthplace of the Mexican Revolution; on November 18th 1910 the Serdán siblings were attacked at their house by the Mexican government due to their subversive ideas and activities. The revolution movement spread across the country in the days after this attack.

### **5. The only place where you can find such things**

The Pueblan Talavera is one of the few Mexican products with protected designation of origin. Talavera is a type of ceramic that has been produced without interruption for more than four centuries, making it one of the most important Folk Art expressions of Mexico.

### **6. A mouthful of joy**

The Pueblan Gastronomy is one of the most diverse and exquisite in Mexico and the world. Puebla has provided Mexico with its most traditional dish: Mole Poblano (chilli chocolate sauce). Also, one can find there Chiles en Nogada (spicy peppers filled with mince and covered in batter and nut sauce), Chalupas (small fried tortilla snacks) and Cemitas (giant baps).

### **7. Memory of the World in Puebla**

The Palafoxian Library is considered the oldest library in the Americas with an intact collection and where the building and all the shelves and furniture are original. These characteristics lead UNESCO to add the Library to its Memory of the World Registry in June 2005.

### **8. A treasure protecting more treasures**

The Cathedral of Puebla is considered one of the most beautiful cathedrals in the world, in addition to having the tallest towers in the continent. Furthermore, The Cathedral safeguards an important art collection (paintings, sculptures, music compositions and documents).

### **9. The Eighth Wonder of the World**

The Chapel of the Rosary is the greatest baroque jewel of the seventeenth century in Puebla and Mexico. Since the day it opened its doors on April 16th 1690, the Chapel has been seen as one of a kind due to its symbolism and the quality of its decorations which are largely covered with gold foil.

### **10. A paradise in Puebla**

Africam Safari is the most important zoo-safari in Latin America. Wild animals roam free and make an unforgettable experience for visitors, encouraging them to love and respect our planet.