

Social Justice

Sample Itinerary

1 week



	Activity
Day 1	
Bienvenidos	
1:00 PM	Arrivals and transportation to hotel, depending on arrival times we can provide a light lunch.
2:00 PM	Trip to the grocery store to buy snacks and use ATMs
4:00 PM	Explore downtown Bucerias before a short orientation about local health and safety norms
7:00 PM	Welcome Dinner
8:30 PM	Return to hotel and settle in for the night
Day 2	
Indigenous Cultures	
7:30 - 8:30 AM	Breakfast available at hotel
9:00 AM	Presentation in HC's office about the area, our clients, and the way that the community has developed due to tourism and its effects on the local culture. We will discuss expectations and plans for the week ahead.
9:45 AM	Head out on a typical Human Connections Tour: The stories of local indigenous entrepreneurs and migrants will give us a glimpse into the relationship between migration, cultural identity, family and gender in modern-day Mexico. Lunch is included as the final stop on the tour!
1:30 PM	Free time to rest in Bucerias
3:30 PM	Depart for Sayulita
4:00 AM	Meet with an American anthropologist who created the Huichol Center for Cultural Survival. This organization works to protect the Huichol culture through social programming that is funded by the sale of Huichol jewelry so remarkable that it has been featured on the cover of Vogue magazine
5:30 PM	Enjoy a meal prepared at a socially responsible restaurant
7:00 PM	Return to Bucerias
7:30 PM	Free time to explore Bucerias or return to the hotel
Day 3	
Gender Dynamics	
7:30 - 8:45 AM	Breakfast available at hotel
9:15 AM	Meet with two female entrepreneurs and their families to learn about the social and familial implications of being born a woman in contemporary Mexico.
11:30 AM	Lunch at an environmentally responsible local restaurant

1:00 PM	Meet at the Human Connections' office for a discussion about about Oportunidades, a program run by the Mexican government that incentivizes parents to prioritize their children's education and health
1:45 PM	Engage in a Q&A session with a local mom who has participated in this program, as well as a local expert who has seen it in action, in order to understand local perspectives on its effectiveness.
3:00 PM	Depart for San Pancho
3:30 PM	Take a guided tour of Entreamigos, an innovative, environmentally friendly community center that has been transformative for the local community. Learn about their philosophy of education as the cornerstone of inclusive and sustainable community development.
4:30 PM	Free time to explore the beautiful beach town of San Pancho
7:00 PM	Dinner at La Chalupa, a historic restaurant in San Pancho. Enjoy a traditional meal and discuss the experiences of the day.
8:30 PM	Return to Bucerias
9:00 PM	Arrive at hotel
Day 4	Day of Service
7:30 - 9:00 AM	Breakfast available at hotel
9:30 AM	Depart for Entreamigos in San Pancho
10:30 AM	Q&A with Entreamigos leaders to understand their expectations for your volunteer projects.
12:00 PM	Break for lunch in San Pancho
1:00 PM	Begin volunteer project
5:00 PM	Return to Bucerías for some time to rest before dinner
7:00 PM	Dinner at a beachside restaurant
8:30 PM	Return to the hotel
Day 5	LGBT communities in the Bay of Banderas
7:30 - 8:30 AM	Breakfast available at hotel
9:00 AM	Meet with locals who will share their experiences about being LGBT in the Bucerias area
11:30 AM	Lunch, catered by my Mexican Kitchen, local caterers who will share their story with us
1:30 PM	Depart for Puerto Vallarta, an area known as a safe-haven for LGBT Mexicans and tourists
2:30 PM	Visit SETAC, Puerto Vallarta's LGBT Community Center and further delve into the gay tourism/migration phenomenon that forms an integral part of this city's social fabric
4:30 PM	Free time to explore PV's beautiful colonial city and stroll the famous Malecon
6:30 PM	Dinner at a socially responsible restaurant
7:30 PM	Depart for Bucerias

8:30 PM	Arrive at the hotel
Day 6	Migration
7:30 - 8:30 AM	Breakfast available at hotel
9:00 AM	Presentation on Migration in HC office. We'll talk about the different factors for migrating, as well as patterns of migration within Mexico itself. We'll also touch upon US-Mexico migration, and the experience of migrants returning to Mexico from the US.
10:00 AM	Meet the Lopez Lopez family, who travel between their home state of Chiapas, and Bucerias every 6 months as a part of their business model.
11:30 AM	Lunch at a traditional local restaurant
1:30 PM	Meet Leonarda, a mother of 3 from the Huichol culture, migrated to Bucerias at a young age.
3:30 PM	Lastly we'll meet with Miriam, who lives in a working class community outside of Bucerias. She'll tell us her incredible story of crossing the border into the US, her experiences there, and her eventual return to Mexico.
5:30 PM	Return to the hotel to freshen up before dinner
6:30 PM	Dinner at a local restaurant
8:30 PM	Return to the hotel
Day 7	Excursion
7:30 - 8:30 AM	Breakfast available at hotel
9:00 AM	Full Day excursion Option 1: Jungle Hike *Snacks provided throughout hike Option 2: Nuevo Ixtlan hot springs Option 3: Tour of a coffee plantation
2:00 PM	Stop at a local restaurant for lunch
6:00 PM	Return to hotel to freshen up for dinner
7:00 PM	Farewell dinner at beachside restaurant
8:30 PM	Free time to explore or return to the hotel
Day 8	Hasta Luego
7:30 - 9:00 AM	Breakfast available at hotel
Early Afternoon	Transportation to the airport and departures from PVR