

OAXACA



Hello from Oaxaca City

Officially Oaxaca de Juárez, commonly Oaxaca City or simply just Oaxaca like its namesake state. However you call it, this city is undoubtedly Mexico's cultural and culinary capital. Oaxaca vibrates with creative energy, rich and proud indigenous culture, and gastronomic delights like nowhere else. But underneath its charming churches and cobblestone streets is an intense, but safe, undercurrent, revealing itself through politically-charged street art and public protests in one of Mexico's poorest states.



How Long to Spend

4 - 6 nights



Closest Airport

Oaxaca International Airport



Bus Service

ADO Bus

Things to do in Oaxaca City

01

Marvel at Templo de Santo Domingo, the grandest and most picturesque church in the city. The surrounding plaza and pedestrian streets are simply stunning. Sip a coffee on an alfresco patio, or a cocktail from a rooftop terrace and soak up the atmosphere.

02

Visit the beating heart of the city, Mercado Benito Juárez and Mercado 20 de Noviembre. You'll find produce, food stalls and artisanal wares in a hectic maze of colour and activity.

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Explore the Zócalo, the city's central square formally known as Plaza de la Constitución. Oaxaca's main cathedral stands next to it, and the square is bordered by lots of ornate government buildings.

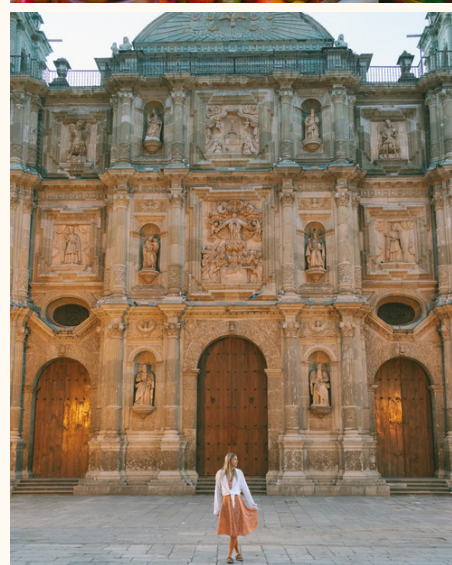
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Visit the ancient city of Monte Albán, an incredibly preserved archaeological site just outside the city. Marvel at pyramids constructed by the Zapotec, and the incredible views over the Valley of Oaxaca from atop the hill. Take a taxi or the bus that runs directly to the ruins from outside of Hotel Rivera del Angel.

05

Take a short walk up a hill above the city, to see the sunset from Auditorio Guelaguetza. Get fantastic views of the city, and see the sun dip down below the mountains. Don't hang around too long as the area can get a bit sketchy at night.



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Walk down the prettiest street in the city, *Andador Turístico*. This pedestrian-only cobblestone street is decorated with colourful flags and is the perfect photo spot. It connects the Zocalo area with Templo de Santo Domingo.



07

Do a tour of *Jardin Etnobotánico*, located inside the grounds of the Templo de Santo Domingo. Taking a guided tour is the only way to visit this unique garden, featuring only local plants and plenty of cool cacti! Check at the gate for updated tour times.



08

Head to one of many *rooftop terrazas* for a cocktail with an amazing view of the city. Try Los Amantes or Terraza Istmo, and time your visit for sunset to enjoy the golden hour glow with a mezcalita in hand.



09

Check out *Basilica de Nuestra Señora de La Soledad* and *Plaza de La Danza* next to it. A beautiful old church, with a plaza full of traditional ice cream shops! Known as ice cream square, you'll find plenty of local families enjoying a *helado*.



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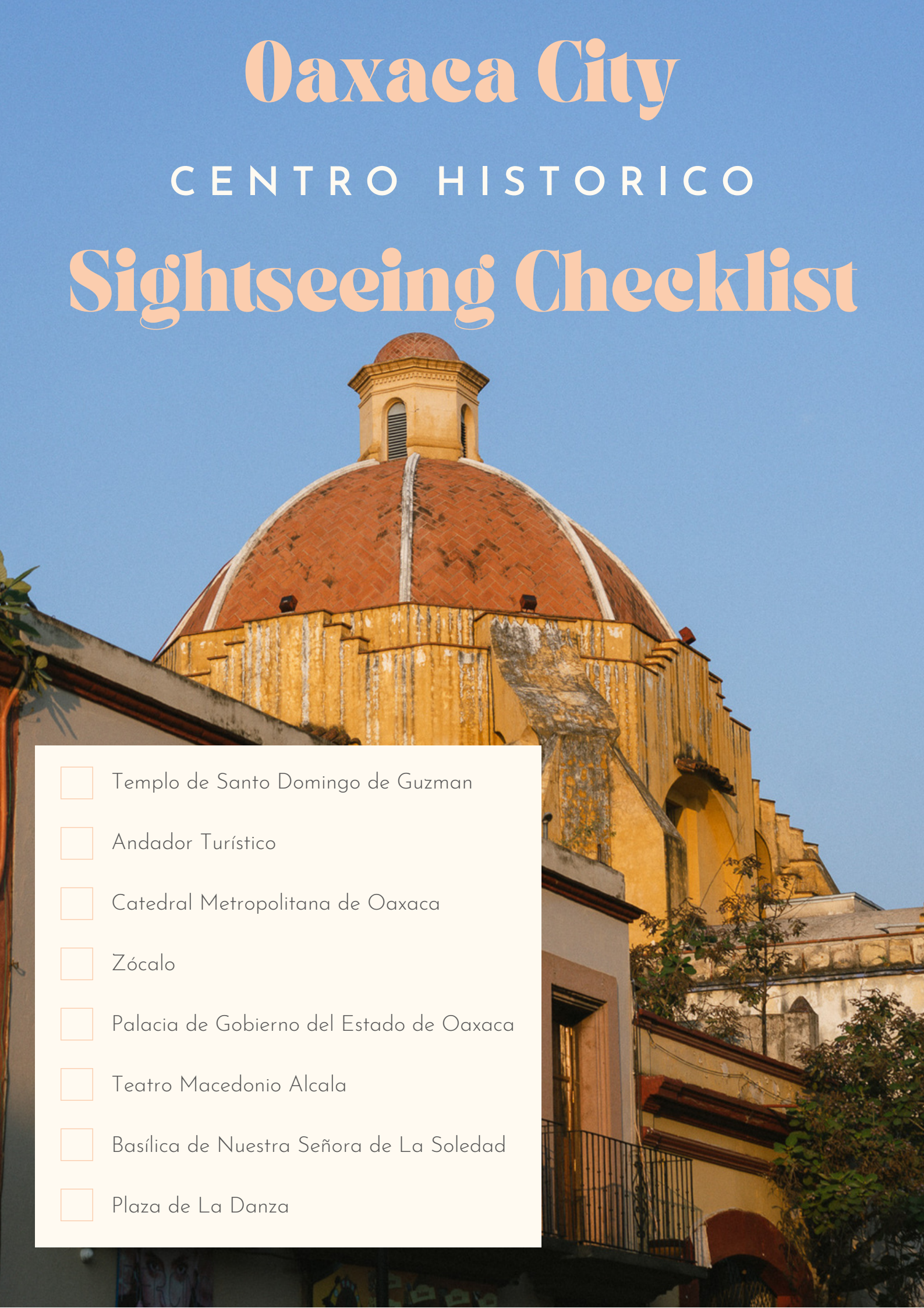
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Wander aimlessly around the historic centre with a camera hand. The city is full of gorgeous colourful buildings, profound street art depicting cultural and societal issues, and of course, VW beetles all over the place!

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CENTRO HISTORICO

Sightseeing Checklist

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- ☐ Templo de Santo Domingo de Guzman
 - ☐ Andador Turístico
 - ☐ Catedral Metropolitana de Oaxaca
 - ☐ Zócalo
 - ☐ Palacio de Gobierno del Estado de Oaxaca
 - ☐ Teatro Macedonio Alcalá
 - ☐ Basílica de Nuestra Señora de La Soledad
 - ☐ Plaza de La Danza



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Where to Stay

- Hostel: [Casa Angel](#)
- Affordable Private: [Airbnb](#)
- Boutique/Sustainable: [GRANA B&B](#)

Where to Eat

- **Boulenc:** An artisanal bakery cum restaurant, known for its pizzas, bread, and happy hour mezcalitas
- **Tacos Roy:** A typical Mexican taco restaurant with cheap and quick al pastor tacos, and delicious pozole
- **Meat Alley:** A loud, hectic, smokey haze in Mercado 20 de Noviembre, where vendors sell carne asada, coordinating with other vendors serving roasted vegetables, salads, salsas and tortillas
- **Cafebre:** A lovely cafe serving delicious options for breakfast, brunch and lunch with good coffee



Cafe Pick

Muss Cafe



Best Bar

Terraza Los Amantes



Sweet Tooth

Marquesita Carts on the Street

