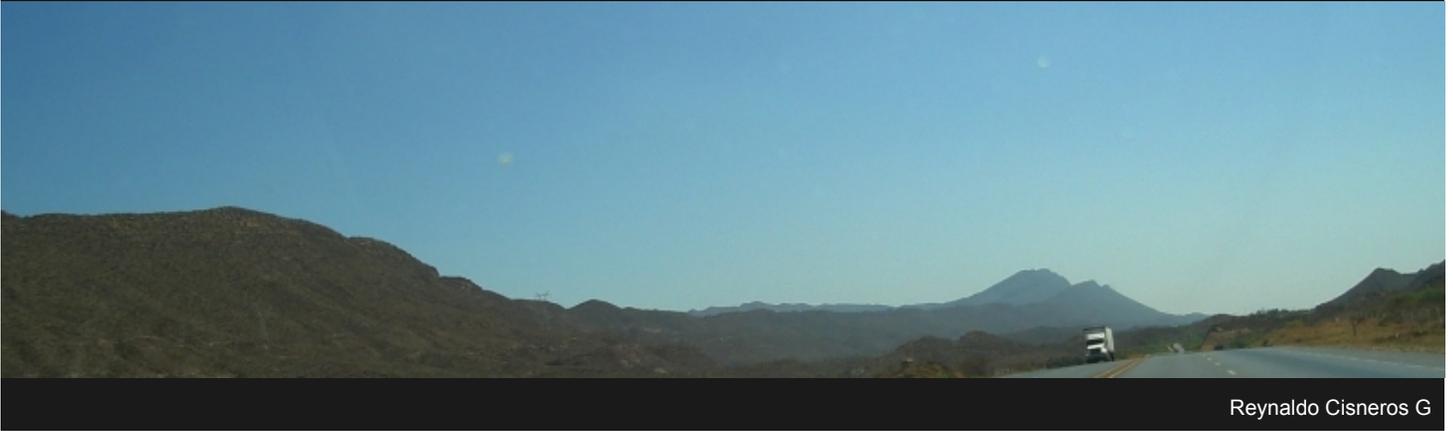




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Churches Tour in San Andres Cholula

Cholula, 1 Day

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Guide Description



AUTHOR NOTE: Cholula is world wide famous for having so many churches. Legend has it there are 365 domes in the city, one for each day of the year.

This tour will take you through 8 beautiful, small churches in rural San Andres.

They are scattered in a 6 by 4 blocks area so, you can walk to all of them.

Itinerary Overview

things to do
restaurants
hotels
nightlife

Day 1 - Cholula

DAY NOTE: Our tour begins at the San Andrés Zocalo. In front of it, the Parroquia de San Andrés stands unmistakable. This is the most important church in San Andrés and is a beautiful example of the heavy constructions the Spaniards did after the Conquista.

Along the 3 Sur (the street behind the City Hall on the Zocalo) you'll find three small churches. The first one is San Miguelito Xochimihuacan, then a small chapel-like church called San Andresito and finally Santa Maria Cuaco with the image of the Virgin Mary on the railing.

Walking south along the 11 Oriente the next church is San Pedro Colomoxco with beautiful indigenous figures on the facade and the tower. This is one of the most beautiful facades in this tour, and if you have been to Tonantzintla you won't be able to deny the connection. If you haven't been there you should go!

On 2 Sur at 9 Oriente (two blocks east San Pedro) the Santo Niño de Macuila church, with the little kid saint on the facade, stands. Two blocks north the Santisima Trinidad with its beautiful garden to the right (where children attend catechism on Saturdays) is a wonderful work of art.

We'll end this tour at the Santiago Xicotenco church. A small, beautiful and colorful church. Most of these churches are closed almost all day, because there are so many churches that they don't actually use them all. However, Santiago is open most of the time. You should go inside, the ceilings are amazing. This is a hidden baroque jewel.

When you leave the church, at the left corner you'll find the ruins of what used to be a church. This is not that common here, actually is pretty weird to find these remains in such a natural environment.

When you're done admiring both Santiago and the ruins, walk West two blocks and you'll be back in the Parroquia de San Andrés.



Santa Maria Cuaco

A beautiful small church in San Andres.



San Pedro Colomoxco

A beautiful small church in San Andres.



Santo Niño de Macuila

A beautiful small church in San Andres.



Santisima Trinidad

A beautiful small church in San Andres.



Santiago Xicotenco

A pretty unknown jewel in the middle of San Andres.



Zocalo de San Andres

The heart of San Andres.



Parroquia de San Andres

This is the most important church of San Andres Cholula.



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location:

16 de Septiembre at 3
Poniente
Cholula Puebla

Zocalo de San Andres

DESCRIPTION: This is San Andres Cholula's Main Square, the heart of the city. Is not as lively as San Pedro Cholula's, next to the Pyramid, and it doesn't have such a touristic air, but it's still a beautiful place to stroll. © NileGuide



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location:

16 de Septiembre at 3
Poniente
Cholula Puebla

Parroquia de San Andres

DESCRIPTION: This Church was built in 1509 and is the most important one in San Andres Cholula. (Remember there are two Cholulas, San Andres and San Pedro) Its most famous feature is how tall the facade seems because of the slender towers at each side and how little ornaments it has. Inside, the Church is like a museum. Dozens of paintings are shown along the main nave. The painting called La Trinidad (The Trinity) was made by the celebrated artist Pascual Perez. © NileGuide



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location:
3 Sur at 3 Poniente
Cholula Puebla

San Miguelito Xochimihuacan

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San Andresito

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3 Sur at 11 Oriente
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Santa Maria Cuaco

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16 de Septiembre at 11
Oriente
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San Pedro Colomoxco

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2 Sur at 9 Oriente
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Santo Niño de Macuila

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2 Sur at 5 Oriente
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Santisima Trinidad

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location:

Av. Avila Camacho between 6 and 8 sur
Cholula Puebla

Santiago Xicotenco

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location:

14 Oriente at 2 Norte
Cholula Puebla

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San Juan Aquiahuac

DESCRIPTION: Cholula is filled with churches, legend has it there are 365 domes in this city, one for each day of the city. This beautiful, small church, somehow got lost in the middle of the chaos that Camino Real is. It's surrounded by restaurants, bars and shops. This is an island of tranquility that looks almost ridiculous on that street.

It's a tiny colorful church you should visit if you happen to be walking along Camino Real and you see it's open. © NileGuide



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Cholula Snapshot

Fun Facts

1. The Great Pyramid of Cholula is the largest on earth in terms of volume.
2. The Spaniards destroyed all the ancient civilization temples, and to make up for it, they built many churches with 365 domes in total, one for each day of the year.
3. When the conqueror Hernan Cortes arrived, Cholula was second only to the Aztec capital Tenochtitlan.
4. Its official name is Cholula de Rivadavia, and it's divided in two municipalities: San Andrés Cholula and San Pedro Cholula.
5. The word Cholula comes from the Nahuatl word Cholollan, though nobody knows exactly what it means.
6. Some young people call this city Cholulandia because of the many bars, clubs, restaurants and lively nightlife that makes it the ultimate place to have fun.
7. Every year, on the last Friday of November, 130 tollers go up the bell towers of 24 churches to play a bell concert called "Vaniloquio Campanero".
8. Most people living in Puebla (just 15 km away) don't know where San Pedro Cholula ends and San Andrés Cholula begins.
9. Many of the postcards sold in Puebla are a picture of the Our Lady of Remedies Church with the Popocatepetl behind. So, they sell Puebla Postcards that are actually a picture of Cholula.
10. In 1999 a terrible earthquake damaged the Lady of Remedies Church on top of the Pyramid. It was said that it was beyond repair, so the phrase The Remedies has no Remedies was born. Eventually they managed to save it.
11. The famous hot sauce Cholula is not produced here, but in Guadalajara. Still, it's named after the ancient site.
12. Cholula is considered a University City, because the UDLAP (Universidad de las Americas Puebla).

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