



Retablo de la Biblioteca Palafoxiana
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Canon: The city's basics

Catedral de Puebla

16 de Septiembre entre 3 y 5 oriente. Centro histórico.

Monday to Saturday 10:00-18:00 hrs / Sunday 12:30
-14:00 hrs

This beautiful construction is considered Puebla's most representative icon. The sobriety of its exterior made of grey quarry stone and its ornamented gates are the perfect frame for the lighted up interior, full of artistic treasures that welcome any visitor who wants to immerse himself into 300 years of history and art. Its magnificent towers, the highest of the all Latin America's Cathedrals are the biggest attraction pointing to the sky and always reminding the visitor that he is in the City of the Angels.

Biblioteca Palafoxiana

5 oriente, no. 5, Centro histórico.

Tuesday to Sunday 10:00-16:00 hrs.

The library was founded in 1646, thanks to Bishop Palafox y Mendoza's donation, which consisted in more than 5000 books and was his personal library. The donation was originally made to the Saint Peter and Saint John Colleges, and then was increased with subsequent donations. The Palafoxiana Library is considered the first public library of the American continent, and the only one that still keeps its own original building, furniture, bookcases and documentary archives. Because of all the above the Palafoxiana was declared a UNESCO world heritage site in 2005.

Zócalo

It is the heart of the Puebla's historic downtown, and a pivotal place for the city. Also the place is the initial site where the first straight streets city's were drawn following the ideals typical of the Renaissance period. The visitor could admire the City Hall, the "Portales" (Archways) and the magnificent Cathedral. At the square's center, there is the Saint Michael Fountain which is a fine example of the wonderful quality of the poblano baroque art.

Capilla del Rosario

5 de Mayo y 4 poniente. Centro Histórico

Monday and Friday 16:00-18:00 hrs / Tuesday to Thursday 9:00-12:00 and 16:00 to 18:00 hrs / Saturday and Sunday 12:30-18:00 hrs

The Church of the Saint Dominic shelters beautiful treasures such as its baroque altarpiece, the most precious jewel is the Our Lady of the Rosary Chapel, which since its opening on April, 16 1690 has been considered the "Eighth wonder of the new world" and the most representative work of the poblano baroque art given its insurmountable quality.

Museo Regional "Casa de Alfeñique"

4 oriente 416, Centro Histórico.

Tuesday to Sunday 10:00- 17:00 hrs

This beautiful and legendary house is the ideal start point to get acquainted through its artwork with the Puebla's history and the domestic life around 1700.

Casa del Deán

16 de Septiembre 505, Centro Histórico.

Tuesday to Sunday 10:00-17:00 hrs / Free Entrance on Sundays.

The most precious treasures of this house typical of the XVI century are its murals, which are a unique example of the native traditional art of painting mixed with the European motives in the American continent.

Triunfo de la Muerte de la Casa del Deán
Photo by Fabián Valdivia Pérez

