



ICOLD 2026

94TH ANNUAL MEETING

GUADALAJARA - MEXICO

23-29 may 2026

INITIAL BULLETIN



INVITATION

Distinguished ICOLD members, colleagues, and friends from the world of hydraulic engineering:

With great pride and excitement, I extend my most sincere invitation to ICOLD Mexico 2026, an event that promises to mark a before and after in the history of our organization. As President of ICOLD Mexico, it is an honor for me to host this extraordinary meeting, which will not only bring together the brightest minds in dam and water resources engineering, but will also be an opportunity to discover the greatness and wealth of a country that lives in constant synergy with water: Mexico.



Our country, with its unparalleled cultural diversity, breathtaking landscapes and legacy of innovation in hydraulic engineering, is ready to welcome you with open arms. Mexico has been able to transform its challenges into opportunities, and throughout our history we have demonstrated our capacity for resilience and evolution, in which water has always been and continues to be a symbol of life and prosperity.

ICOLD Mexico 2026 will be much more than a technical event; it will be a celebration of ideas that transform, projects that build sustainable futures and partnerships that are born to last. Here, under the Mexican sun, we will discuss global water challenges, share innovative solutions and celebrate our passion for creating a more resilient and connected world.

In addition to the technical richness, I invite you to immerse yourself in the vibrant culture of our country, to tour our colonial cities, to marvel at our archaeological sites and to let yourself be carried away by the warmth of our people. Every corner of Mexico tells a story, and I am sure that this will be an experience that will remain engraved in your memory.

With the conviction that together we will continue to build bridges of knowledge, I look forward to seeing you at Mexico 2026, an event that will be as unforgettable as it is transformative. It is time to share, learn and strengthen our global community around water, and what better place to do so than in the land where water flows like the very soul of our nation.

With gratitude and enthusiasm,

Dr. Humberto Marengo Mogollón
President, ICOLD Mexico

GUADALAJARA

Guadalajara is a city of folklore, colors and contrasts where the modern mingles with history, culture and colonial architecture, a place whose mariachis, tequila and traditional hospitality are its best emblems.

The harmonious blend of urban development, architecture, and a deep legacy of traditions make Guadalajara that tell the story of the metropolis. Its diverse historical sites, some of them declared World Heritage by UNESCO, are a great attraction.

Guadalajara is Mexico's 2nd largest city and the Capital of the State of Jalisco. Guadalajara is the birthplace of the most recognized Mexican symbols in the world: Mariachi, Tequila and Charreria.

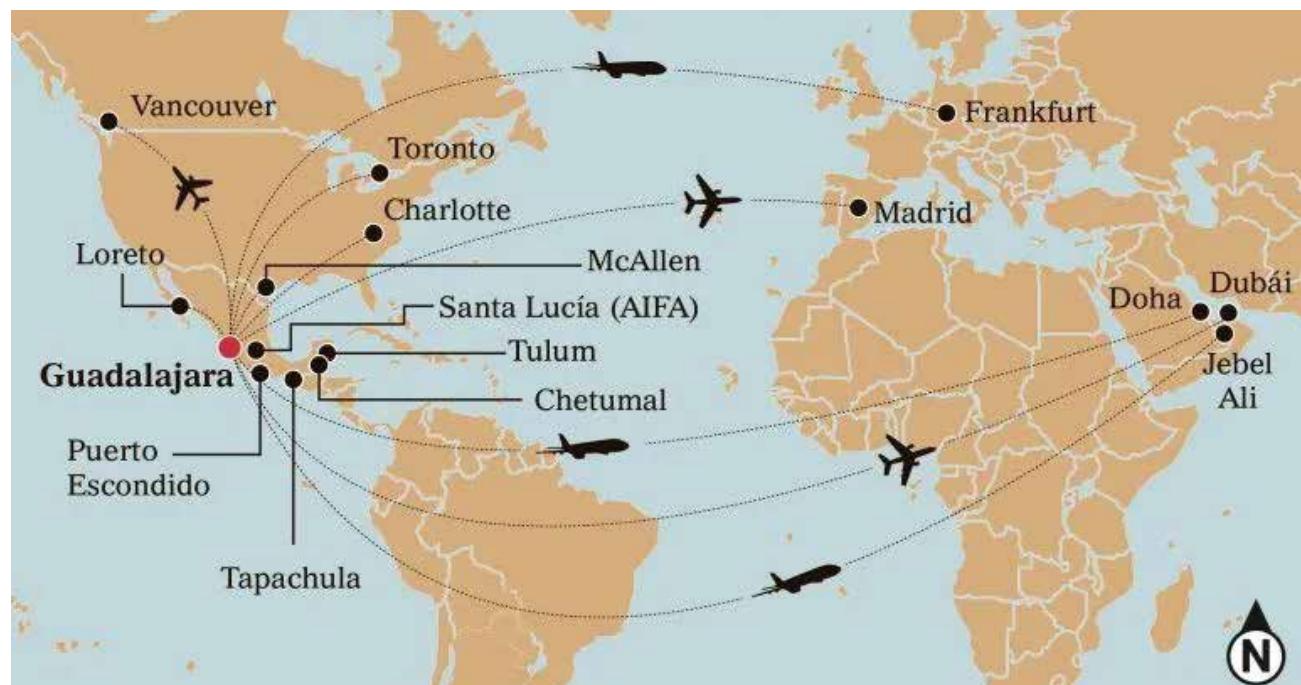
Due to the strength of its economy and quality of life, this cosmopolitan city is considered the second most important in Mexico. It is distinguished by its authentic colonial architecture, where each historic building speaks through its murals to remind us the social, political and economic transformation of our country.

In Jalisco, the blue agave crops are totally protected. They are protected by the declaration of Protection of the Origin of Tequila Denomination, a law established in Mexico since 1974.



CONNECTIVITY

Inside the airport, banking services, exchange currency offices, mailing services, restaurants and stores can be found, in addition to safe ground transport, taxicabs and buses.



AIR CONNECTIVITY

Guadalajara's airport is the third most important destination for companies that belong to the largest airline alliances of the world. These cooperation agreements offer access to both international and regional cities; therefore, the city is linked with 80% of the global routes. Miguel Hidalgo International Airport gets an

average of 400 daily flights with 22 international destinations, 29 national destinations and 1 to Latin America. It gets 19,000 passengers approximately every day and over 7.6 millions every year. Recently, it was extended in order to offer more connectivity.





VISAS

Traveling to Guadalajara for pleasure or for the purpose of tourism is easy. It all starts by requesting the visa.

Requirements for visa

Visitor visa without paid work permit:
Obtaining this visa allows you to travel to Mexico, move all over the authorized places for international circulation of people and stay in the Mexican territory for no longer than 180 days as long as the activity in the country does not generate any income.

Required documents:

- Original visa request form
- Original and copy of passport or identification and travel documents valid according to the international law.
- Photograph
- Document that proves financial solvency
- Original and copy of document that proves legal stay in Mexico.

Options to obtain the visa

In-person: in any of the 148 consulates that Mexico has abroad.

Go to: www.gob.mx/tramites/migracionvisa/ypsasaporte to see the most convenient location.

By telephone: Call 1 877 639 4835 (1 877 MEXITEL) from the U.S. and Canada or 01 800 639 4835 (01 800 MEXITEL) from Mexico. Mondays to Fridays from 8a.m. to 9p.m.; Saturdays, Sundays and holidays from 9a.m. to 6p.m.

The offices that offer the appointment scheduling system through MEXITEL are:

- In the U.S.: McAllen, Laredo, San Antonio, Denver, San José, Boston, Sacramento, Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Phoenix, New Orleans, Detroit and Albuquerque.
- In Canada: Calgary
- Rest of the world: Cuba, Guatemala (Guatemala City and Tecun Uman), China (Beijing, Guangdong and Hong Kong), India, Ecuador, Niger, Spain (Madrid and Barcelona), Nicaragua, France, Dominican Republic, Argentina, Panama, Peru, Chile, Haiti and Honduras.

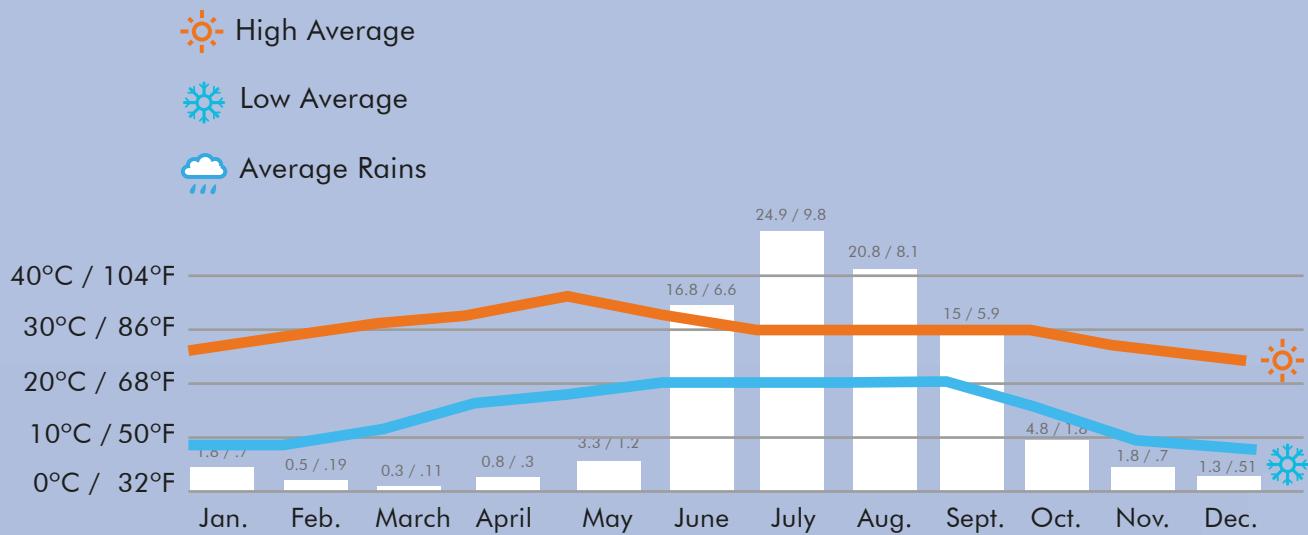
If the visa is requested in a consulate different from the ones mentioned above, please ask at the consulate of your preference





WEATHER

Average weather: 22°C / 71°F





PROGRAM

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
19-21, May	Pre-Study Tour, Dams of the Santiago River		
22, May (Friday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting of ICOLD Board• Registration	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meeting of TCs Chairpersons• Registration	
23, May (Saturday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ICOLD Technical Committees Workshops• Registration• City Tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ICOLD Technical Committee Workshops• Registration• City Tour	
24, May (Sunday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ICOLD TECHNICAL COMMITTEES MEETINGS• Registration• City Tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ICOLD TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS• Young Professionals' Forum• Regional Club Meetings (AM, EU, AS, AF)• City Tour• French-speaking Committees Meeting• Registration	Young Professionals' Night
25, May (Monday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Plenary Session / Invited VIP Speakers• Exhibition Opening	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Symposium• Press Conference• Exhibition	Welcome Reception in Exhibit Hall
26, May (Tuesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Symposium• Cultural Tour (Local Guadalajara)• Exhibition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• International Symposium• Cultural Tour (Local Guadalajara)• Short Courses / Workshops• Exhibition	Cultural Event
27, May (Wednesday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short Courses / Workshops• Technical Site Visit (La Yesca Dam) & Technical Site Visit (Local Water Projects)• Exhibition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Short Courses / Workshops• Technical Site Visits• Exhibition	
28, May (Thursday)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Assembly• Technical Site Visit (La Yesca Dam) & Technical Site Visit (Local Water Projects)• Exhibition	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• General Assembly• Technical Site Visits• Closing Ceremony	Farewell Dinner
29-31, May (Friday)	Post-Study Tour (TBD)		





TRADE EXPO

EXPOGUADALAJARA GUADALAJARA BALLROOM

Expo Guadalajara, a convention center of international renown, with more than three decades of history, now offers nearly 120,000 square meters of space. Each year, it hosts more than 80 exhibitions, 260 social and corporate events, the most important Book Fair in Ibero-America, and 21 international congresses, drawing up to 60,000 people daily through its 29 halls, with capacity for 28,000 simultaneous Wi-Fi connections and nearly 2,000 parking spaces. In other words, it is a "hall of halls" that can accommodate absolutely everything, adapting to all needs and welcoming all kinds of audiences.

On its esplanade, Expo Guadalajara features ideal spaces for concerts, parades, and large-scale cultural events with world-class artists—often the highlight of cultural events like the International Book Fair. Of course, it also includes all the infrastructure needed for catering small events, and it offers sandwiches, coffee, and meals at the venue's restaurant.

Moreover, it is located in Mexico's second most important city, which offers visitors a wide range of entertainment, culture, cuisine, and nightlife—perfect for mixing business with pleasure.



Expo Guadalajara is the largest congress and convention center in Mexico and one the largest and most important in Latin America.

With 37 years of experience, it is the ideal venue to fulfill the requirements of world-class international congresses.

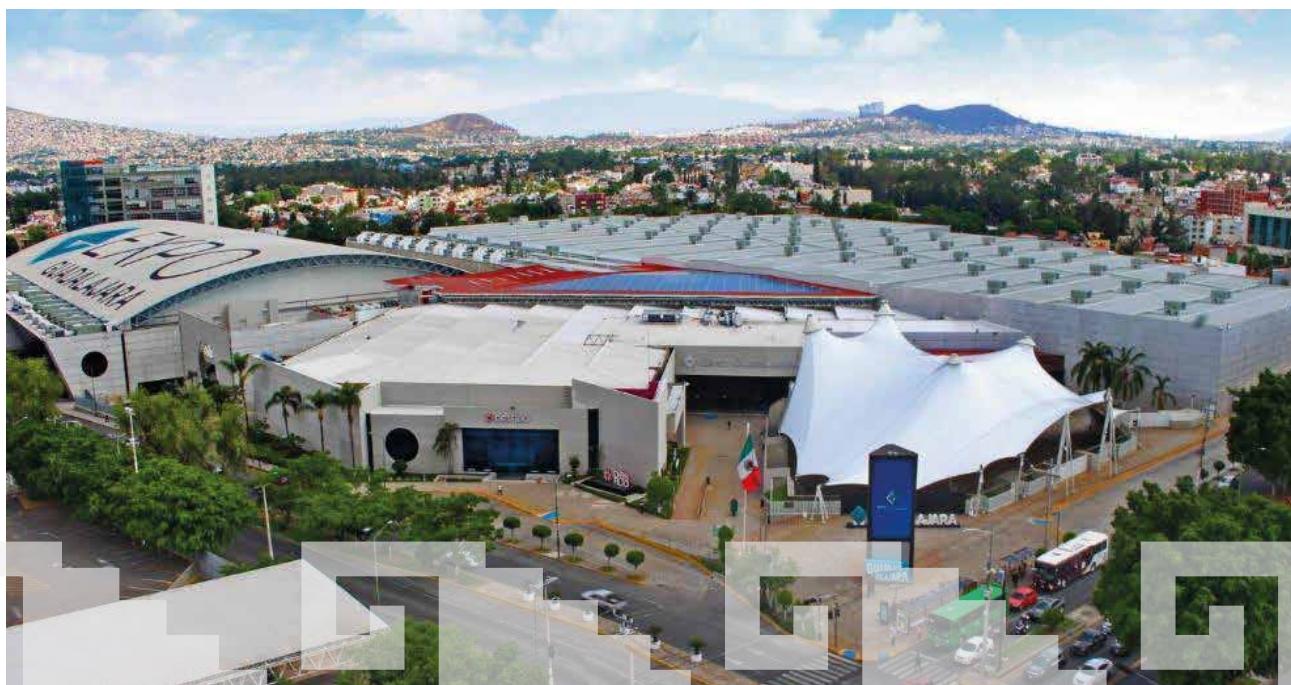
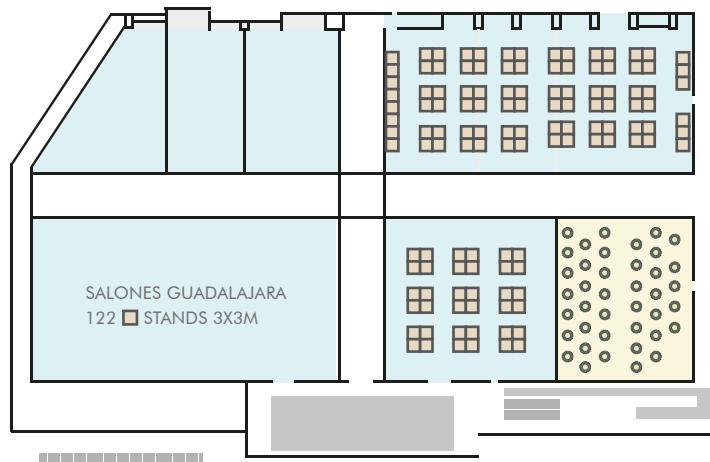
More than 968,800 ft² marketable; 57 modular rooms





TRADE EXPO

BOOTH PACKAGE	DESCRIPTION
"Exhibitor 3x3 M. SPACE ONLY"	* 1 electric contact 1000 W
"Exhibitor 3x3 M. WITH STAND BASIC"	* 1 octanorm structure * 1 white-walled panels * 1 fascia with exhibitor's name * 1 table * 2 chairs * 1 electric contact 1000 W DOES NOT INCLUDE CARPET





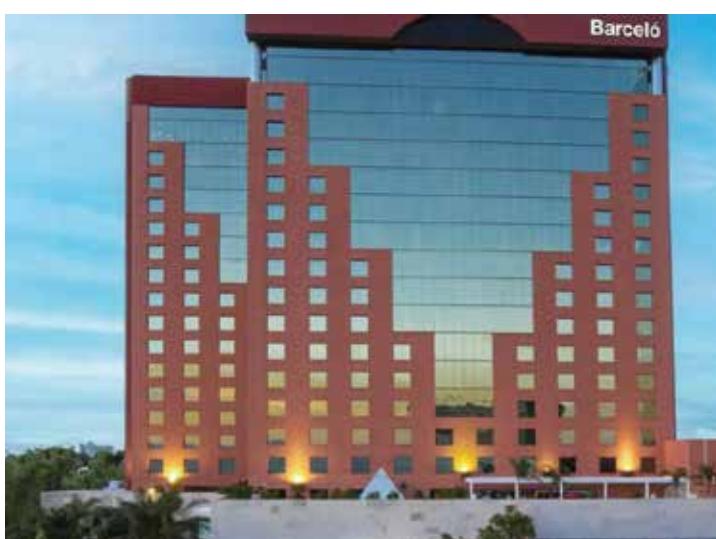
ACOMMODATION

The necessary arrangements have been made for the Host Hotels in Guadalajara 2026. The event's main host hotels will be Barceló and The Westin, both located next to the venue and accessible through a direct access tunnel to both properties.

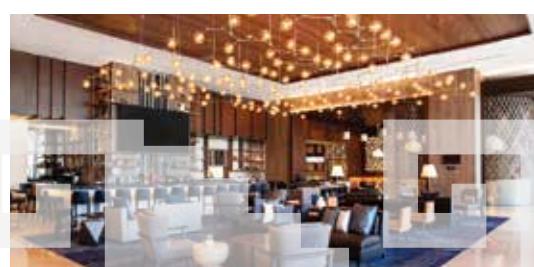
In addition to the two main host hotels, there will be three secondary host hotels within an 8-minute walking distance: Hotel Real Inn, Fiesta Inn, Holiday Inn, Sheraton, and Presidente. These hotels will be approached to secure a sufficient number of rooms.



Hotel Westin Guadalajara
Av de Las Rosas 2911, Verde Valle, 44530
Guadalajara, Jal. Mexico



Hotel Barceló Guadalajara
Av de Las Rosas 2933, Verde Valle, 44530
Guadalajara, Jal. Mexico



TECHNICAL VISIT TO LA YESCA DAM

La Yesca Dam is a dam and hydroelectric power plant located on the course of the Santiago River, between the municipalities of La Yesca, Nayarit, and Hostotipaquillo, Jalisco.

La Yesca is part of a network of hydroelectric plants that operate in a cascading system to increase water flow strength, aiming to maximize the efficiency of the turbine-powered electricity generation systems.

The massive structure includes two vertical Francis-type turbogenerators, which reach a peak generation capacity of 750 MW through two tunnels. More than ten thousand workers excavated and prepared the site, supported by a large team operating drilling equipment and tractors that moved thousands of tons of earth—especially in the areas where the concrete dam, gates, powerhouse, two generator tunnels, and the substation were built.

After exploring the majesty of the La Yesca Dam, we will head to Tequila, known for the region's iconic drink—referred to as the elixir of the Mayan gods—to enjoy the rest of the day.





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Tequila, designated as a Pueblo Mágico, is a picturesque town in Jalisco, Mexico, famed as the birthplace of Mexico's national spirit: tequila. With cobblestone streets, colorful colonial houses, and the iconic Tequila distilleries, this destination offers a culturally rich and authentic experience.

Visitors can tour renowned distilleries to learn about tequila production, explore local museums, sample regional cuisine, and take in breathtaking views of the surrounding blue agave fields.

Visit Quinta Sauza to craft your own cantarito guided by experts, Lunch at La Cueva de Don Cenobio, featuring dishes by renowned Chef Karla Castle, Walking tour of the town: 7 Virtues Mural, Purísima Temple, Grandparents' Museum, and Main Plaza, Free time for shopping





TOURS OPTION 1

HISTORIC DOWNTOWN GUADALAJARA

Historic Downtown Guadalajara is the cultural and architectural heart of the city, located in the state of Jalisco, Mexico. Its cobblestone streets and historic plazas are adorned with impressive colonial-era buildings, such as the majestic Guadalajara Cathedral and the iconic Teatro Degollado.

Highlights include fascinating museums like the Instituto Cultural Cabañas, home to murals by José Clemente Orozco, and a lively cultural atmosphere filled with cafés, restaurants, and boutiques.

This well-preserved historic center offers a unique experience that blends tradition, art, and modernity in a vibrant and welcoming setting.

Start of the sightseeing tour with stops at La Minerva, Los Arcos de Guadalajara, Matute Remus Bridge, El Paraninfo, and Glorieta de los Niños Héroes, among others

Drop-off in front of the Guadalajara Cathedral; walking tour begins, visiting the Rotonda de los Jaliscienses Ilustres, Plaza de la Liberación (Group photo in front of Teatro Degollado), Plaza de Armas, Plaza Fundadores, Plaza Tapatía, and the Instituto Cultural Cabañas

Free time for shopping at the Jewelry Center (Centro Joyero) at the end Lunch at a traditional restaurant





TOURS OPTION 2

TLAQUEPAQUE – THE ARTISAN TRAIL

Tlaquepaque, a charming Pueblo Mágico in Jalisco, Mexico, is renowned for its vibrant artistic and cultural scene. Its cobblestone streets are lined with colorful artisan shops, art galleries, and workshops where local craftspeople create beautiful pieces of pottery, blown glass, and textiles.

Visitors can stroll through picturesque plazas, enjoy live music, and savor traditional regional cuisine. With its warm atmosphere and rich cultural heritage, Tlaquepaque delights all who visit with its authenticity and charm.

Start tour at the pedestrian walkway Independencia and the Open-Air Art Gallery, Visit the Regional Ceramic Museum, Visits to Sergio Bustamante and Del Corazón de la Tierra Galleries, Hands-on clay decoration workshop with a local artisan, Tour of the Pantaleón Panduro Museum, Lunch at a traditional restaurant with mariachi music, Free time for shopping



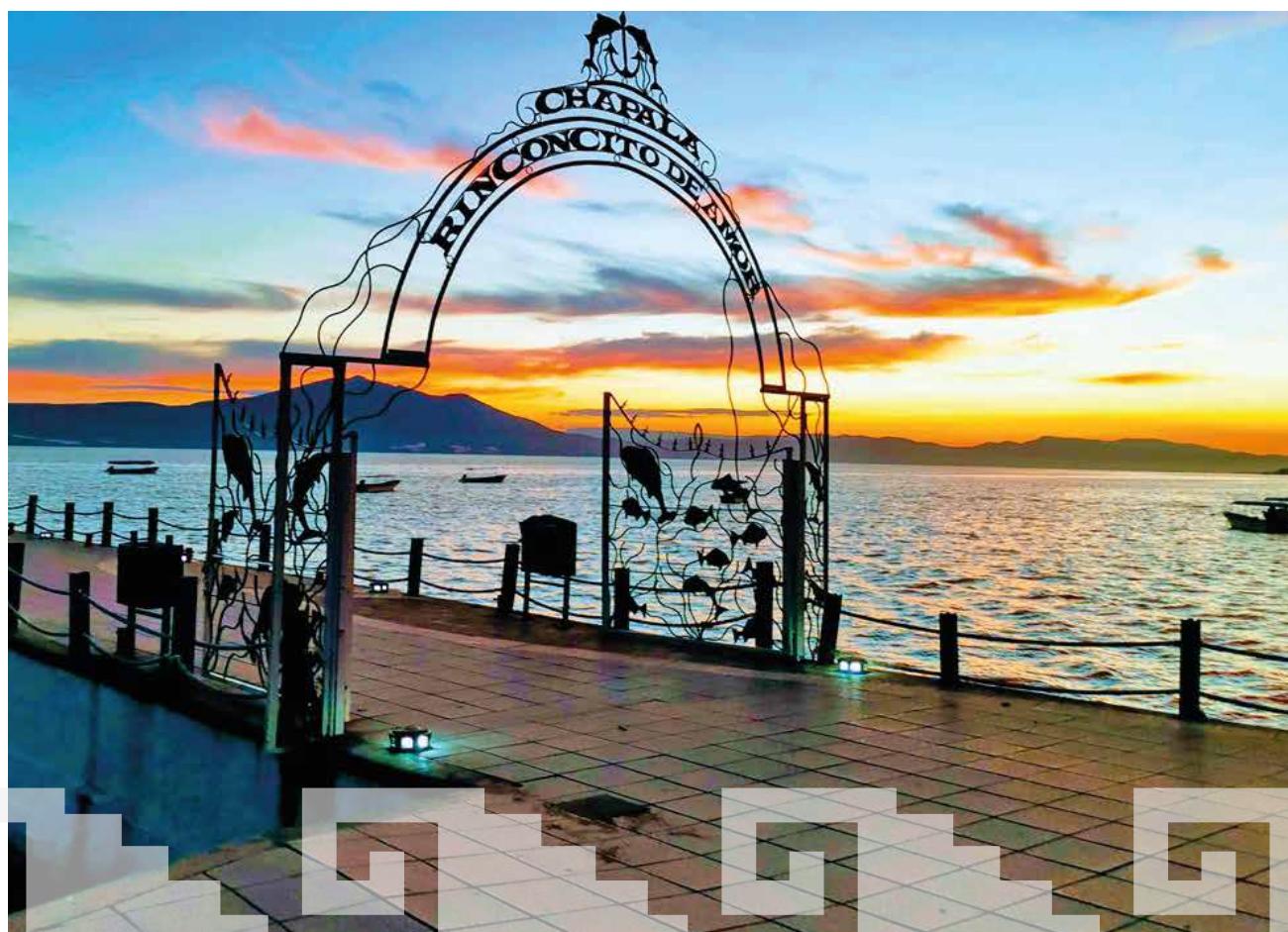
TOURS OPTION 3

CHAPALA & AJIJIC – CRADLE OF FISHERMEN

The Chapala Lakeshore, stretching along Mexico's largest freshwater lake, offers a tranquil retreat with a perfect blend of nature, culture, and heritage. The towns of Chapala and Ajijic enchant visitors with scenic views, colonial charm, and artistic flair. Activities include boat rides, cultural center visits, mural walks, and time to explore local cuisine and shops—all in a peaceful lakeside setting.

Visit the González Gallo Cultural Center, once the town's original train station. Walk along the Chapala boardwalk to learn about the town's history and notable figures

Stroll the "Pier of Love" to the historic lighthouse. Visit iconic buildings including the former Hotel Arzápalo, Hotel Nido, and the Parish of San Francisco de Asís. Transfer to Ajijic, another Pueblo Mágico, to explore its colorful streets. Visit the Parish of San Andrés and the pre-Hispanic-inspired "Wall of the Dead". Walk to the main plaza and visit the Ajijic Cultural Center to view a local historical mural. Continue to the boardwalk to admire murals and visit artisan galleries. Enjoy the view and peaceful ambiance of Lake Chapala. Free time for lunch, Walking tour and free time for shopping





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"See you in Mexico in 2026."



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