

# San Cristobal de las Casas

The city of San Cristobal de las Casas rests in the mountains at an elevation of 7,000 feet, or 2,100 meters. This makes San Cristobal a great summer destination with its cooler temperatures . . . and in the winter, San Cristobal is one of the few places in Mexico that actually require a jacket.

If you are planning a visit by land, you will find that all roads leading to San Cristobal are poorly maintained and full of hair-pin turns. So forget what you see on the map or distances listed in your travel book. Plan on 5 hours to get to palenque or all day to get to Oaxaca.

So, what is it that makes San Cristobal de las Casas a destination to be mentioned here or in your tourist book?

San Cristobal de las Casas is on the Mayan trail that is mostly frequented by backpackers and those with plenty of time to explore Mexico. Other than that, it is the Indian heart of Chiapas, the locals are very friendly, the beautiful mountain scenery is unique, and it is a nice place to be when it is too hot elsewhere in Mexico.

San Cristobal is a nice city with plenty of its own flavor . . . and there are things to see listed in the San Cristobal attractions page . . . but San Cristobal is a city for those who want to drop off the face of the earth for a while . . . not for those looking for tons to see and do.

San Cristóbal de las Casas is a municipality (municipio) and city in the central highlands of the Mexican state of Chiapas. It is located in the Highlands of Chiapas at an elevation of approximately 2100 m (6890 ft) above mean sea level. The city was named after Bartolomé de Las Casas, a Spanish priest who defended the rights of the Native Americans and was the first bishop of Chiapas. In the 2005 census the city's population was 142,364 people, whereas the municipality's total was 166,460. It is the third-largest community in Chiapas, after Tuxtla Gutiérrez and Tapachula.

It is a One Day Church Plus that will have foundation, floor, block walls, window grids, doors and will be stuccoed and painted. There is space behind the church that the members would in time build a couple of classrooms and the bathrooms.

The project will also include 2-3 standard frames for the ODC church to continue the church back to the rear property line. This area will be also roofed. The plan is that the group can help put this structure up and roof it but it will be left with just the structure and roof. The members will put finish this area in the future. The church is what will be the main work for the group. We also challenged the members that if they were able to purchase the materials for the foundation for the front property wall we would put the foundation in when we do the floors. Also if they were able to purchase the block the group probably would be able to help lay the wall the 4-5 courses. They would in the future add metal grid work from the short wall up so the church would be visible.

Here is the information on the Erastro Urbina project. It is in San Cristobal de las Casas Chiapas. It is a city that has a real colonial center part of the city and is a nice climate. It is one of the nicer areas of the state of Chiapas. There should be more information on the internet about San Cristobal and some of the things to do and see in the area around the city. The airport to fly into would be Tuxtla Gutierrez which is about 1 hr - 1 hr 15 min from San Cristobal.

The Erastro Urbina church divided off the Honduras Adventist church in 2000 with 4 active members forming the group .

The members started meeting in members homes and in 2002 they purchased the current property.

There are currently 15 active baptized members, 7 children of the active members that are not baptized, and an average of 12 non baptized adult visitors each week.

The Honduras mother church was constructed by Maranatha in 1979 and was the only Adventist church in San Cristobal at that time.