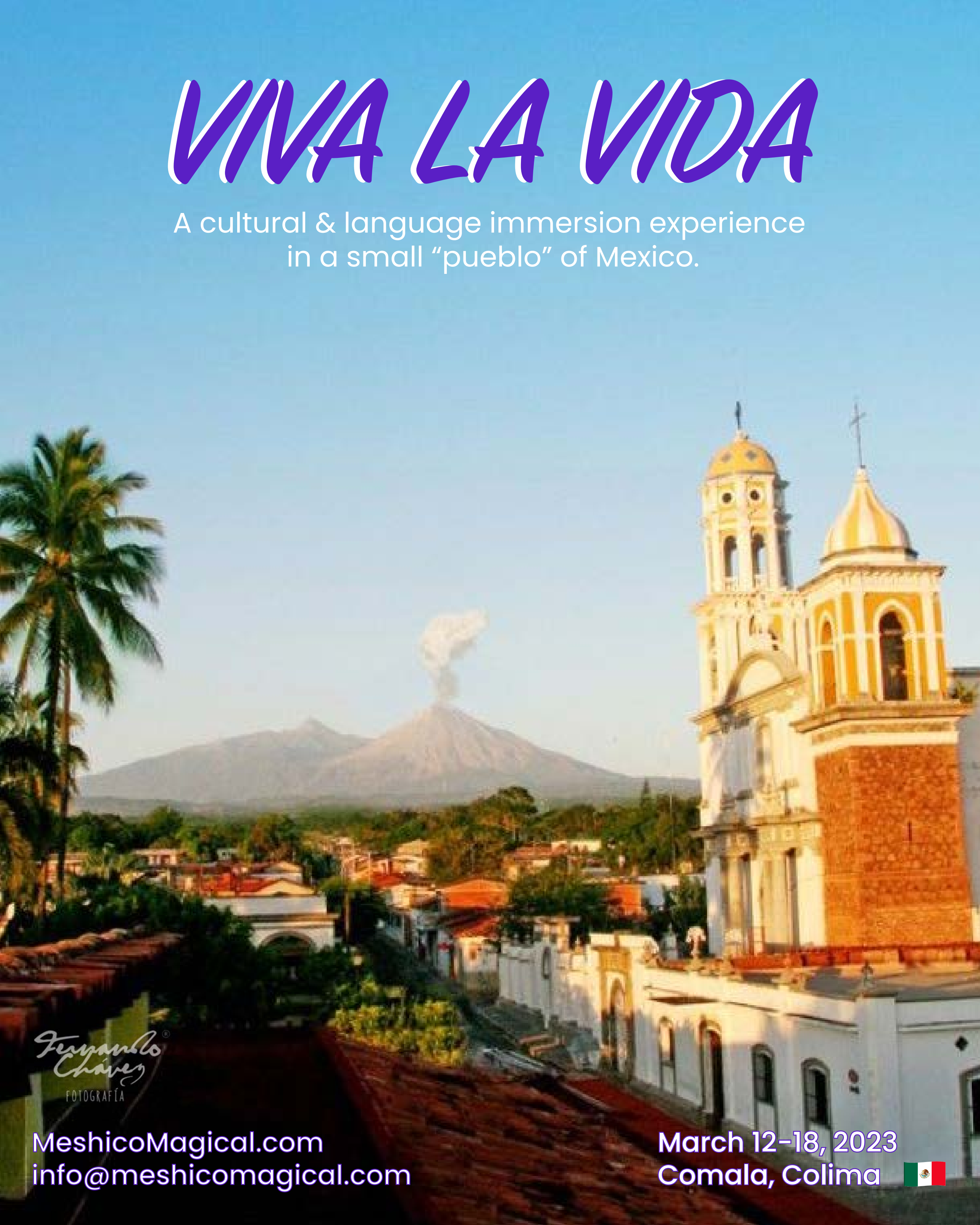


# VIVA LA VIDA

A cultural & language immersion experience  
in a small "pueblo" of Mexico.



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# Welcome

**T**o the small town of Comala! Nestled at the foot of a magical (and active!) volcano, Comala recently won **#1 Magical Town** (Pueblo Mágico) in Mexico. Located only a 2,5h drive southwest of the International Airport of Guadalajara (GDL), Comala is known as the “white town of the Americas”. Its main characteristics are homes painted in white, cobblestone roads, horseback riders strolling the streets, a fantastic view of the volcano, its amazing coffee region, delicious sweet bread pastries, traditional and natural beverages, such as “ponche” and “tuba”, lush green nature and flowers blooming all year round. Let’s not forget the warmth, heartfelt, laid back attitude of its inhabitants who still take the time to say “hello” in the streets to perfect strangers. Comala, to say the least, is still a typical traditional Mexican town of central western Mexico (and a hidden gem).

Come live and enjoy life over **7 days for a cultural and language immersive experience** where you will not only be able to learn new and important conversational expressions in Spanish, but local slang that will help you integrate within the local culture shortly after having arrived.

This program is for those who long to connect with the Mexican culture, its people and nature. No matter what your Spanish level currently is, our mission is for you to **live a heartfelt experience** in Comala at all 3 levels (mind, body & spirit).

Every morning, you will start off with a couple of hours of conversational Spanish lessons, with an experienced and qualified SSL teacher, within a small group setting. Then, in the pm you will either experience nature and culture by visiting beautiful and magical sites of the local area or volunteering to help out the local community.

Accommodations are included in the package where you will have a choice of staying in a beautiful and typical Comala style Inn or in a unique boutique B&B for a VIP experience.



# Day 1

If you would like transportation service from the Gdl airport, you will need to arrive on the Day 1 of the program before 3pm.

A van will depart at 3pm to drive you to Comala. Upon arrival, and after having settled into your space, in the evening, we will meet in Comala's main square ("Jardín Principal") where we will do a small **meet & greet**.

You will most likely arrive on a weekend evening when the town is hussling and bustling. We will take a quick walk around the town's "centro" so you can get your bearings. **A private group dinner** is next as we will discuss the planned activities for the week.



# Day 02-06

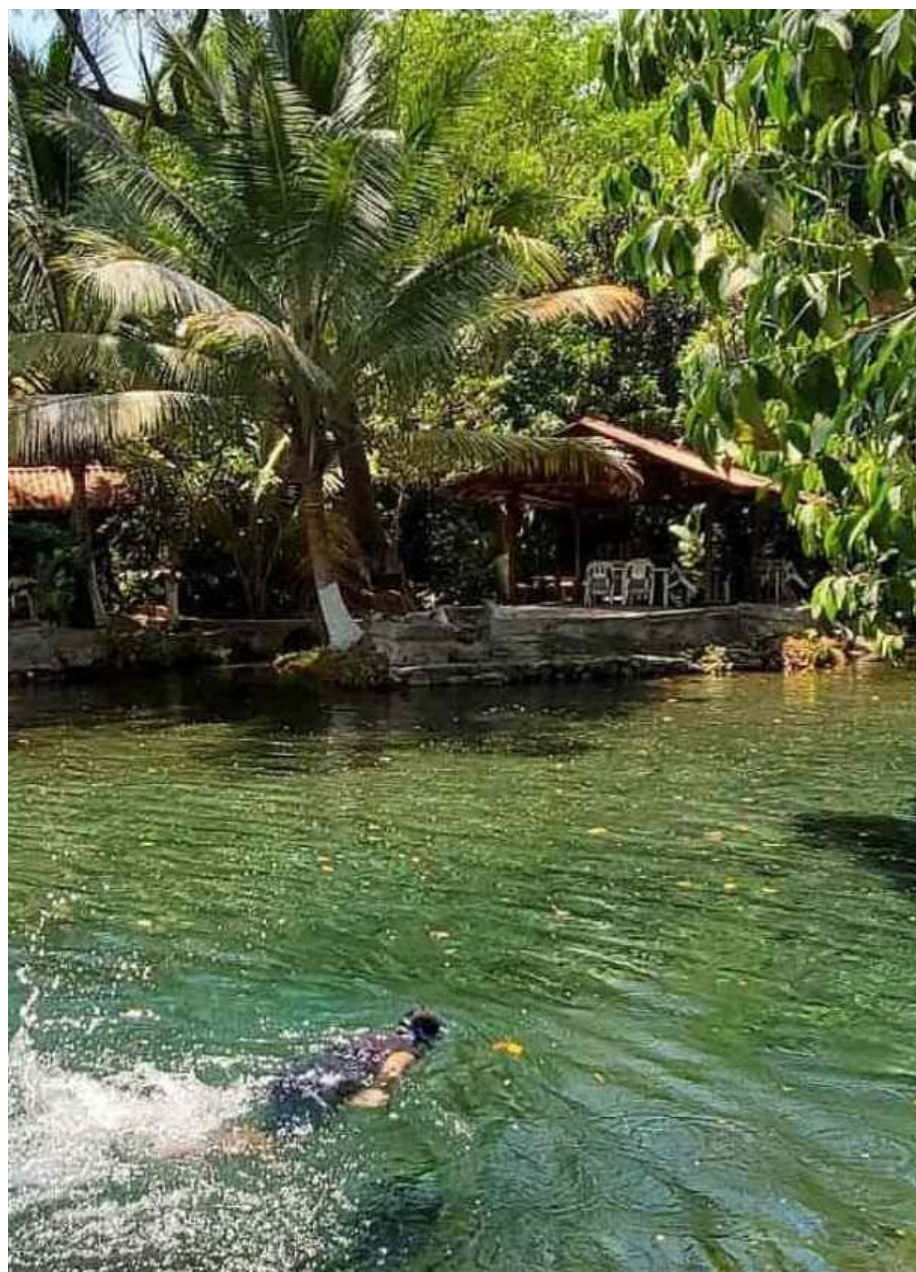


For the next week, you will be meeting in different locations of Comala where your SSL teacher will be giving you **Conversational Spanish lessons inspired on the NeuroLinguistic Approach (NLA)**.

Classes will take place from Monday to Friday from 9:30am to 11:30am. Depending on each student's Spanish level, it will be decided if the group will be split between beginner/intermediate and advanced levels.

In the afternoon, you will either go on a **guided tour** or **volunteer** within the local community. Tours include: visit to the volcano, a coffee producer and a crater lake (a.k.a. Caldera); swimming in a natural spring water river; visit of an ex-Hacienda, botanical gardens and regional museum.

The volunteer program will be based on the local community's needs of the moment and participation will be in the afternoon over 2 days. There are always plenty of **people who need help** in town, whether it's participating in social events for children or helping in the kitchen of a food bank to feed the elders. If you would like to share a particular talent or knowledge with the community, you can let us know so that we can try and accommodate you in a specific activity.



# Day 07

## Self-care day

This is an optional day for you to **relax and enjoy** some alternative activities/therapies that are beneficial not only for the body but for the mind & soul.

We will help set up appointments and orient you in the right direction so you can get to your required destination. If you require a translator or transportation, this can be added to the service at an extra cost.

These services are offered by external providers and are not apart of the price of the program.

- **Channeler** (40min session). Victor is an impressive channeler who holds his appointments in an interesting and historical building from the early 1800s in downtown Colima.
- **Therapeutic massages** (60min). Elena works on many levels. She uses a variety of therapeutic techniques to help soothe the aches and pains of the body by sharing with you what she "sees". You will feel revived after this.
- **Temazcal (half day)**. This is a prehispanic ceremonial tradition (type of sweat lodge) that helps purify body, mind and spirit. For those who are interested in experiencing an alternative way of healing, this might be for you!



# Program cost

Program cost: **\$1,070 USD**

Program cost (VIP Lodging): **\$1,370 USD**

Program cost includes [1]:

- Transportation to/from Guadalajara airport- Comala (Mar. 12 at 3pm from GDL airport & Mar. 19 at 8am from Comala)
  - Welcome dinner and guided tour of downtown Comala
  - Course material
  - 10h of conversational Spanish lessons with a qualified SSL teacher [2]
  - 3 afternoons of guided tours of the region, including transportation and private certified tour guide.
  - 2 afternoons or evenings of volunteer program in the local community
  - 7 nights of lodging in a traditional style Comala Inn (Individual or Couple)
- OR
- 7 nights of lodging in a boutique B&B (see VIP Lodging rate)

[1] Does not include air transport, medical insurance (ask for a quote with preferential rates), food, beverages, extra self-care services on Day 7, transportation and translation services for self-care day on Day 7 and TIPS.

[2] The program raises the student's awareness of Spanish; but will not offer fluency or increase in level of Spanish.



## Terms & Conditions

Please send an email to [info@meshicomagical.com](mailto:info@meshicomagical.com) to register for program. For registration, payment must be completed by Feb. 19, 2023 (via PayPal or Wise). We will then contact you to set up an appointment for a brief interview to test your Spanish level.

**Travel and medical insurance:** Travel and medical insurance is compulsory for the duration of the stay. You can buy valid insurance from Meshico Magical. Details of coverage are available upon request. The client is required to show proof of medical insurance upon arrival.

**Cancellation and refund policies:** 100% of total amount will be refunded if you cancel 4 weeks or more before the start date. 50% of total amount will be refunded if you cancel between 2-4 weeks before the start date.

For any cancellation or postponement communicated less than 14 days prior to the arrival date or early termination after the arrival date, no fees will be refunded. Money transfer fees/commissions are not refundable.

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