

# Press Release



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## **Journey to Mexico with the Desert Botanical Garden** *The Garden Offers Two Fantastic Trips*

**WHAT:** Looking for adventure? Don't miss these exclusive opportunities to journey beyond our southern border and visit exciting destinations in Mexico with the Desert Botanical Garden. Learn from experts in the field about the rich diversity of wildlife, plants, and ecology found in these unique areas. Experience historic locations and discover local cultures. These tours are suited to a variety of interests, schedules, and feature small group sizes and expert guides to maximize your experience.

**WHEN:** Separate Trips Scheduled as follows:

**Adventure to Copper Canyon, Mexico / April 5-13, 2008**

Join the Desert Botanical Garden for a tour of Mexico's spectacular Copper Canyon. Originating in Los Mochis on the Sea of Cortez participants will sample the diverse habitats of Copper Canyon, see more than 100 neotropical bird species and observe the indigenous Tarahumara culture at close hand. The trip includes two days of birding in the Spanish Colonial town of El Fuerte, a float trip down the Rio Fuertes and a ride on the world-famous Copper Canyon train. Journey from sea-level to the crest of the Sierra Madre Mountains and back by train and van. Stops include the remote town of Batopilas, birding along the river and visiting the remote cathedral of Satevo. Cost is \$2749 double occupancy and includes transportation from Los Mochis, round-trip train ride, guides, all meals and hotels, emergency medical trip insurance, and a donation to Desert Botanical Garden.

**A Journey to Mata Ortiz, Mexico / April 10-13, 2008**

Desert Botanical Garden is offering a four-day tour to the famous pottery village of Mata Ortiz in Northern Mexico. Trip participants will visit the Amerind Foundation in Dragoon, a private anthropological and archaeological museum and research center, and spend the first night in Bisbee. After crossing the Mexican border, they will visit the museum and prehistoric ruins at Paquime in Casas Grandes. The following two nights are spent at a cozy inn in Mata Ortiz owned by one of the master potters. There will be demonstrations of building, firing, and painting of pots and plenty of time to visit potters and purchase pots. The group will also stop to bird in Willcox, Mata Ortiz, and the Mormon town of Colonia Juarez. The trip price of \$899 double occupancy includes van transportation from Phoenix, all accommodations and meals, guides, entrance fees, and medical emergency trip insurance, and a donation to Desert Botanical Garden.

Complete travel itineraries for each trip and registration information can be found at Nature Treks & Passages Web site [www.naturetreks.net](http://www.naturetreks.net). To register for this tour or for more information, contact Rochelle Gerratt at [info@naturetreks.net](mailto:info@naturetreks.net) or call 520-696-2002. Group sizes are limited; call to reserve your space today!