

## A LOVE GREATER THAN LEGEND: ROMANCE ON IZTACIHUALT – Unlimited Experiences

Duration: 8 Hours

Difficulty: Intermediate

Mode: High-mountain hiking experience with transportation

### **Volcanoes, altitude, and adventure on the most iconic route in central Mexico.**

This experience takes you to the heart of Iztaccíhuatl–Popocatepetl National Park, following the Route of the Portillos, one of the most impressive trails in the country. It combines breathtaking high-mountain landscapes and privileged views of the volcanoes with a challenging yet accessible hike. The experience is designed to create special romantic moments along the route, ending the adventure with a cheese and wine pairing to celebrate together after the hike.

### **Izta-Popo (hiking) Highlights**

- Access to Iztaccíhuatl–Popocatepetl National Park
- Direct views of the active Popocatepetl volcano
- Regional cheese and wine pairing to celebrate special occasions
- Hike starting from La Joya
- Route of the Portillos trail
- Reach the Third Portillo (approx. 4,500 m / 14,764 ft)
- High-mountain hiking experience
- Guided by a professional mountain host
- Ideal activity for people with good physical condition
- Deep connection with nature and personal challenge

### **Itinerary**

- Pick-up at your hotel in Puebla or Cholula
- Transfer to Paso de Cortés
- Arrival at Paso de Cortés (3,500 m / 11,482 ft)
- Registration and park access permits
- Entry to the national park by vehicle
- Transfer to La Joya (3,900 m / 12,795 ft)
- Equipment preparation
- Adjustment of trekking poles
- Personal gear check
- Safety briefing and recommendations
- Start of the hike along the Route of the Portillos
- First Portillo (4,241 m / 13,914 ft)
- Second Portillo (4,371 m / 14,340 ft)

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- Third Portillo (4,524 m / 14,842 ft)
- During the route, the guide will indicate the ideal moment to create a special occasion, such as a marriage proposal, anniversary celebration, birthday, or another meaningful moment
- Time for rest, hydration, and lunch
- Descent along the same route back to La Joya
- Upon descending, a beautifully arranged table with a cheese and wine pairing will be prepared
- Time to eat and enjoy the moment together
- Transfer back to Puebla
- Drop-off at your hotel (approx. 6:00–7:00 p.m.)

## Description

The experience begins with transportation to Paso de Cortés, the main access point to Iztaccíhuatl–Popocatepétl National Park. After registration and a brief introduction to the mountain, its flora, fauna, and the legend of the volcanoes, the journey continues by vehicle to La Joya, at 3,900 meters above sea level, where the hike begins.

The hike follows the Route of the Portillos, progressing gradually to allow proper acclimatization. Along the way, hikers reach several mountain passes, arriving at the Third Portillo at approximately 4,500 meters above sea level, where a break is taken for rest, hydration, and lunch. This point can also become the perfect setting for a romantic moment, such as a marriage proposal or the celebration of an anniversary or birthday, surrounded by one of the most spectacular high-mountain landscapes in Mexico.

Afterward, we begin the descent along the same route. At the end of the hike, the experience concludes with a romantic cheese and wine pairing, the perfect way to celebrate the occasion before returning to Puebla. A complete mountain experience — challenging, romantic, and deeply memorable.

## View photos of the experience

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## Includes

- Round-trip transportation from Puebla or Cholula
- Amenities in the vehicle
- Bilingual mountain host
- Access to Izta–Popo National Park
- Trekking poles
- Safety helmet
- First-aid kit and oximeter
- Accident insurance
- Hot beverage at the highest point
- Fruits and snacks
- Hydration: bottled water, soft drinks, and one beer
- Meal included: quesadilla and torta/sandwich
- Cheese and wine pairing at the end of the hike to celebrate the romantic moment

## Not Included

- Personal expenses
- Tips
- Entrance fees, food, or drinks not mentioned in the itinerary

## Recommendations

- Mid-mountain or trekking hiking boots
- Thermal clothing and jacket
- Cap or hat
- Sunscreen
- Gloves and buff
- Small backpack
- Additional water and personal snacks

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