

## PASO DE CORTES TO LA JOYA – Unlimited Experiences

Duration: 8–9 Hours

Difficulty: Intermediate

Mode: Mountain hiking experience with transportation

### **Volcanoes, altitude, and landscapes that command respect**

This experience takes you to the heart of Iztaccíhuatl–Popocatepetl National Park, following the route from Paso de Cortés to La Joya. A high-mountain hiking experience ideal for those who want to explore a volcanic landscape without entering technical terrain, offering privileged views of Popocatepetl and a powerful natural environment.

### **Route specifications**

- Mountain refuge: 3,100 meters
- Starting point of the hike: Paso de Cortés (3,500 meters)
- Hiking time: 3–4 hours
- End of the hike: La Joya (3,900 meters)
- Distance: 14 km total
- Elevation gain: 400 meters
- Elevation loss: 400 meters
- Maximum altitude: 3,900 meters
- Minimum altitude: 3,500 meters

### **Paso de Cortes to la Joya (hiking) Highlights**

- Access to La Malinche National Park
- Access to Iztaccíhuatl–Popocatepetl National Park
- Direct views of the active Popocatepetl volcano
- Starting point at Paso de Cortés
- High-mountain hiking route
- Arrival at the iconic point known as La Joya
- Maximum altitude of approximately 3,900 meters above sea level
- Guided experience with a mountain host
- Ideal for people with basic to intermediate physical condition
- Full connection with nature and the mountain environment

## Itinerary

- Pick-up at your hotel in Puebla or Cholula (6:00 a.m.)
- Transfer to Paso de Cortés
- Arrival at Paso de Cortés (approx. 3,500 m)
- Registration and permits for access to the national park
- Introductory briefing about the mountain, safety, flora, and fauna
- Adjustment of trekking poles and equipment check
- Start of the hike toward La Joya
- Hiking through high-mountain trails
- Approximate arrival at La Joya (3,900 m)
- Time for rest, hydration, and lunch
- Descent along the same route
- Return to Paso de Cortés
- Optional: visit to a mountain cabin for a traditional meal (optional and depending on the selected modality)
- Transfer back to Puebla
- Drop-off at your hotel (approx. 5:00–6:00 p.m.)

## Description

The experience begins with transportation to Paso de Cortés, one of the most iconic access points to Iztaccíhuatl–Popocatepetl National Park. After completing the park registration process, the mountain host provides an introductory talk about the mountain, its ecological importance, and the famous Legend of the Volcanoes. The hike begins at 3,500 meters above sea level, progressing gradually along high-mountain trails that allow for proper acclimatization. Throughout the route, participants enjoy constant views of the Popocatepetl volcano and the surrounding volcanic landscapes that define this region. The highest point of the hike is La Joya, located at approximately 3,900 meters above sea level, where participants take a break to rest, hydrate, and enjoy the scenery before beginning the descent along the same route.

An ideal experience for those looking for a first high-mountain adventure in a safe and guided environment.

## View photos of the experience

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1Adoy69R9VaqYsLnKPg95IX4cnYyxMSOU?usp=sharing>

## Available modalities

### MEAL-INCLUDED MODALITY

Includes full hydration and food support during the experience:

- Hot beverage at the highest point
- Fruits and snacks
- Hydration: bottled water, soft drinks, and one beer
- Meal included: quesadilla and torta/sandwich

### NO-MEAL MODALITY

- No food or beverages included
- Participants must bring their own food, snacks, and hydration

### Includes

- Round-trip transportation from Puebla or Cholula
- Bilingual mountain host
- Access to La Malinche National Park
- Trekking poles
- Safety helmet
- First-aid kit and oximeter
- Accident insurance

*(Food and beverages depend on the selected modality.)*

### 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
- Water and personal snacks *(especially for the no-meal modality)*

### Book the experience here

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