

Mexico Peru NO 10798

A magical mystery tour of Mexico and Peru

Mexico - Tuxtla Gutierrez: 1 – 8 March. Peru – La Libertad: 15 – 22nd March. For the first phase in Mexico we had 11 ambassadors, 10 from the Sunshine Coast, one from Sydney. For the second phase in Peru we had nine ambassadors, eight from the Sunshine Coast, one from Sydney. As Mexico and Peru were new experiences for most of us it came as no surprise that there were some language and communication problems with both our host clubs. I must admit their English was better than any of our Spanish. We enjoyed the magic of both the Mayan and Inca cultures visiting many of the world famous sites in both countries. The programs in both Mexico, put together by ED Yolanda and her husband Ruben and Peru by ED Lida and her husband Victor Hugo, were extensive and interesting giving us an insight into both modern and ancient ways of life. In both countries our hosts had arranged, where possible for English speaking guides to escort us during our visits to the archaeological sites, cities and other places of interest, which was commendable. I am sure lifelong friendships have been made in the true sense of Friendship Force International. After the first phase in Mexico we took part in a four day tour arranged by the Tuxtla FF Club to Palenque, Casa Azul and San Cristobal De Las Casas, a true highlight of our Mexican adventure.

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