

Getting to Orizaba

XXVI Mexico-USA Friendship Conference

November 5–8, 2026 | Orizaba, Veracruz, México



Our recommended flights

Fly American Airlines through Dallas, down on Thursday and home on Monday. These flights let you experience the entire conference and let our group travel together.

FLY DOWN | THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Phoenix to Veracruz via Dallas

★ RECOMMENDED

PHX

Phoenix

Thu, Nov 5 **5:00 AM**

American AA1806

DFW

Dallas/Fort Worth

Arrive **8:33 AM**Depart **9:37 AM** approx.

American nonstop

VER

Veracruz

Arrive **12:19 PM** approx.

The midday arrival in Veracruz allows time for the transfer to Orizaba, hotel check-in, and the **Thursday evening welcome mixer**. Checked bags should be tagged through to Veracruz, and you will complete **Mexican immigration and customs in Veracruz**, not during your connection.

✓ Arrives in time for the welcome mixer

✓ One airline, simplest connection

FLY HOME | MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9

Veracruz to Phoenix via Dallas

★ RECOMMENDED

VER

Veracruz

Mon, Nov 9 **12:59 PM** approx.

American AA4014

DFW

Dallas/Fort Worth

Arrive **3:53 PM** approx.

Clear U.S. customs

American

PHX

Phoenix

Arrive **Monday evening**

Allow at least 2 hours in Dallas for U.S. customs before your evening flight to Phoenix.

Stay for the **entire conference, including Sunday's brunch and project funding announcements**, then fly home Monday. Plan for **one additional hotel night on Sunday** and an early start from Orizaba. You will **clear U.S. customs in Dallas** and recheck your bags for Phoenix.

✓ Full event, including Sunday

✓ Travel home together as a group

BOOK EARLY

The Dallas to Veracruz flight is a **small regional jet with about 76 seats** that flies once a day, and our group will be on it together.

BOOK AS ONE TRIP

Book both as **one American Airlines round trip**, Phoenix to Veracruz.

CAN'T MAKE THESE DATES?

See **other possibilities** starting on page 3.

Conference outline

Plan your travel around these days

We are excited to welcome our USA delegation to Orizaba! Rotarians from across Mexico and the United States will be there. Whether you are flying from Phoenix, Tucson, California, Colorado, Nevada, or elsewhere, use this outline to plan your trip.

Thursday

NOVEMBER 5

Conference Welcome and Mixer

Evening, usually around
7:00 PM

Friday

NOVEMBER 6

Project Presentations

Plus time to explore Orizaba and build friendships with Rotarians from across Mexico and the United States

Saturday

NOVEMBER 7

Project Presentations

Plus more time to discover Orizaba and connect with fellow Rotarians from both countries

Sunday

NOVEMBER 8

Brunch with Project Funding Announcements

Conference done around
1:00 PM (estimate)

Planning flights from any city

FLY INTO

Veracruz (VER)

Allow 1.5 to 2 hours by road from the airport to Orizaba.

ARRIVE

Thursday afternoon

Arrive by mid-afternoon to reach Orizaba and check in before the 7:00 PM mixer.

HEAD HOME

Monday, November 9

Or Sunday on a flight leaving Veracruz at 5:30 PM or later.

CONNECT THROUGH

Dallas, Houston, or Mexico City

Nonstops to Veracruz on American from Dallas and United from Houston, plus several daily Aeroméxico flights from Mexico City.

If you need to leave Sunday

FULL EVENT

Sunday afternoon or evening

The conference should be done around 1:00 PM. With a 1.5 to 2 hour drive and about 2 hours at the airport, **choose a flight departing Veracruz at 5:30 PM or later.**

Nonstops to Dallas and Houston leave around midday and Mexico City to Phoenix nonstops leave by late afternoon, so **expect an overnight connection** and a Monday arrival home.

MISSES SUNDAY

Sunday morning or midday

Morning and midday flights, including the American and United nonstops, require **leaving Orizaba before brunch and the project funding announcements.**

Choose this only if you are comfortable missing Sunday.

Other possibilities from Phoenix

If Thursday and Monday don't work

If other commitments rule out the Thursday and Monday flights through Dallas, these can still get you to Orizaba.

	Leave Phoenix	Route	Arrive Veracruz	In short	Thursday mixer
★	Thu, Nov 5	American via Dallas	12:19 PM	Recommended	✓ Attends
	Wed, Nov 4	American via Dallas	12:19 PM	Extra day in Mexico	✓ Attends
	Wed, Nov 4	American + Aeroméxico via Mexico City	8:02 PM	Value + extra day	✓ Attends
	Thu, Nov 5	American + Aeroméxico via Mexico City	8:02 PM	Lower cost	× Misses
	Thu, Nov 5	Volaris via Guadalajara	7:46 PM	Budget	× Misses

All times are local. Veracruz is one hour ahead of Phoenix. Times marked approximate should be confirmed when booking.

POSSIBILITY | ARRIVE A DAY EARLY

Wednesday, November 4: American via Dallas

EXTRA DAY IN MEXICO



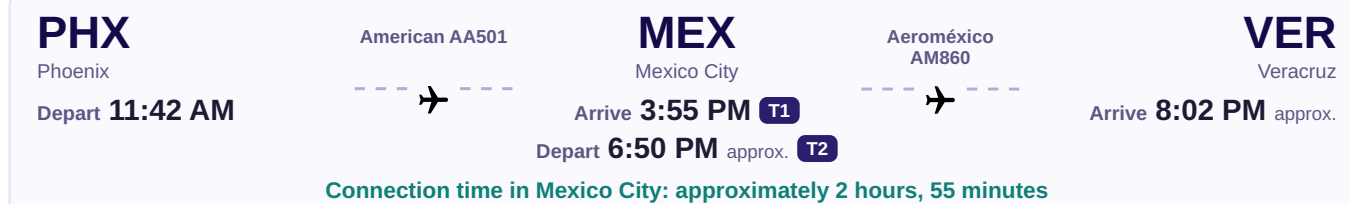
The same American flights as our recommendation, one day earlier. Arriving Wednesday gives you an entire additional day in Mexico. On Thursday, we hope to offer opportunities to **visit local Rotary projects and spend time with our Mexican Rotarian friends** before the conference begins.

✓ **Thursday project visits and welcome mixer**
Plan one additional hotel night

POSSIBILITY | WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 4 OR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 5

American + Aeroméxico via Mexico City

VALUE



The same flights run Wednesday or Thursday and may offer a lower airfare, in exchange for more navigating in Mexico City. If the flights are purchased as **separate tickets**, baggage fees and rules may apply separately on each airline.

✓ **Wednesday: joins Thursday activities and mixer**
× **Thursday: arrives 8:00 PM, misses the mixer**

⚠ **Connecting in Mexico City takes five steps between flights**

1 Immigration and customs

2 Collect bags

3 Terminal 1 to 2

4 Recheck bags

5 Security

▲ **LOW-COST CARRIER: CHECK BAGGAGE FEES BEFORE COMPARING PRICE**

PHX

Phoenix

Thu, Nov 5 **9:34 AM**

Volaris

**GDL**

Guadalajara

One stop

Volaris

**VER**

Veracruz

Arrive **7:46 PM****VER**

Veracruz

Mon, Nov 9 **9:11 AM** approx.

Volaris

**GDL**

Guadalajara

One stop

Volaris

**PHX**

Phoenix

Arrive **6:51 PM** approx.

Volaris is a **Mexican low-cost airline**, more comparable to **Spirit or Frontier** in the United States than to a traditional full-service airline. The advertised fare can be very attractive, but compare the **total trip cost**, including carry-on luggage, checked baggage, seat selection, and other optional services.

× **Arrives Thursday evening, expect to miss the welcome mixer**

Fares change frequently. Check the current fare for these dates.

▲ **Immigration and customs:** on the way down, clear Mexican immigration and customs during your Guadalajara stop. On the way home, clear U.S. customs in Phoenix.

A note from your USA team

We are providing these options to make planning easier, but **each traveler is responsible for booking their own airfare**. Flight schedules and fares are subject to change. Please confirm all flight numbers, times, baggage allowances, connection requirements, and fares directly with the airline before purchasing.

Flight information reviewed September 10, 2026.

We can't wait to share Orizaba with you!

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Register for the conference

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