

Saturday August 7. sunny.



As usual
we had our
breakfast
under the
arches.

Back in the room we made up our
itinerary for the day. There was
a lot we wanted to see.





The conservatory of Music where the acclaimed Morelia Boys' Choir goes to school.



One of the University buildings.

At the shop of the Museum of Colonial Art we bought a CD of local music, suggested by one of their employees.



Casa de las Artesanías was originally EL Convento de San Francisco, attached to the church of the same name. Upstairs, small shops represent Michoacán's various towns with their specialities.

Templo de las Monjas.
Built between 1729 and 1737.
Dominican nuns moved in in May 1738.





Mural by Agustín Cárdenas above
the steps in the courtyard of the
Palacio de Justicia, built between
1682 and 1695.



Templo Del Carmen.
construction started in
1593.



Museo de Arte Colonial



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We had to walk around the church to find the entrance to La Casa de la Culture, formerly EL Convento del Carmen. It was restored between 1974 and 1970. It houses an important and interesting Mask museum.

For lunch we had an enormous and delicious fruitsalad and a beer under the arches, watching the world pass by.

After many days and too many watches that were not to his liking (meaning too expensive) Jim finally broke down and became the proud new owner of one for \$75 pesos. At least that ordeal was over.

We took a siesta before going out to dinner and see what this town had to offer on a Saturday.

We went out about 7:00.

The first thing we did was to make reservations at Las Mercedes for 8:00. We wanted to be sure to get a table at our favourite restaurant.

To kill time, walked to the nearby Templo de la Merced built in Baroque style. Construction was started in 1604.

We watched the preparations for a wedding. The priest came up to us while shaking everybody's hand and asked us where we were from. Then he suggested we sit somewhere more in front, but we thanked him very much and left after the bride and groom had arrived.

We enjoyed another delicious dinner. Hans had trout and torte for dessert. Jim had shrimp and flan. We could hear the downpour real good while we were eating, but by the time we stepped outside, it had stopped completely.

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When we walked to the Zócalo, the cathedral was illuminated which was breathtaking.

To add to the ambiance, a band of troubadours dressed in appropriate costumes, were serenading the people seated under the arches.

After we stopped at the mercado for apple juice (they didn't have orange juice) we went home about midnight.

Sunday August 8. sunny then
overcast and stormy.

We had a light breakfast of some snacks in the room after which we went for cappuccino to our regular place under the arches, the "in place". We did some more sightseeing, like the Morelos House, the church of San Francisco, and the House of Handicrafts. We wanted to be in the Cathedral for the noon mass so we could hear the very impressive organ being played. The church was filling up with families, their daughters all dressed in beautiful white gowns, their sons in dark suits. Many had their picture taken near the altar.

Then just before noon, a woman appeared on the altar and made the announcement through a microphone that the mass had been cancelled. Obviously very disappointed but accepting their fate (as they were accustomed to), every body left very orderly and quietly.

After a long search and asking several people we finally found this magic place: Los Comensales where we had to

have lunch. The restaurant is located in one of the old colonial buildings with many small rooms. We ate out in the court yard that had lots of greenery in the center and two friendly parakeets.

Hans had the house soup (chicken) with bread, while Jim devoured the delicious ajo (garlic) soup.

On our way back we stopped to admire the elegant Hotel de la Soledad and its carriages, on display in the court yard.

We splurged and bought a beautiful book about Morelia.

By now a storm was really brewing, so we ran into the Michoacano Regional Museum which had interesting artifacts from prehistoric times to the present on display. When we finished our visit the storm was over. We back to the hotel for a siesta.



We went back out at 8:00 only to find that everything closes early or not opens at all like our favorite Las Mercedes and some others we tried. We decided to have a drink



instead and chose the bar/restaurant on the roof of the elegant Los Juaninos Hotel overlooking the Zócalo, Cathedral and street. Hans enjoyed his campari and soda while Jim had a margarita.

After a little discussion about what and where to eat Jim ended up eating a hotdog at one of the street stands. After one more last tour of the Zócalo we called it a night.



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Monday August 9. cloudy.

For our last breakfast we went to our regular place, Café Valladolid.

We packed and asked for the bill. The lady who prepared it knew the total amount but not for how many nights it was, so she wrote down 2×450 pesos.

After dragging our bags to the bus station we bought our tickets and checked in the bags. We still had some time left.

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TALON PASAJERO

The State Museum was nearby so we gave that a last look. That took care of a large part of the churches museums etc. that Morelia has to offer.



The bus left on time at 12:30. We drove through some rain showers and spotted a waterspout. We ate our ham & cheese sandwich, napped a little; before we realized it we were in Guadalajara. It was just 4:00 p.m.



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Ne had to wait for
the shuttle at least
30 minutes. We barely
survived the torture
riding that old box,
but at least this one had room to put
our bags somewhere.
The bus from Guad. home was a Primera +
and quite comfortable.
We were home a little after six.
After a beer we decided to try
Johanna, the German restaurant on
the Carretera towards Ajijic.
But lo and behold it was closed (Monday).
Farther down across the street is
Salvador's. This was open till 8:00.
We rushed in. Charlotte (Faye's neighbor)
was there with a friend (a funny
wood setdesigner) who invited us
them.

There was a salad bar and the special was meatloaf which Hans liked while Jim had the shrimp creole.

We left together, as the staff was closing up. We felt a bit rushed, but it was better than nothing.

At the grocery store El Torito we bumped into the Canadians with the son and exchanged our experiences.

Tuesday August 10. cloudy.

We took it easy in the morning. After lunch we walked into town.

Ajijic, Jalisco. México





Beautiful
dahlia's
in front yard
of a house
near the
Carretera.



In a street in Ajijic.

We stopped at
the bookstore and
chatted with
Regina about
our trip to
Morelia and
Pátzcuaro.

Next we talked
to Paul in his
office after which
Jim had his
ice cream.

Wandered over
to Estela but she
was too busy
to talk, making
bread.

By now it was time for a little refreshment at the Beer Saloon. Then we rang the bell at Malcolm's who seemed happy to see us and offered us a beer on the patio of his lush garden while he was getting dressed (siesta). We had a nice visit. He showed us his collection of Pre-Columbian artifacts which was quite impressive.

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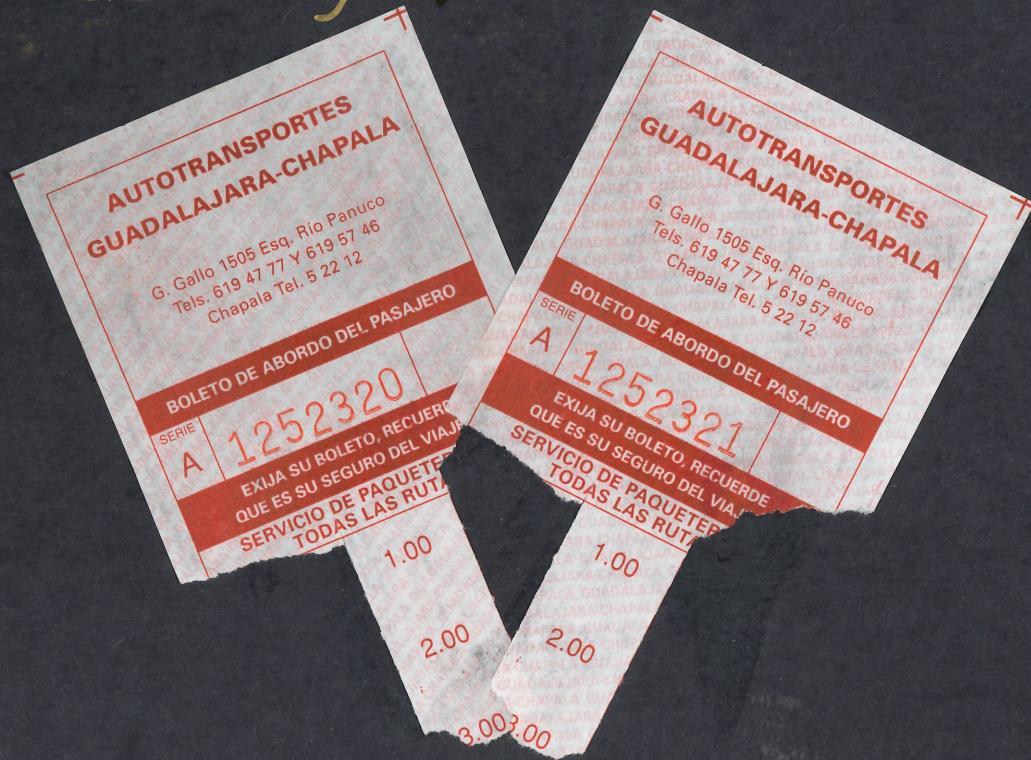
For dinner we went to Diana's. We were seated next to the table we had before. In the backyard we discovered the Canadians with their son.

Jim had ravioli and spaghetti; Hans had fettuccini. It was delicious and plenty, so we took the leftovers home.

Wednesday August 11. sunny.

We had another lovely stormy night with real heavy rain.

After breakfast we decided to do a laundry. We had to wait a while for an empty machine, but we were done by 10:30.



We left at about 11:30 for Chapala in search for another pair of sandals for Jim, as he liked his first pair very much. We found some for \$270 pesos.

Hans wanted to eat at Restaurant Cozumel for their Wednesday special.

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We walked along the waterfront and passed it twice. We asked some kid who pointed us in the right direction. The place was packed. We found a table for two right next to a couple. Of course we started talking.

Ed and Anne Barrett who live in Guad. in a mobile home park ("very nice") were celebrating Anne's birthday. They had the chicken Cordon blue special which came with beer or wine and dessert. That's what Hans had. Jim opted for fried oysters. We both had kahlua cream. Ed offered us a little to...

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in their very comfortable van. We drove by the Historic Railroad Station that was in the process of being renovated but had run out of funds, so it was sitting idle until somebody was going to do about it.

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Next we looked around one of the four houses that make up La Casa Nostra. They were very purple and very homey inside. The grounds were beautiful and well kept. Unfortunately we did not meet Mr. Beverly from Chicago.

At PAL trailer park in San Antonio we visited with some friends of theirs who were in the process of buying a house. They lived in a huge bus-type R.V. There also was a beautiful 2-story house in the park "La Casa sin Ruedas".

we had Diana's leftovers which tasted scrumptious.

Thursday August 12. very dark and
raining; then clearing.

It rained cats and dogs when we
got up, so we just took it easy.

George called and left a message
inviting us over to their house for
dinner.

He also left a
written message.

*a memo from
GEORGE T. KEMPF*

Jim & Hans
Dinner at George
& Carlos at 6:30 PM
Thursday (today)

Hans & Jim
Villa Formosa

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By late morning it started to clear so we went into town for our yogurt cocktail at the square. On the way we exchanged some books for Village in the Sun about Ajijic in the 40's at Portalibros. Regina mentioned that her Dutch friend Barbara



was supposed to come to the shop.

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We met Barbara in the bookstore at about 3:00. We talked for a while after which she invited us for cocktails around 5.

We went home, rested then walked over to Barbara's house. It was a remodeled home with a large courtyard where we sat down to chat and meet her Canadian husband Brian. He offered to drive us to La Floresta so we could stay a little longer. Their two teenage visitors from Holland, Mechteld and O



Carlos
Dale
Brian
George
Johny
at the dinner
party. We had
salad, spaghetti,
cake, much

wine and
after dinner
drinks. The
house was
beautiful.
Jim and I stayed
for some more
conversation
and Kahlua.
Jim listened to
some Opera with
Carlos who is a fanatic.



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Friday August 13. sunny.

We got up after another stormy night.

After breakfast we walked into San Antonio. We rang the bell at Johny and Dale's. We were given a grand tour of the house they were fixing up.



We bought some more



tequila at the liquor store.

New, large! ~~large under~~



Pieceful scenes in San Antonio.

Then back home for lunch. After all, we had to finish all we had in the refrigerator. At around three we had flan with tea.

Later in the afternoon we walked to town. We had a last cold one (obscura) at the Beer Saloon.

Some scenes from Ajijic.



Then we walked over to Bruno's for our last supper. Hans had the ribs (very tasty and lean).

Jim had the salad-ribs combination. We talked to a woman from Dallas who was interested in tennis. Estela was already close by the time we walked to Bruno's.

Saturday August 14. sunny.

Another stormy night. We got up about 7:00 and after breakfast we put the casita back in order.

Paul arrived a little before 9:00 to pick up the keys. Just as he did our cab driver arrived, right on the dot of 9:00 as promised on Thursday when we talked to him on the square in Ajijic.

We arrived at the airport at 9:30.

We were very early, so checking in our luggage did not take long. We bought some newspapers and Jim exchanged our pesos (twice).



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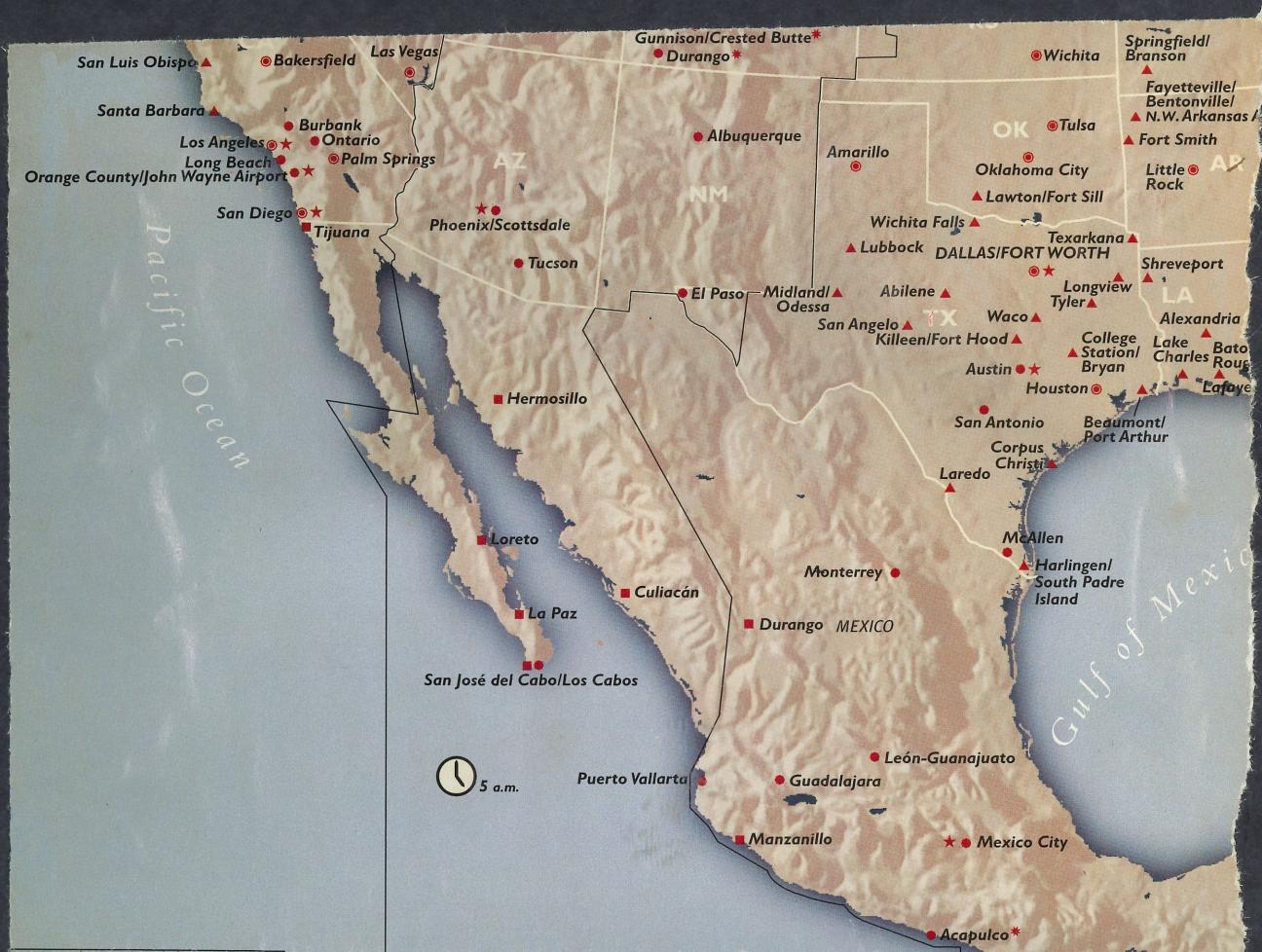
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We drank cappuccino and read.
The morning passed very pleasantly
and quickly.

We flew from Guadalajara via
Dallas to
Palm Springs.



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We arrived on time at 7:50 p.m. at P.S.P.
After picking up our luggage we were
delivered by Mickey who had to
leave from a party.
C. looked fine and were
tired. So were we after
a long vacation.

(When are we going back?)