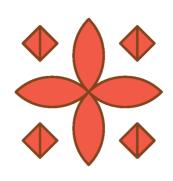
Semi-Desert Region











# QUERETARO Y ENTONCES, ENCONTRÉ MÉXICO.



### Semi-desert

Between mountains, ravines and plains, the central plateau of Querétaro is inhabited by warm people who safeguard their traditions, but also by spectacular flavors, haciendas, sites and tourist activities.

#### Harvest

The best season to visit and enjoy the vineyards is between the months of June and September, when the vines are loaded with wine grapes and the winegrowers begin their vintages with great celebrations as part of their gratitude for another year of bountiful harvests. Be part of the traditional grape treading, tours and cultural, gastronomic and artistic events that accompany them.





#### Tequisquiapan

#### **Opal Mine**

In the community of La Trinidad, there are these mines which semi-precious stones are extracted, the work of artisans become beautiful pieces of jewelry. The tours are in the morning, we recommend you wear comfortable clothes and shoes.

#### Hot Air Balloon Travel

Watch how the sun paints the entire Tequisquiapan valley with wonderful landscapes, while you move calmly to the rhythm of the air. On some flights it is possible to taste Queretaro's wines and cheeses.

## Nacional Fair of Wine and Cheese

Enjoy this celebration that takes place at the last days of May, beginning of June, in Tequisquiapan, where exhibitors and cheese and wine producers offer delicious tastings that are complemented by cultural events and a typical atmosphere of the Mexican province.

#### Handmade Baskets

Tequisquiapan is recognized for the impressive handmade basketry that many families from this Magical Town have worked for generations. Visit the Artisan Market just a couple of blocks from the Main Square.

#### Ezequiel Montes

#### La Peña de Bernal

Go up to the hermitage of the third largest monolith in the world, either on a path that is increasingly accessible to everyone, or on entertaining tours and safaris around the area.

## Wool and handicraft workshops

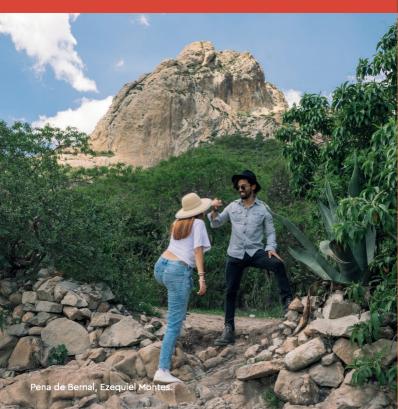
The Magical Town of Bernal has a small market where most of the locals display handcrafted objects and garments that you will surely want to buy.

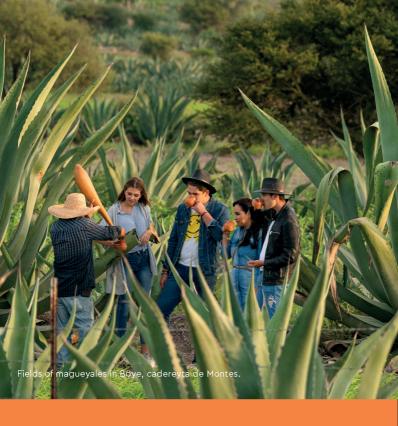
#### Gastronomy

The gorditas de maíz quebrado (Black or White), the pencas de nopal and dulces de leche They are unmissable delights for all visitors to this Magical Town.

#### Museums

The Candy Museum, The Mask Museum, The Museum of Ánimas and The National Cinema Museum are popular sites who show the culture and local values.





#### Cadereyta de Montes

#### Toluquilla Archaeological Zone

This is the largest and best preserved archaeological zone in Querétaro. This "humpback hill" has almost 200 buildings over a thousand years old.

#### Boyé

This community is recognized for being where the best barbecue and pulque in the region are prepared, which you can enjoy at its annual fairs or every Sunday at the local market.

## Botanical garden and greenhouses

In the González de Cosío and Fernando Schmoll greenhouses you will learn about the flora of the region, how to care for it and promote its importance for the semi-desert ecosystem.

#### **Planetarium**

Take advantage of the clear skies of the Queretaro semi-desert to take your children to observe the stars and learn about science and astronomy.

#### Other tourist attractions

El Pilancón, Cadereyta Regional Museum, "Velo de Novia" Waterfall in Maconí, Hacienda Tovares, La Isla de Tzibanzá ecotourism camp, El Doctor cabins and the Bosque de las Hojas.

#### ▼ Toliman

## Rising of the Chimal

The raising of the chimals -imposing temporary structures built with reeds and covered with wild plants- is a symbol of resistance, vitality and identity feeling of the Otomí-Chichimeca people.

#### Otomi Family Chapels

In the region there are more than 200 family chapels, which are the central space of the Otomi ritual and are distributed in the different communities of the municipality of Tolimán.

San Miguel Arcángel's

#### **Festivities**

Every year, every September 27, the patron saint festivities of San Miguel Tolimán are celebrated, considered one of the main cultural manifestations recognized as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

## Traditional Cooks

A group of cooks from Tolima rescue traditional gastronomy in the community of San Antonio de la Cal, as an option for gastronomic tourism in this emblematic municipality for its strong customs and indigenous communities.





#### Colon

#### Basilica del Soriano

Elevated to a Basilica by Pope Benedict XVI, the temple of the Virgen de los Dolores de Soriano is visited by thousands of faithful who recognize a miraculous image

#### Cerro del Zamorano

Its peak is the highest in the entire state of Querétaro. In addition to being ideal for hiking, it is a sacred site in the Otomí-Chichimecas Living Traditions and Memories, Intangible Heritage by UNESCO.

#### Cristera Route

Colón, the only municipality in Querétaro that rose up in arms during this passage in the history of Mexico, takes you on a tour of emblematic places and characters of the Cristeros War.

## Wines and Cheeses

As part of the Route Art Cheese and Wine, in Colón there are unmissable wine tourism sites in the region such as Finca VAI, Viñedos Donato, Vinaltura and Flor de Alfalfa.



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Do not drive if you drink alcoholic beverages, choose a designated driver.



Choose places with adequate access to your possibilities and interests.



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