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NAVARRO TRIP TO MEXICO CITY

Orli & Kathy Navarro & their three beautiful daughters spent a few memorable days in Mexico City, the capital & most populous city of Mexico.



A major stop was at the Pyramid of the Sun, which is the largest building in the ancient city of Teotihuacan (about 25 mi. north of Mexico City), & which is believed to have been constructed around 200 CE by the Mayans, at the place where they believed time began. It is one of the largest structures of its type in the Western Hemisphere, & is called the "Birthplace of the Gods" by the Aztecs.





Paseo de La Reforma - the main street in downtown Mexico City, is a wide avenue that runs diagonally across the heart of the city. It is modeled after the great boulevards of Europe & was commissioned by then Emperor Maximilian to link the city center with his imperial residence, Chapultepec Castle.

(Maximilian overthrew the constitutional President, Benito Juarez. Eventually, Maximilian was executed & the restored Juarez government renamed the Paseo in honor of the Reform War).



Chapultepec Castle is the only royal castle on the American continent & was used to house the Mexican Emperor Maximilian I & his consort, Empress Carlota. (The castle is mentioned in the U.S. Marine Corps Hymn, "From the Halls of Montezuma," which refers to the Battle of Chapultepec in 1847, during the Mexican-American War.)

The Navarro girls posed amid gardens & sculptures at Chapultepec Castle! Chapultepec means “Hill of the Grasshoppers” in Nahuatl, the language of the Aztecs. At one time, the Hill was actually an island, known for dangerous insects & animals, hence the name.

As can be seen below, the Castle is in the heart of Mexico City/ It is a historic site & local landmark, inhabited since the days of the Aztec Empire. It is now the home of the first-rate National Museum of History!





In the “Floating Gardens” of Xochimilco, a borough south of Mexico City with many canals, the Navarros rode on a “Trajinera,” which is a colorful gondola-like boat!

A visit to Taxco, Mexico’s silver capital, was a must! Taxco is a beautiful colonial town & one of the most attractive destinations in the State of Guerrero, which is southwest of Mexico City. As can be seen, the town is built on hillsides & Gelly & Nela had to do a little bit of climbing!!

