



DAY OF THE DEAD IN OAXACA **OAXACA-MEXICO CITY**

The Day of the Dead is celebrated every year in Mexico between October 31st and November 2nd. It is a holiday in which Mexicans remember and honor their deceased loved ones. It is a festive and colorful holiday where people visit cemeteries, decorate the graves, and spend time celebrating in the presence of the deceased. They also make elaborate altars at their homes with food, flowers, and decorations to welcome the spirits. This festivity dedicated to the dead has been recognized by UNESCO as a cultural heritage event for humanity.

Tour begins in Oaxaca
October 29th, 2023
7 Days, 6 Nights
Single: \$2,429 – Double \$1,955 per person

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Tour Breakdown

Day 1 | October 29th – Oaxaca

Arrive at the Oaxaca airport, transfer include to the hotel for check-in. The Tour Manager will greet you at the hotel. Evening at leisure.

Day 2 | October 30th – Monte Alban and Oaxaca Cuisine

Breakfast at the hotel. Our first visit will be to the market to learn about the ingredients of the local cuisine and the materials used for the Day of the Dead celebration. We also visit the archaeological site of Monte Alban, a great city on the hill that reigned for 1200 years. This great city's remains reveal an already advanced culture with temples, pyramids, palaces, and ball courts. During the evening we will attend a cooking class and enjoy the meal preparation. Welcome dinner tonight. (B, L, D)

Day 3 | October 31st – Ocotlan, Coyotepec, Tilcajete, Jalieza, and Graveyards

Breakfast will be at the hotel. Our first stop will be at Ocotlan for the traditional market day to see the potter's elaborate black pottery. Next, travel to Tilcajete, famous for its wood carvings of mystic figures, "Alebrijes." In Jalieza you will see artisans creating elaborate and beautiful embroidered cloth products. You will enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. After dinner we will visit the cemetery to see the altars with their offerings and decorations of the graves. You will also see the colorful carpets of Marigolds, sand, and sawdust that adorn the streets welcoming the spirits. (B, D)

Day 4 | November 1st – Mitla, Teotilan, Mezcal, Tule Tree, and Masquerade Parade

Breakfast served at the hotel. Today we will visit the archeological site of Mitla, "The place of the dead." This place was built around 800 AD with amazing architecture and striking grecas that adorn the walls. We will stop at Teotitlan to see the woolen and woven goods produced, and the techniques using natural dyes to color them. You will learn about the production of Mezcal, a product made from the blue agave. You will see the distillery and try some of the products. Lunch is included here. On the way back to Oaxaca, you will see the Tule Tree, a gargantuan Mexican cypress probably the largest tree in Latin America. This is a 2000-year-old living giant. Tonight, we will enjoy the masquerade parade with people dressed in skeleton and devilish costumes mocking the dead. They parade dancing from house to house receiving fruit, candy, and chocolate from the families. (B, L, D)

Day 5 | November 2nd – Oaxaca and Mexico City

After breakfast at the hotel, we depart for Mexico City, about a 5-hour trip. Lunch in en-route to Mexico City. Check-in at the Mexico City hotel. Dinner at your leisure. (B, L)

Day 6 | November 3rd – Teotihuacan and Archeology Museum

Breakfast at the hotel and early departure to visit one of the most important archaeological sites in Meso-America. After lunch we depart for Mexico City, where you will enjoy a visit to the Museum of Archeology. Tonight, farewell dinner. (B, L, D)

Day 7 | November 4th – Departures

Say "hasta pronto to Mexico!". Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport. (B)

*Itinerary and hotels subject to change.

Includes:

- 5 Nights hotel accommodations in Oaxaca
- 1 Night hotel accommodation in Mexico City
- Daily Full American breakfast
- All meals as per itinerary
- R/T airport transfers
- All sightseeing as per itinerary
- Bilingual Tour Manager
- Deluxe motorcoach transportation
- All taxes and gratuities for meals server's baggage and room attendant

Not included:

- Tour Manager gratuities
- Motorcoach Driver gratuities

