



## “Día de Los Muertos” Day Of The Dead

### 5 Days, 4 Nights, Culture, Dining and Cemetery Tour

October 31<sup>st</sup> marks the beginning of México’s “Día de Los Muertos” celebration. Day of the Dead events honor the deceased with vibrant festivities through November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Elaborate altars welcome spirits with food and flowers as people visit cemeteries to decorate gravesites and spend time with the souls of their loved ones. These celebrations originated with pre-Hispanic traditions dating back hundreds of years, including an Aztec festival honoring the goddess of the afterlife, Mictēcacihuātl. As the cultures intertwined, The Day of the Dead evolved to include elements of Christianity, including prayers for the souls of the deceased. Rather than a morose occasion, Día de Los Muertos is a celebratory holiday when the lives of those passed are commemorated. Whimsical skull decorations symbolize the cycles of life, death and rebirth. Experience the layers of history behind this UNESCO cultural heritage event in the land of its origins.

#### Included with Tour

- Onsite tour orientation and briefing with welcome dinner
- Fully escorted and narrated by our friendly tour staff
- Watch the Day of the Dead masquerade parade in the heart of downtown Oaxaca
- Shop in the bustling Ocotlán market for artisan crafts and more
- Exclusive lesson on techniques of Oaxacan cooking
- Folkloric dancing and educational programs
- Sightseeing in Mitla, Teotitlán del Valle, Tule Tree and Monte Albán
- Tour a Mezcal distillery and sample unique and savory blue agave Mezcal
- Airport Transfers
- 4 nights hotel accommodations
- MOST MEALS INCLUDED  
See page 2 for details on which meals are included for each day.  
(B) = Breakfast  
(L) = Lunch  
(D) = Dinner

#### Price per person

**SINGLE**  
**\$2,029**

**DOUBLE**  
**\$1,755**

#### Departure date

October 29, 2023

#### Pre & Post Tour Hotel

Oaxaca

Not available

Hotels and itinerary subject to change (of equal or greater value), not affecting cost of the tour.

**Sign up today!**

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## Tour Breakdown

### DAY 1 | Oaxaca | October 29

Arrive at the Oaxaca airport and transfer to the hotel, Attend a welcome briefing with the local tour guide, where you will learn all about the festivities. Involving the traditions and beliefs that date back from pre-Hispanic times. Welcome dinner. (D)

### DAY 2 | Monte Alban and Oaxaca Cuisine | October 30

Breakfast at the hotel. Our first visit will be to the market to learn about the ingredients and the materials used for the celebration. We will also visit the archeological site of Monte Alban, a great city on the hill that reigned for 1200 years. This great city 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 preparations. Welcome dinner tonight. (BLD)

### DAY 3 | Ocotlán, Coyotepec, Tilcajete, and Graveyards | October 31

Travel to Ocotlán to explore traditional markets, then continue to Coyotepec to take in the ornate trademark black Oaxacan pottery. Continue to the Tilcajete, a town famous for its "Alebríjes," wood carvings of mystic figures. Finally, travel to Jalietza, where artisans create lovely and elaborate products of embroidered cloth. In the evening indulge in the customary foods of Oaxaca and see the Guelagueta, traditional folkloric dancers of Oaxaca. After dinner we will visit the cemeteries to see the elaborately decorated altars with offerings to the dead. Colorful carpets of marigolds, sand, and sawdust adorn the streets welcoming the spirits. (B D)

### DAY 4 | Mitla, Teotitlán del Valle, Tule Tree, & Parade | November 1

Breakfast served at the hotel. Today we will visit the archeological site of Mitla, "The place of the dead." Built around 800 AD, Mitla contains 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 here at the distillery. On the way back to Oaxaca, you will see the Tule Tree, a huge Mexican cypress probably the most massive tree in Latin America. The Tule Tree is a 2000-year-old living giant. Tonight, we will enjoy the masquerade parade with people dressed in devil and skeleton costumes imitating the dead. They parade dancing from house to house, receiving food, fruit, candy, and chocolate from the families. (BLD)

### DAY 5 | Oaxaca and Mexico City | November 2

Say adios! to Oaxaca. Breakfast at the hotel and all day transfers to the airport



*Wonder in the elaborately decorated altars with offerings to deceased family and friends.*



*See the process of creating savory Mezcal from the heart of the blue agave plant.*

