

Oaxaca Day of the Dead Itinerary – October 30th – November 3rd 2024

This itinerary may be subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances/delays.

Day 1 (October 30th): Travel to Oaxaca

Flights to Oaxaca City (via Mexico City).

Transfer to hotel for check-in and introduction to Day of the Dead.

Day 2 (October 31st): Teotitlán del Valle and Santa Cruz Xoxocotlán

7 am: Breakfast in hotel.

8 am: Departure to the indigenous town of Teotitlán del Valle (approx. 1 hour transfer). Browse the day of the dead market (filled with all the items used in these celebrations), then visit a family home to hear about the significance of this celebration to them, as well as learning how they make traditional Zapotec rugs, and visiting their cemetery.

Afternoon visit to the famous 'Arbol del Tule', the widest tree in the world, then time for lunch before returning to Oaxaca's historic centre for some down-time and free time for dinner.

8 pm: Departure to the town of Santa Cruz Xoxocotlán (approx. ½ hour transfer time) to see the cemetery decorated with candles and flowers. Approximate return time: 11.30 pm.

Day 3 (November 1st): Artisan crafts and night-time parade

8 am: Breakfast in hotel

9 am: Departure the towns of Coyotepec and San Martin Tilcajete (approx. 1 hour transfer) to learn about two of Oaxaca's most famous artisan crafts, black pottery and alebrijes. Time for lunch, followed by Mezcal tasting in Santa Catarina Minas (approx. 20 mins transfer).

4 pm return to hotel for down-time.

8 pm: Departure to the Xochimilco neighborhood within Oaxaca's historic centre (the city's oldest neighborhood), to see traditional celebrations and decorations at the cemetery.

Day 4 (November 2nd): Monte Alban (optional) & Hierve el Agua

7 am – 8 am: Breakfast in hotel.

8 am: Departure (optional) to the impressive Zapotec ruins of Monte Albán, one of the earliest cities in Mesoamerica (approx. ½ hour transfer time), followed by return to hotel.

1 pm: Departure to Hierve el Agua, where the minerals in the water springs have created an interesting rock formation resembling water boiling over the cliff edge, making for a breath-taking landscape (approx. 1 ½ hrs transfer). Approximate return time: 6 pm.

Day 5 (November 3rd): Return travel

8 am: Breakfast in hotel, followed by free time to enjoy Oaxaca City's historic centre

Transfer to Oaxaca airport for return flights.