

Oaxaca Day of the Dead Itinerary – October 29th - November 4th

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

Day 1: Guadalajara

Transfer from Puerto Vallarta or Melaque to Guadalajara. Time for lunch and afternoon walking tour in Guadalajara's historic centre, or free time.

Accommodation: Guadalajara

Day 2: Travel to Oaxaca

Transfer to Guadalajara airport for flight to Oaxaca. Transfer to hotel, followed by orientation in Oaxaca and visit to marigold fields to see the production of these flowers which are so important in the Day of the Dead celebrations. Afternoon free.

Accommodation: Oaxaca City

Day 3: Teotitlán del Valle and Santa Cruz Xoxocotlán

Visit 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.

Evening 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.

Accommodation: Oaxaca City

Day 4: Artisan crafts and Evening Celebrations

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 neighbourhood within Oaxaca's historic centre (the city's oldest neighbourhood), to see traditional celebrations and decorations at the cemetery.

Accommodation: Oaxaca City

Day 5: Monte Albán (optional) & Hierve el Agua

Departure 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.

Afternoon tour 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). **Accommodation:** Oaxaca City

Day 6: Flight to Guadalajara

Transfer to airport for flight to Guadalajara.

Accommodation: Guadalajara

Day 7: Tlaquepaque and return travel

Breakfast in hotel, followed by visit to Tlaquepaque area of Guadalajara and return travel to Puerto Vallarta or Melaque.