

# “Dia de Los Muertos” Day of the Dead

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## THE DAY OF THE DEAD IN OAXACA

One of the oldest surviving religious festivals in the Americas, the celebration of the Day of the Dead is rooted from the pre-hispanic beliefs and linked with the Christian celebration of “All Souls Day”.

The crafting of private altars, created as offerings (ofrendas) to past family members and friends, has become a folk art and are used as decorations for the festivities that encourage the souls to visit those still alive.

As the church bells toll, an invitation is sent to the souls of the departed to partake in the celebrations and follow the trails made of Marigolds from the cemetery to the church.

### Tour Begins in Oaxaca

#### DAY 1 – October 28<sup>th</sup>

Arrive in Oaxaca airport and transfer to Hacienda La Noria Hotel. Welcome briefing with the local tour guide where you will learn all about the festivity with the traditions and beliefs that date back from pre-Hispanic times. Tonight you will experience a traditional Oaxacan party with a Guelaguetza Dinner/show. (D)

#### DAY 2 – October 29<sup>th</sup>

We will have breakfast at the hotel, followed by a half day city tour of Oaxaca. The remaining part of the day will be at your leisure. (B)

#### DAY 3 – October 30<sup>th</sup>

We will have breakfast at the hotel, followed by a Day of the Dead workshop where you will learn how to make the alters with the symbolism included in this ancient tradition. You will afterwards visit a local bakery to see how they make the Day of the Dead bread. This special sweet bread is made only during this festivity and will be included as a special gift to our departed loved ones. Our last visit will be a candy factory where you will learn how to make the candy skulls, a Mexican custom where humor is used to mock death. (B)

#### DAY 4 – October 31<sup>st</sup>

After breakfast at the hotel, we will join the local people as they make and present twenty-two alters in the main square of Oaxaca. You will also meet and interact with twenty-two different ethnic groups of the state of Oaxaca that still speak their various languages and keep their ancient roots. This evening we will see a special presentation with music and color as they honor the Dead in downtown Oaxaca. (B)

#### DAY 5 – November 1<sup>st</sup>

Following breakfast, we will have a morning tour of Mitla, the City of the Dead. This is a magnificent archaeological site that was built to honor the dead. Tonight we will be part of the Cross ceremony where 2,400 candles will be lit in the local cemetery. We will also learn about the celebration and alters for the “angels” (the deceased children). (B)

## Pricing

Price per Person	Land Only
<b>Single</b>	<b>\$990</b>
<b>Double</b>	<b>\$765</b>
* Call us Direct to Arrange Pre & Post Nights or Tour Extensions.	

## Schedule

2011

October 28<sup>th</sup> thru November 3<sup>rd</sup>

#### DAY 6 – November 2<sup>nd</sup>

Following breakfast, we will have a morning tour of Monte Alban, the most fascinating archeological site in the state. We will have a special farewell event where we will enjoy the folkloric ballet presentation as they honor the departed, followed by a farewell dinner. (B,D)

#### DAY 7 – November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Breakfast at the hotel and transfer to the airport for flight home. (B)



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### PRICE INCLUDES:

- 6 Night Hotel and Taxes.
- Baggage Handling
- Roundtrip Airport Hotel Transfers
- Full Daily Breakfast.
- Guelaguetza Dinner & Show
- Farewell Dinner
- English/Spanish Bilingual Tour Guide.