

5 Days SPECIAL DAY OF THE DEAD IN MEXICO CITY

Validity : 30 October - 03 November 2019

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Day of the Dead is one of the most famous celebrations of Mexico. Families and friends come together to honor the Dead. During this exclusive program, which can only be organized once a year, you will experience the magical traditions of the Day of the Dead. Enjoy the smells, the tastes, and the typical rituals while getting fascinating insights into one of Mexico's most colorful traditions. Visit Mixquic and witness the most authentic celebration of this unique event. Meet "La Llorona" on the canals of Xochimilco. And combine this all with a long weekend in Mexico City.

Day 01: 30 October/ Welcome In Mexico City

You will be amazed by the size of the city from the moment you arrive. Meet and greet with a local representative and transfer to your hotel. After check-in, free time to start exploring the city. As the country's capital, the "Distrito Federal" is a mosaic of contrasts but most of all an experience in which all of Mexico comes together. It's the perfect place to start your trip in Mexico.

Included: Airport transfers, Overnight Hotel in Mexico City

Day 02: 31 October/ Historic Center And "La Llorona"

Get to know one of the world's biggest and most exciting cities! With its distinct mestizo culture, blending native Indian (Nahuatl) and Spanish heritage, this mega city is the beating heart of the country. Enjoy a guided visit to the historical center, listed by UNESCO as World Heritage. This interesting tour will include "The Zocalo", the heart of the city, where you will visit the Metropolitan Cathedral, one of the oldest and largest of the Americas, and the National Palace, home of the famous murals of Diego Rivera. During these days, the Zocalo is dressed up with huge skulls and enormous ofrendas, for your first impressions of the Day of the Dead celebrations. You will also see the ruins of the Templo Mayor, one of the most important temples of the Aztecs in their ancient capital city of Tenochtitlan. In the late afternoon, transfer to Xochimilco, one of the most picturesque and colorful areas of Mexico City, and one of the last remaining vestiges of the old Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan. This beautiful place is characterized by its canals, floating gardens with lovely flowers, and brightly decorated "trajineras", which could be considered the traditional Mexican equivalent of a gondola. On the canals, we will attend a unique piece of theater, which can only be seen in October and November: "The Legend of La Llorona". La Llorona ("The Weeping Woman") is one of the most famous legends in Mexico.

Although several versions exist, the best-known story tells of a beautiful woman, by the name of Maria, who drowns her children in a river as a form of revenge, because her husband left her for a younger woman. When she realized that her children are dead she drowned herself in a river in Mexico City. At the gates of Heaven, she is asked about the whereabouts of her children. She is not permitted to enter the afterlife until she has found them. Maria is forced to wander the Earth

for all eternity, searching in vain for her drowned offspring, with her constant weeping giving her the name "La Llorona". She is trapped in between the living world and the spirit world. She is said to cry *¡Ay, mis hijos!* ("Oh, my children!"). This story is particularly popular during the Day of the Dead season as this is the time for the diffused souls to come back to earth, to look for their loved ones. Guided by torches, with music, dance, fire, and spectacular light effects, you will enjoy an unforgettable show.

Included: *Breakfast in Hotel, Guided visit to historic center in English, Transportation, Visit of Xochimilco and Ticket for La Llorona, Overnight Hotel in Mexico City*

Day 03: 01 November/Pyramids of Teotihuacan and the Shrine of Guadalupe

Teotihuacan, 'the place where gods were created', is one of the most impressive archaeological sites of the country. The history of Teotihuacan is quite mysterious. The earliest buildings were constructed around 200 BC. It is assumed that the city may have counted 200,000 inhabitants during its period of prosperity. In those years, Teotihuacan was the biggest city of the American continent and one of the biggest of the world. Until its inhabitants abandoned the city around the 8th century, Teotihuacan was probably the most significant and civilized cultural center of ancient Mexico. During this guided excursion you will encounter the magic and mystery of Teotihuacan. Admire (and climb?) the Pyramids of the Sun and the Moon. Walk down the Avenue of the Dead, visit the Temple of Quetzalcoatl with its unique stone sculptures of plumed serpents, the Temple of the Butterflies, and the Fortresses. Before arriving back at your hotel, we make a stop at the Shrine of the Virgin of Guadalupe, a pilgrimage place for millions of Mexicans and people from all around the world.

Included: *Breakfast in Hotel, Transportation, Guided Walking Tour in English in Archeological Site of Teotihuacan, Entry to Archeological Site of Teotihuacan, Overnight Hotel in Mexico City*

Day 04: 02 November / Mixquic: Day of the Dead

Today Mexico celebrates the Day of the Dead, one of the most famous celebrations of the country, recognized as intangible World Heritage by UNESCO. Families and friends come together to honor the Dead. One of the best places to be part of this unique event is San Andres Mixquic, located in the southeast of Mexico City, about an hour driving from downtown. Before we go to Mixquic, we will make a stop at the UNAM Campus. Every year, a mega ofrenda is exhibited on the campus. Then continue to Mixquic. The modern celebrations in Mixquic are an extension of the cult of the dead that existed here since pre-Hispanic times. During this unique tour, you will experience the magical traditions of the Day of the Dead. Enjoy the smells, the tastes, and the typical rituals while our guide gives you fascinating insights into one of Mexico's most colorful traditions. Witness the unique "Alumbrada", when families gather in the cemetery to decorate tombs of the deceased with flowers and different kinds of objects. Thousands of candles are lit while families pray and sing for the spirits of their ancestors. Enjoy the colorful ofrendas, buy typical food and crafts at the stands, observing the performance of pre-Hispanic rituals in the most authentic setting, and learn about the true essence of the Day of the Dead.

Included: Breakfast in Hotel, Transportation, Guided tour to Mixquic with visit of the cemetery and UNAM in English, Overnight Hotel in Mexico City

Day 05: 03 November/Departure

At the proper time, transfer to Mexico City Airport. Alternatively, an extension is available upon request, please contact us for options.

Included: Breakfast in Hotel, Airport Transfers

CATEGORY: HOTELS 3*

Nights	City	Hotels 3*
03n	Mexico City	Regente

The price (hotels3*) of the program is per person in US dollars:

DBL	SGL	TPL *	CHILD (4-11 years)**	SGL spl
USD \$ 655	USD \$ 828	USD \$ 622	USD \$ 331	USD \$ 414

CATEGORY: HOTELS 4*

Nights	City	Hotels 4*
03n	Mexico City	Casa Blanca

The price (hotels 4*) of the program is per person in US dollars:

DBL	SGL	TPL *	CHILD (4-11 years)**	SGL spl
USD \$745	USD \$ 1,052	USD \$ 702	USD \$ 331	USD\$ 414

CATEGORY: HOTELS 5*

Nights	City	Hotels 5*
03n	Mexico City	Krystal Grand Reforma

The price (hotels 5*) of the program is per person in US dollars:

DBL	SGL	TPL *	CHILD (4-11 years)**	SGL spl
USD \$ 1,026	USD \$ 1,516	USD \$ 994	USD \$ 331	USD \$ 414

Please note:

Program operated in seat in basis - starting on 30 October - minimum of 2 persons.

- Prices are valid for departures between 30 October - 03 November 2019

- Prices are subject to availability and change without prior notice.

(*) Triple rooms include two double beds only. Three beds are not guaranteed.

(**) Rate for children applies if children share a room with their parents (not including food and drinks).

The cost of the program includes:

- 03 nights' accommodation in standard room at the hotels above mentioned or similar
- Daily breakfast, as mentioned in the program
- All transfers and excursions as mentioned in the program, operated in seat in basis
- Entrances to sites mentioned in the program
- Bilingual (English-Spanish speaking) guide for excursions
- Staff assistance for transfers
- Service charge on included meals
- Taxes (VAT and hotel taxes)

The cost of the program does not include:

- Airlines (domestic and international)
- All services, meals, or items not mentioned in the program
- Personal expenses, such as: phone calls, laundry, beverages, etc.
- Tips to bellboys, room-maids, drivers, and guides

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