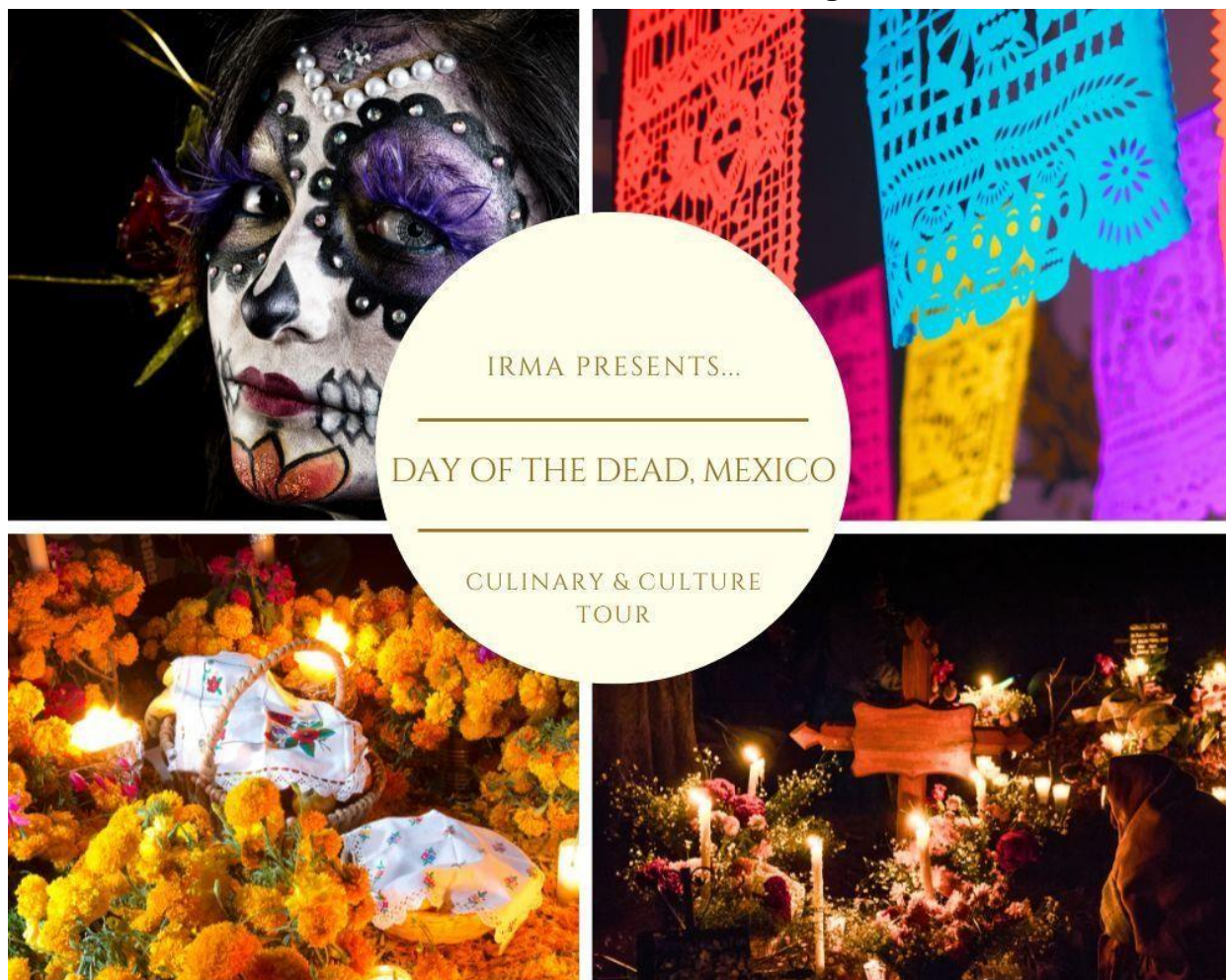


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DÍA DE LOS MUERTOS / DAY OF THE DEAD

Oct. 27th – Nov. 4th, 2028: 8 nights



IRMA PRESENTS...

DAY OF THE DEAD, MEXICO

CULINARY & CULTURE
TOUR

TRIP OVERVIEW:

Every autumn, join Irma to celebrate the iconic Día de los Muertos, a legendary tradition that beautifully reunites the living with the departed. During this mesmerizing celebration, families create ofrendas (offerings) to honor their ancestors, adorning altars with vibrant marigold flowers, cherished photographs, and the favorite foods and drinks of those who have passed. The streets come alive with dazzling artwork and an infectious energy that fills the air.

On this unique tour, you'll experience the magic of Mexico in all its forms—sing along with mariachis, visit Frida Kahlo's beloved home, indulge in mouthwatering local delicacies, and drift serenely along the famed canals of Xochimilco. Several magical towns await along the way. You will visit the ancient pyramids of Teotihuacan and the colorful towns of Tequisquiapan, San Miguel de Allende and Coyoacan. At every stop, you'll be enchanted by the vibrant preparations for the festivities.

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Day 1. October 27th: US - Mexico City (MEX)



- Check in at **your lodging**
- **Visit the Anthropology Museum.** This renowned museum holds the history of the Mesoamerican civilizations, with special halls dedicated to every one of them.
- **Stroll down Reforma,** Mexico's most famous avenue. Reforma hosts most of the decorations for Day of the Dead. Full of Marigold Flowers, Catrinas, Alebrijes and altars, walking down this street will be a perfect way to get in the mood for the festivities.
- **Welcome Dinner** at El Balcón del Zócalo. This gorgeous restaurant offers not only one of the finest cuisines in the city, but also the best view of the Zocalo Plaza, which will be beautifully decorated to honor the Day of the Dead.

Day 2. October 28th-Xochimilco and Coyoacan



- Get to know **Xochimilco**, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, formed by a series of rainwater channels that have existed since pre-Hispanic times. Marimba, mariachis, corn, fiesta and trajineras, production of vegetables, ornamental plants and various flowers in chinampas are located all throughout the place.
- Visit an **Axolotl Sanctuary**, dedicated to an endemic species from this lake, which has special healing properties
- Visit the bohemian neighborhood of **Coyoacán** (~35 min drive) and visit Casa Azul, the former house of Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera.
- Lunch at a highly rated restaurant
- Walk around the beautiful town and visit its Zocalo and Market, where Frida herself used to shop.
- Head back to Mexico City (45 min drive)



- **Dinner at a family home** to learn about the Day of the Dead tradition in an authentic way. On the way to the family house, you will visit the amazing Jamaica Market specializing in flowers. (*If you'd like, you can bring some photos of your loved ones that have passed to leave at their altars*)

Day 3. October 29th - Mexico City



- **Walking Tour of the Zocalo Plaza**, the largest in Latin America to visit some of its wonders, such as: **The Aztec Temple**, the **oldest Cathedral in Latin America**, some of **Diego Rivera's famous Murals**, and the **Bellas Artes Palace**.
- **Lunch** at a highly rated restaurant
- Enjoy a tour the **Chapultepec Castle and forest** with a local guide, and admire the astonishing decorations all around the forest
- Head back to you lodging
- Head to **Plaza Garibaldi**, a unique square that has become famous for the amount of mariachis that gather there every night waiting to serenade you; and **dine at Guadalajara de Noche** while enjoying a **Folkloric Dancing Show**

Day 4. October 30th –Teotihuacán



- Travel to **Teotihuacán** (~1.5 hour drive) a UNESCO world heritage site due to its historical significance
 - *Teotihuacán is an ancient city known for its pyramids and well-preserved murals. It was the largest city in the pre-Columbian Americas.*
- Get to know Teotihuacan in a very unique way. Join local guides and **ride quad-bikes around the perimeter of the archeological zone** and the magic town of Teotihuacan, which will also be beautifully decorated for Day of the Dead. You'll see marigold flowers,

altars and alebrijes around every corner.

- Finish the morning by walking around the **Avenue of the Dead**, running through the center of Teotihuacán, and **visit different temples and pyramids**.
- **Lunch** at a gorgeous restaurant inside a cave.
- Return to **Mexico City**
- Visit the national shrine of Mexico, **The Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe**. One of the most important pilgrimage sites for Catholics in the world, visited by millions every year. Even for non-Catholics, the symbolic importance of the Virgin of Guadalupe is integral to the daily lives of local Mexican citizens.

Day 5. October 31st: Mexico City – Tequisquiapan- San Miguel de Allende



- Make a stop at Tequisquiapan (~2.5 hours) on your way to **San Miguel de Allende**
- **Walk around the main square** to admire its beautiful parish and the decorations for the festivities. This small town is well known for its wine and cheese and for being the geographical center of the country.
- Stop for **lunch** at **Cilantro y Perejil** a beautiful restaurant overlooking the main square

- **Walk around** the town's **most famous markets**
- **Head to San Miguel de Allende** (~2 hours)
- **Check in at your lodging**
- Enjoy a **Gastronomic Night Tour** of San Miguel de Allende and learn why the town is called "The heart of Mexico". Walk around different gastronomic spots and enjoy the magical feeling of Day of the Dead in San Miguel. With its colonial facades, colorful houses, amazing art and never-ending celebrations, San Miguel de Allende is considered Mexico's most beautiful town by many locals.

Day 6. November 1st- San Miguel de Allende



- **Optional:** Enjoy an **air balloon ride** over the city, and admire the awesome views from up high at sunrise where you'll be able to admire the mountains and the city from up-high. Enjoy the breathtaking views as the balloon takes you amongst the clouds. Finish up the experience with a lovely breakfast.

- **Head back to your lodging** and rest for a couple hours
- **Visit Tres Raíces Vineyard** and enjoy a tour ending with a wine tasting at its cava where you will enjoy nature and learn about their products. As part of the wine and cheese route, San Miguel de Allende offers amazing local products that will make you feel closer to this unique town.
- **Late lunch at Terruño Tres raíces Restaurant.**
- **Visit the Art Center** and Design **La Fábrica de la Aurora.**
- **Nighttime suggestion:** Take a stroll around the Civic and Main Plazas and enjoy San Miguel de Allende's busy nightlife. Buy some food from any of the small tables offering tamales, corn on the cob with condiments, hot dogs, burgers and atole. Enjoy the local festivities for Día de Muertos, which include astonishing decorations and big parades around the city.
- **Suggestion:** If you'd like to do some chocolate tasting, a great place to do it is "**San Agustin Chocolates and Churros**". Not only they have great Spanish styled chocolate, but they also make amazing churros!

Day 7. November 2nd- San Miguel de Allende



- Spend the morning in a unique **horseback riding experience** that will take you through the mountains and canyons surrounding San Miguel. Finish the experience with an **authentic local lunch** (*this activity can be adapted depending on your skills or fears, it can be changed by a walk or a visit to the ranch*).
- Spend the afternoon enjoying the **Catrina Parade**. Although festivities in San Miguel de Allende are over 4 days-long, which means you'll see everything going on during your

whole stay, this parade is undoubtedly the most awaited event of the season. On this day, costumed revelers with skulls painted on their faces will walk through the cobblestone of San Miguel, ending at the Parroquia. You will admire their colorful clothing, music and dancing that revolves around this magnificent parade (*the parade can happen either on November 1st or 2nd, once the final date is revealed, we will adjust the itinerary if necessary*).

- **Nighttime suggestion:** Dinner at **highly rated restaurant**

Day 8. November 3rd: San Miguel de Allende



- Spend the morning in a **mojigangas lesson**. This lesson will be an opportunity to get to know first hand one of the most important traditions in San Miguel. Mojigangas, originated in Spain and were brought to Mexico in the 1600's, now, they can be seen throughout San Miguel de Allende either hanging out in the town square, or dancing around, leading traditional wedding parades or "callejoneadas" with energy and delight. You will learn how to make your own giant puppet during this amazing workshop.
- **Lunch** at a highly rated restaurant.
- **Free afternoon** to walk around. After spending a couple of days in San Miguel, the best way to enjoy your last afternoon is by simply walking around enjoying the markets, entering the little shops and cafes, or simply admiring its cobblestone streets or sitting on a bench at the Parish. Take a time to explore this amazing city at your own pace.
- **Farewell Dinner** at a highly rated restaurant.

Day 9. November 4th: Queretaro – US



- Drive to **Queretaro** (1 h drive) and walk around the beautiful city and its amazing Zocalo.
- **Lunch** at a highly rated restaurant (time permitting)
- Departure through **Queretaro International Airport**

See you soon Mexico querido y lindo!



Tour Director: Irma Gonzalez

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These quotes include:

- Expert CIT tour leader: Irma Gonzalez
- Highly rated lodging in Mexico City and San Miguel de Allende
- Round-trip airport transfers
- Lunch on all tour days at highly rated restaurants
- Breakfast at your accommodations
- Wine tasting
- All air conditioned/heated local ground transportation during the tour
- Additional expert guides at museums, temples, and old towns
- Admission to all museums and public buildings listed on your itinerary
- Tour includes Mexico City, San Miguel de Allende, Coyoacán, Tequisquiapan and Teotihuacan.
- Concierge service for dinners and nighttime activities

Not included:

- Flights and airline baggage fees.
- Individual hotel/accommodation expenses (mini bar, room service, laundry fees, etc.).
- Tips for tour leader and local guides, drivers, wait staff and cleaning personnel (CIT tipping guide provided in advance).
- Travel Insurance (highly recommended)

ESTIMATED PRICING: (Does not include flights or travel insurance)

Amount of days	Single Occupancy	Double Occupancy
9	5539 USD	4696 USD

Optional Air Balloon ride cost: 180 usd per pax

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