9-DAY TRAVEL GUIDE

The Ultimate Itinerary for Dia de Muertos Week in Mexico City (CDMX)

Plan Dia de Muertos week in Mexico City with Parque Quetzalcoatl, La Catrina, the Zocalo, Teotihuacan, Saint Jude, Roma, Xochimilco, F1, the grand parade and Tolantongo.



AT A GLANCE

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NAUCALPAN - CIUDAD SATELITE - POLANCO

Day One: Parque Quetzalcoatl, Satelite & Polanco



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Conjunto Satelite Stay

This airbnb is one of the craziest stays I've ever had. It's literally like staying at Teletubby land itself! The house is built by architect Senosiain who also built the famous Parque Quetzalcoatl. Allowing you to turn an...



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Parque Quetzalcoatl

This is a park that's not even open to the public yet. It's accessible only via tour right now. Javier Senosiain's organic architecture folds serpent forms, mosaics, caves and landscaped paths into one surreal environment....



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Museo Soumaya & Museo Jumex

Two world-class, private art museums located just steps apart Soumaya's dramatic silver architecture is worth visiting on it's own already! Soumaya is...

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CHAPULTEPEC - REFORMA

Day Two: La Catrina Parade & Chapultepec

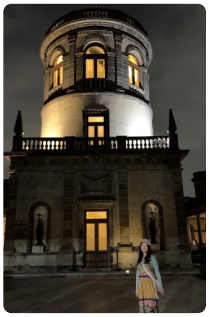

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National Museum of Anthropology

Mexico's most important archaeological collection explains the civilizations behind sites such as Teotihuacan and Templo Mayor The Mexica gallery and...

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Chapultepec Castle

The hilltop castle combines imperial rooms, national-history murals and broad skyline views Pro tip: It's open exclusively at night for Noche de Museos event on the last Wednesday of each month. The event includes live...

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Paseo de la Reforma & Angel de la Independencia

The golden Angel anchors Mexico City's grandest avenue and many of its biggest civic celebrations. You won't be able to miss it!



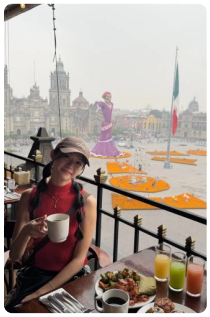
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Mega Procesion de las Catrinas

Thousands of costumed participants turn Paseo de la Reforma into the first major parade anchor of Dia de Muertos week I have to say: this parade was surprisingly WAY more big and crowded than the...

BUENAVISTA - CENTRO HISTORICO

Day Three: Gran Hotel, Zocalo & Centro Historico



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Gran Hotel Ciudad de Mexico

An ornate GORGEOUS stained-glass ceiling hotel where there is a breakfast buffet at the top! The terrace at the buffet gives a direct look over the Zocalo square



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Palacio de Bellas Artes & Alameda Central

The marble palace, murals and orange-tiled dome form the city's most recognizable cultural landmark Turn this into a compact Centro walk by adding...

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Pasteleria Ideal

A century-old Centro bakery with ENDLESS trays of colorful pan dulce! Even locals crowded this bakery to take home loads of bread wrapped in their iconic white wrapping paper

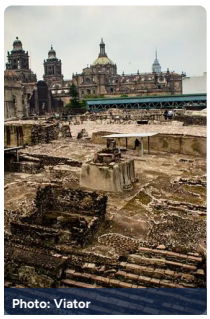


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Zocalo & Mega Ofrenda

The monumental central square surrounded by the cathedral, National Palace, and the Mexica ruins all in one spot. The Mega Ofrenda is also located right here every year!

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Templo Mayor

Excavated remains of Tenochtitlan sit directly beside the colonial cathedral The museum gives essential context for understanding what existed before modern Mexico City.

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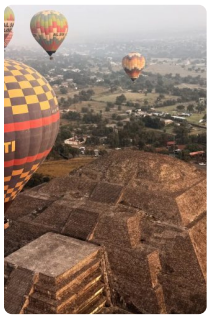
Biblioteca Vasconcelos

The suspended shelves, glass bridges and enormous open interior make this one of the city's most photogenic modern public buildings Admission is free, and it's totally worth the stop. Absolutely incredible interior design!

TEOTIHUACAN - CENTRO HISTORICO

Day Four: Teotihuacan & the Feast of Saint Jude

Start before sunrise at Teotihuacan, then return to Centro Historico for the Feast of Saint Jude in the late afternoon.



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Hot-Air Balloon over Teotihuacan

This is an ABSOLUTE MUST. Top 3 memories of my life for sure! A sunrise flight over the Teotihuacan pyramids with gorgeous views from above and...

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La Gruta Cave Breakfast

As part of the Hot Air Balloon tour, they take you to this cave restaurant afterwards to enjoy breakfast. This is a famous open-air restaurant located inside a large, natural volcanic cave in San Juan Teotihuacan

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Agave Tasting & Obsidian Stop

As part of the Hot Air Balloon tour, enjoy a relaxed agave tasting. All locally crafted and incredibly delicious! And enjoy a tour of Obsidian traditions of...

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Teotihuacan Archaeological Zone

The Pyramid of the Sun, Pyramid of the Moon and Avenue of the Dead form one of Mexico's essential archaeological landscapes The tour of the pyramids ar...

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Feast of Saint Jude Thaddeus at San Hipolito

This is a lesser known festival to a tourist, but it also occurs the same week of Dia de Muertos festivities. October 28 brings one of Mexico City's largest annual displays of devotion to the Templo de San Hipolito Pilgrims...

ROMA NORTE - ROMA SUR - CONDESA

Day Five: Roma & Condesa

Keep this day walkable with coffee, design, food and cocktails across the adjoining Roma and Condesa neighborhoods.



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Cumbe Cafe

A cozy Roma Norte cafe with reliable seating and Wi-Fi. Great place to stop and slow down!



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Roma Norte & Roma Sur

Roma Norte is where it's at! Lined with boutiques, food, cafes, and lively nightlife. Roma Sur adds a quieter, more residential counterpoint with local food stops beyond the busiest visitor streets.

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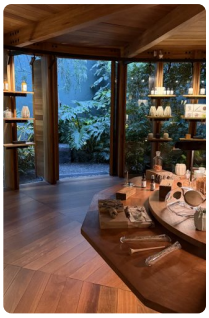


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Taco & Food Tasting Tour

In my opinion, the best food we had in Mexico was street food with no name or location. Michelin starred restaurants really couldn't compete! I recommend booking a tasting tour with a local to really experience all the best...

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Xinu Perfumes

A Mexican fragrance house that is so aesthetic it almost looks like a museum! And their fragrances are SOO INCREDIBLE.



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Parque Mexico & Condesa

A leafy, walkable counterpoint to Roma Norte with Art Deco buildings, shaded paths and some of the city's best people-watching

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Fonda Fina

Modern Mexican restaurant that was our favorite restaurant of the trip! Get the pulque, shrimp tostadas, octopus and shank. And all the drinks we had were phenomenal



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Drinks at Licoreria Limantour or Handshake...

Handshake Speakeasy is one of the World's top 5 Bars, right in Roma Norte! It has a classy ambience and delicious drinks. You must make a reservation, it's super popular. Try Limantour if you're...

COYOACAN - XOCHIMILCO - DOCTORES

Day Six: Coyoacan, Xochimilco & Lucha Night

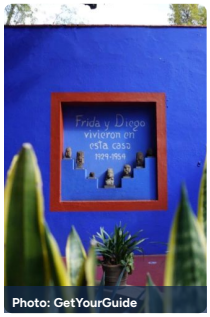


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Frida Kahlo Museum (Casa Azul)

Frida Kahlo's family home which preserves personal objects, art and the rooms where she lived and worked. Buy a timed ticket well ahead; tickets are not...

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Coyoacan Center & Market

Cobblestone plazas, a busy food market and a village-like historic center make the south side feel distinct from central CDMX

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Xochimilco Trajinera Ride

Colorful boats travel the surviving canal landscape of the ancient Valley of Mexico UNESCO recognizes Xochimilco with the Historic Center, making it more than a party-boat photo stop. Choose a classic ride from an official...

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Mercado Jamaica Flower Market

Truckloads of flowers, pinatas, produce and prepared food make this one of the city's most colorful working markets During Dia de Muertos season, the cempasuchil displays show how the flowers used across the city actually move...



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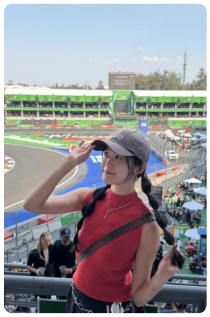
Lucha Libre at Arena Mexico

Did you really go to Mexico City if you didn't see a Lucha Libre show!? Colorful masks, acrobatics and a wildly engaged crowd makes for one of the best nights!...

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AUTODROMO HERMANOS RODRIGUEZ - CHAPULTEPEC

Day Seven: Formula 1 & Chapultepec Festival



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Formula 1 Mexico City Grand Prix

If you're lucky, you might be in town during F1 in CDMX! The Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez delivers a full race-weekend atmosphere with one of Formula 1's loudest and most theatrical...



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Chapultepec's Second Section Dia de Muertos...

During this time of the year, the Chapultepec's Second Section hosts a multi day festival with seasonal marigold installations, music, dance and nighttime drone shows. It's free to wander and...

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Day Eight: Dia de Muertos Parade



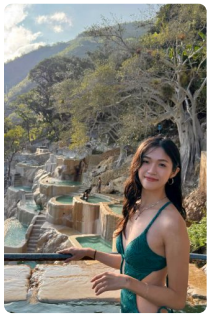
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Gran Desfile de Dia de Muertos

Mexico City's grand parade sends monumental floats, dancers, musicians and giant figures along Reforma toward the Zocalo The date, start time and route are announced annually; confirm them...

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Day Nine: The Tolantongo Day Trip



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Grutas de Tolantongo

Amazing turquoise natural hot springs right on a cliffside and a dramatic canyon make this a full nature escape This is a full day excursion that I recommend using a tour service for as the destination is 4.5 hours away! I've...

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EXTEND YOUR TRIP

Have more time?

Consider these stops.

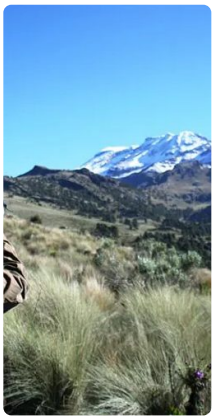


PUEBLA - TONANTZINTLA - CHOLULA

Puebla, Tonantzintla & Cholula Day Trip

Visit Puebla, Tonantzintla and Cholula on a full-day excursion from Mexico City.

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IZTACCIHUATL-POPOCATEPETL...

Iztaccihuatl & Popocatepetl Trekking Adventure

Hike high-altitude trails with views toward Iztaccihuatl and Popocatepetl on a guided day trip.

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