



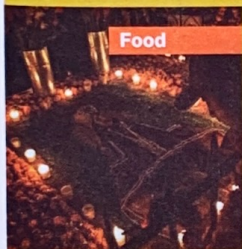
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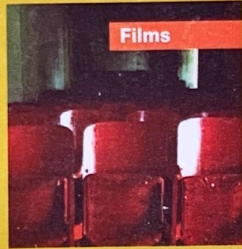
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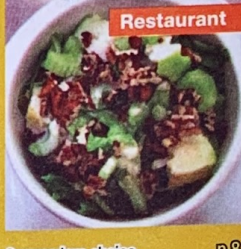
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Day of the Dead in Oaxaca



Where dead is only a transition not an end

Death comes alive during the celebration of the Dias del Muertos in Oaxaca. The days where it is believed relatives who have passed away are allowed to return to the mortal world. People flock from all over to the Colonial city as Oaxaca is one of the premier locations to experience the event. The festival which is a mixing of Pre-Hispanic and Catholic cultural and religious beliefs officially begins on Oct 31st. Nov 1st honours deceased children (Dia de los Inocentes) and Nov 2nd Dia de los Muertos, adults are honoured. Loved ones gather in the cemeteries to decorate the graves making alters and offerings of items they enjoyed when they were alive. The celebrations begin well before these three important dates with fire crackers being set off throughout the day and night. The pedestrian street Acala transforms into a magnificent display of sand sculptures depicting various religious and fes

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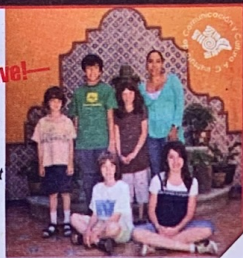
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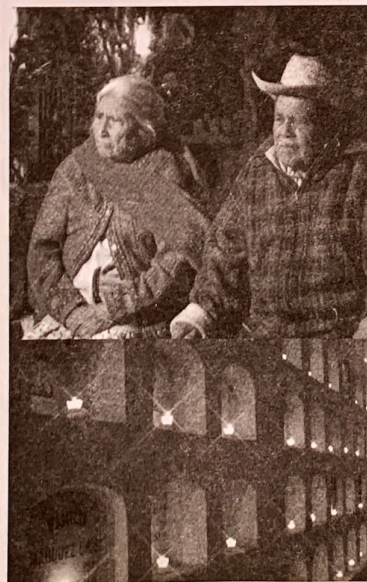
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including Catrina the female skeleton that is a symbol of the days. Alters adorn with marigolds (the flower of death) overflow into the university and the Zocalo. In the evenings parades erupt into the streets with massive 3 meter high puppets and bands. Don't miss the chance to visit the city on the 1st of November and the cemetery in San Felipe on the 2nd a spectacle awaits you. Once you get past the rows of vendors selling food, alcohol, coffee and hand made crafts an entrance opens to the graves and tombs that are elaborately decorated. It is best to go at night when everything is lit up and alive. Mariachi bands will play for people sitting by graves, sharing food and drinks. Amongst the graves people are selling delectable treats like candy floss and candy apples.

It is a nice way of dealing with the dead. It seems in western culture when someone dies they are just swept under the rug and forgotten about. How many people actually visit graves? With a lot of western society not practising a type of faith we don't really deal with the deceased too well. Maybe it would be better to do like the Mexicans and celebrate the people who have played such important roles in our lives.

If you are really looking to enjoy our culture and traditions come with The Oaxaca Times people and be part of our celebration. For more information visit our site

www.day-of-the-dead.org/ or write us, Yolanda@iccoax.com



COME ONE COME ALL!

Live a truly Day of the Dead experience with The Oaxaca Times Professional team.

Sunday October 25

Market of the Dead
Mitla (the City of the Dead)
Tlacolula Market and Teotitlán del Valle
Cost: \$40 dollars US- Lunch with a Zapotec
Family included
9am - 4pm

Thursday October 29

Zaachila
Market of the Dead
Typical lunch in the country side
Cost: \$40 dollars US
9am - 3pm

Friday October 30

Ocotlán Market of the Dead,
Santo Tomas Jalieza(Back strap weavers town)
Dinner with a local family
San Martín Tilcajete (Wooden carved animals)
Cost: \$50 dollars US - lunch included
9am - 4pm

Saturday October 31

3:00PM to 8:00 PM
Cook tradicional Tamales & typical desserts
With tradicional Oaxaca cooks
\$40 US per person including dinner

Sunday November 01

San Agustín Etla
Comparsas night
in their home.
\$40 dollars US
7pm - 10:30PM

Monday November 2

Visit the Cemetery of San Felipe del Agua
Enjoy a typical Day of the Dead dinner in the magnificent
300-year old, former Hacienda, Los Laureles.
Cost: \$50 dollars US
7pm - 10pm

For further information and registration, check out the Day of the Dead web-site: www.day-of-the-dead.org/ or write us, Yolanda@iccoax.com or come directly to our offices, 307 M. Alcalá (in back of the restaurant) Oaxaca, Oax.



The Oaxacan Children's library

The Oaxaca Children's Library is Located in the ancient and typical neighborhood of Xochimilco surrounded by many other neighborhoods. It is easy for Oaxacan children And visitors to join the instalations in a beautiful,bright, well designed and peaceful building.

You can find there, books, magazines,CDs, toys Andy Computers.

The Reading areas are divided depending on children ages that go from 0 to teenagers. The Workshops offered by the Childrens library Turing the summer in 2009 were;chess, moppet making, theater for teens etc. You can visit their site to, www.bs.org.mx

Children can also watch movies or visit exhibitions about literature,science or about art work made by their parents who join

Workshops for parents.

The Children's library also host the Library for the Blind,"Jorge Luis Borges" (a famous blind Argentinian writer) The library for the blind was founded in 1996 by World famous Oaxacan painter Francisco Toledo who gave the Rights of custody to the Children's library. It has with a Collection of Braille books a permanente Workshops to teach Braille language, Computers withspecial programs for the blind or for people with Hjek vision who need to study. The OCL also concede grants to outstanding blind students. The Children's library is support by the Fudation "Alfredo Harp Helú".

Openeveryday from 10:00AM to 7:00 PM
Address, 1342 José López Alavez, Barrio de Xochimilco. Ph. 5026344

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