



Day of the dead



Día de Muertos

Code of Conduct for Visitors on
Day of the Dead in Mexico



Welcome to Mexico, where we honor and celebrate our loved ones who have passed on Día de Muertos. As a guest, we invite you to experience this unique tradition respectfully. Please follow these guidelines to ensure that you participate in a manner that honors both the cultural significance and the community's well-being.

Respect Sacred Spaces

Do not walk on graves, step over tombstones, or touch personal items on the graves. Always ask permission before entering a family's ofrenda (altar) or taking photos. If permitted, avoid close-ups of people without explicit consent.

Greet Families with Kindness

A simple greeting, like "Buenas tardes" or "Buenos días," can show respect for families gathered at cemeteries. They are welcoming you into a private moment, so please be courteous.

Contribute Thoughtfully to Ofrendas

If possible, bring a small candle or a meaningful, eco-friendly item as a contribution to the altar, like a biodegradable candle or a flower. This can symbolize your participation in honoring the deceased.

Practice Mindfulness and Silence

Cemeteries are places of reflection; lower your voice and avoid loud conversations or noise. If music is present, remember it is likely to be soft, respectful, and an integral part of the tradition.

Limit Waste and Support Sustainability

Bring reusable water bottles, bags, and containers to reduce waste. Dispose of trash in designated bins or take it with you. Support local artisans who use sustainable materials when purchasing souvenirs.

Follow Local Customs

Dress modestly in cemeteries as a sign of respect. Bright colors are welcome in many areas, as they align with the festive nature of Día de Muertos, but be mindful of the somber setting.

Observe Personal Space and Sacred Items

Avoid touching the personal items left at gravesites or on altars. These items are often cherished mementos or offerings meant for the deceased.

Be Aware of Photography Etiquette

Many families may welcome photos of the ofrendas, but always ask before capturing an image of individuals, especially children. A quick "¿Puedo tomar una foto?" shows respect and awareness of local customs.

Support Local Economy

Consider purchasing local foods, flowers, or crafts that contribute to the community's economy and promote sustainable practices.

Show Respect and Gratitude

Above all, remain respectful and open-hearted. Remember that Día de Muertos is not just a tourist experience; **it is a sacred time for Mexican families to reconnect with their loved ones.**