

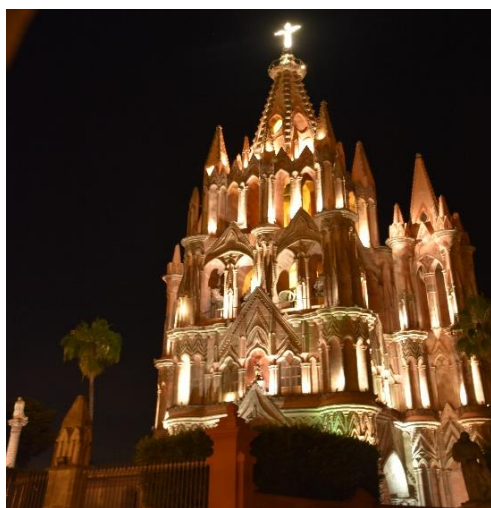
San Miguel De Allende Tour

Day Of The Dead: Magic, Mystique and Tradition

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San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, México
October 29th – November 3rd, 2019



Considered one of the most beautiful cities in the world, San Miguel de Allende captures the magic of Mexico's cultural traditions, art and history. This is most visible during the festivities of *El Dia de Los Muertos - The Day of the Dead*. A unique and colorful celebration with origins dating to pre-Colombian times and fused with Christian tradition. Our guests will witness the significance



and love that the followers of this tradition place on the remembrance of their ancestors.

We are fortunate to have secured lodging for your six day, five night vacation on what is one of the most desired weeks on the Mexican holiday calendar. The duration of the trip will also allow for the traveler to learn about Mexico's revolutionary history, which places San Miguel and its environs as important junctions of this event. And like any Mexican vacation, our travelers will have ample time to shop as well as to enjoy the region's many culinary delights.



DATE	TOUR DESCRIPTION	INCLUDES
DAY 1 TUE OCT 29 TH	<p>Depart Bush International (IAH) to Leon Guanajuato, MX (BJX)</p> <p>Transfer: Leon to San Miguel de Allende Hotel Check-in Welcome Reception City Tour of San Miguel Dinner</p>	<p>Transportation Professional Bi-lingual Tour Guide Water Reception Tour Dinner Hotel</p>

<p>DAY 2 WED OCT 30</p>	<p>Tour to Guanajuato (12 hours)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Travel approximately 1 hour from San Miguel de Allende to Guanajuato - an authentic colonial-era city with European flair. It was a silver mining town and played an important role during Mexico's war of Independence and was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1988. • You will be fascinated by the tunnels, narrow cobblestone alleyways (callejones), plazas, town squares, historic monuments and neoclassical and baroque architectural style colonial buildings. • Visit the artist Diego Rivera's house/museum • Visit the Mummy Museum where mummies, which formed naturally, were exhumed between 1865 and 1989. It is likely a combination of factors which led to mummification, including the altitude and the area's arid climate, the wooden coffins which may have absorbed moisture, and sealed cement crypts which protected the bodies from organisms that would have led to their decay. • Visit a pottery studio in the town of Santa Rosa on the return trip to San Miguel - international shipping is provided and our experience has been positive with all shipped items to our travelers • Time permitting: Continue to Dolores Hidalgo. This charming town is known as the birthplace of Mexico's independence. We will visit the church where Father Hidalgo uttered his famous cry for independence! The town is also known for its talavera-style ceramics and a vast variety of ice cream flavors. <p>Return to San Miguel de Allende</p>	<p>Breakfast Transportation Professional Bi-lingual Tour Guide Water Admissions Lunch Dinner Hotel</p>
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<p>DAY 3 THU OCT 31ST</p>	<p>Cañada de la Virgen – Archeotour One of Mexico’s best-kept secrets, this archaeological zone has only been open to the public since February of 2011. Our professional archeologist tour guide will share information on this site, which is a true testament to the mathematical, astronomical and architectural genius acquired over thousands of years by its builders and their ancestors. The House of the Thirteen Heavens, the House of the Longest Night and the House of the Wind are three of the main structures. Occupied between 540 and 1050 A.D., they served as ceremonial spaces, elite residences, burial grounds and time keeping instruments that are aligned precisely to the movements of the celestial bodies. The site was also a pilgrimage destination for common people who brought in tribute to the elite astronomer priests who lived and died there and used the place as a refuge, an observatory and possibly even an astronomy school. Hats, sunblock and good walking shoes are recommended as there will be about a 1.86-mile walk at 7,000 ft elevation.</p> <p>Free afternoon to enjoy the plaza for shopping and people watching before dinner.</p>	<p>Breakfast Transportation Professional Bi-lingual Archeologist Tour Guide Water Lunch Dinner Hotel</p>
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<p>DAY 4 FRI NOV 1ST</p>	<p>DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATION THROUGHOUT TOWN</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free morning to walk about the town plaza to experience the energy and excitement as preparations of the altars for the Day of the Dead celebration are being made. Enjoy time for shopping, people watching, and abundant street food tasting. <p>Afternoon – Tour to the Sanctuary of Atotonilco on the road to Mexico’s Independence.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Galerias Atotonilco – Amazing Mexican folk art collection featuring pottery, wood carvings, Huichol artwork, lacquer ware, sarapes and tin made by the best artists in Mexico. • The Sanctuary of Atotonilco is a church complex and a World Heritage Site with an amazing combination of spirituality, art and history. The main feature of this 18th century complex is the rich Mexican baroque mural work that adorns the main nave and chapels. The mural work has led the complex to be dubbed the "Sistine Chapel of Mexico." <p>Return to San Miguel to see the plaza and Day of the Dead altars.</p> <p>We will immerse ourselves in the Day of the Dead celebration activities by dressing up, mask making, or having our faces painted and walking with locals in a parade!</p>	<p>Breakfast Transportation Face Painting Parade Professional Bi-lingual Tour Guide Water Lunch Dinner Hotel</p>
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<p>DAY 5 SAT NOV 2ND</p>	<p>Cemetery Tour and Visit Visit an actual cemetery on the day that loved ones are commemorating the day of the dead. We are sure that you have never witnessed anything like what you will see and feel during this visit.</p> <p>Fabrica la Aurora A textile mill from 1902 to 1991, Fabrica La Aurora has since become an art-lover's paradise in northern San Miguel with a diverse selection of art, furniture, jewelry and contemporary art stores. This is a place where you can see artists at work in their studios and will have the opportunity to buy from them directly.</p> <p>Lunch on your own at Fabrica La Aurora</p> <p>Mercado de Artesanias This beautiful market winds through several layers of narrow streets lined with handicrafts from many regions of Mexico. There is silver jewelry from Taxco, rugs from Oaxaca, Talavera pottery from Dolores Hidalgo, glass and tin lamps, clothing, linens, and all at negotiable prices. This can truly only be experienced in this town known for its artists, art, and craftsmen.</p> <p>City Historic Walking Tour For our final event we will walk through San Miguel with a tour guide that will explain the history, culture and secrets of the city in additional detail pointing out the mixture of its ancestral pagan past and Catholic faith.</p> <p>Farewell Dinner</p>	<p>Breakfast Transportation Professional Bi-lingual Tour Guide Water Dinner Hotel</p>
<p>DAY 6 SUN NOV 3RD</p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Hotel Check-out Airport Transfer: San Miguel de Allende to Leon Guanajuato Airport</p> <p>Depart Leon Guanajuato MX (BJX) to Bush International (IAH)</p>	<p>Breakfast Transportation Professional Bi-lingual Tour Guide Water</p>

TOTAL COST - BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

**Price per person
\$1950.00**

*Single occupancy additional \$400.00

Group size limited to 12 to ensure a more intimate travel experience.

INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare from Bush International Airport to Queretaro
- Airport transportation to and from San Miguel de Allende
- Transportation daily where applicable
- Bi-lingual Professional Tour Guide daily/including airport arrival meet & greet & departure
- Breakfast Daily
- All Admissions
- Reception
- Lunch (3)
- Dinners (5)
- All beverages, alcoholic and non, are included during lunches and dinners.

Flight:

Bush International (IAH) to/from Leon, MX (BJX)

Please contact Tour Serve for a reservation form, payment details or questions at 713-562-3892 or email esther@tour-serve.com

\$500.00 deposit to hold your spot due by June 1st

\$725.00 due August 1st

\$725.00 due October 1st

Note:

The airline, hotel, transportation, restaurant, tour operator and all providers are holding space and services for this group trip. Deposits and payments are non-refundable unless we can replace you with another guest willing to take your full place. Travel insurance is recommended and, although Tour Serve does not provide insurance, there are many options that you can choose from on your own.

The full itinerary will be preserved however the order of the itinerary is subject to change.