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San Miguel de Allende, Guanajuato, México
Day of the Dead Tour: Magic, Mystique and Tradition
October 30 - November 4, 2017



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 at Hacienda El Santuario, a beautiful boutique hotel within walking distance to the city center 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 MON OCT 30	<p>Depart Bush International (IAH) to/from Queretaro, MX (QRO) UA Flight #6163 9:50 a.m.– 11:06 a.m. Nonstop</p> <p>Transfer: Querétaro to San Miguel de Allende Hotel Check-in Welcome Reception City Tour of San Miguel Dinner</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transportation • Professional Bi-lingual Tour Guide • Water • Reception • Tour • Dinner • Hotel

<p>DAY 2 TUE OCT 31</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 La Valencia Mine dating from the 1600's, one of Guanajuato's richest silver mines and San Cayetano Church built in honor of this successful mine. • 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. • Return to San Miguel de Allende 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast • Transportation • Professional Bi-lingual Tour Guide • Water • Admissions • Dinner • Hotel
<p>DAY 3 WED NOV 1</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." • 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 to see the plaza and Day of the Dead altars.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast • Transportation • Professional Bi-lingual Tour Guide • Water • Dinner • Ice Cream • Hotel

<p>DAY 4 THUR NOV 2</p>	<p>DAY OF THE DEAD CELEBRATION THROUGHOUT TOWN</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>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>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>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast • Transportation • Face Painting • Parade • Professional Bi-lingual Tour Guide • Water • Dinner • Hotel
<p>DAY 5 FRI NOV 3</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 expert 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.</p> <p>Farewell Dinner</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast • Transportation • Professional Bi-lingual Tour Guide • Water • Lunch • Dinner • Hotel
<p>DAY 6 SAT NOV 4</p>	<p>10:00 a.m. Hotel Check-out Airport Transfer: San Miguel de Allende to Querétaro Airport</p> <p>Depart Queretaro, MX (QRO) to Bush International (IAH) UA Flight #6317 2:20 p.m. – 5:27 p.m. Nonstop</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Breakfast • Transportation • Professional Bi-lingual Tour Guide • Water

TOTAL COST - BASED ON DOUBLE OCCUPANCY

**Price per person
\$1,780.00**

*Single supplement \$400.00

Group size limited to 16 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
- **Hotel Hacienda el Santuario**
- Breakfast Daily
- All Admissions
- Reception
- Lunch (1)
- Dinners (5)
- All beverages, alcoholic and non, are included during lunches and dinners.

Flight:

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Note:

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