



Fundación
En Vía's

Day of the Dead Tours 2017

Day of the Dead, or *Día de los Muertos*, is one of Oaxaca's most beloved and culturally rich festivals. Gastronomy, tradition, and color combine to enchant visitors and locals alike. En Vía's Day of the Dead tours showcase our micro-finance program while introducing the visitor to the intimate Day of the Dead traditions of local families.

Each tour will visit either Teotitlán del Valle or San Miguel del Valle. **Teotitlán del Valle** is a Zapotec community whose people are renowned for weaving vibrant wool rugs. **San Miguel del Valle** is a less-often visited Zapotec community known for the intricately embroidered aprons made and worn by the women of San Miguel.

Pricing

The cost of the tour is **US \$80 dollars per person**.

This price includes lunch, extra food and drink items consumed on the visit as well as transport (all Day of the Dead Tours will depart from, and return to, the **Instituto Cultural Oaxaca**). We will use your remaining tour fee to fund interest-free micro-loans and community initiatives in the towns where we work.

Booking and Payment

All bookings and inquiries can be made through info@envia.org. Please specify the date and particular tour option for your booking in your email.

To confirm your place in the tour, **all tour fees must be prepaid upon reservation via PayPal**. PayPal details will be sent after an email confirmation from En Vía.

Tour Itineraries

All tours include:

- Traditional meal with a local family
- Conversation with a family about their altar and their personal Day of the Dead beliefs and traditions
- Demonstration of how women in the family prepare chocolate for these sacred days

Wednesday, November 1st 2017

Tour 1: San Miguel del Valle 9:30am - 4:30pm

- Visit the cemetery in San Miguel to witness a quiet moment as spirits of loved ones begin to arrive
- Embroidery demonstration
- Join an En Vía woman as she visits the homes of family and friends to pay respect to their altars and their ancestors

Tour 2: Teotitlán del Valle 12:00pm - 7:00pm

- Visit the cemetery to witness a quiet moment before the spirits of loved ones arrive
- Demonstration of working, dyeing, and weaving wool into tapete rugs

Thursday, November 2nd 2017

Tour 3: Teotitlán del Valle 11:00am - 6:30pm

- Demonstration of working, dyeing, and weaving wool into tapete rugs
- Visit the cemetery in the late afternoon to see the decorations in preparation for bidding farewell to the spirits of their loved ones

Tour 4: Teotitlán del Valle 1:00pm - 8:00pm

- Demonstration of working, dyeing, and weaving wool into tapete rugs
- Visit the cemetery as community members gather to sit vigil and bid farewell to the spirits of their loved ones

Friday, November 3rd 2017

Tour 5: San Miguel del Valle 3:30pm - 2:00am

- Embroidery demonstration and weaving demonstration
- Visit the cemetery to witness the decorations left by family members to guide their loved ones into and out of the living world
- Join the San Miguel town festival: a night of dancing, piñatas, and music to accompany the spirits as they journey back to the land of the dead

For more information about our programs, the communities where we work, and our tours, check out our website at: www.envia.org or email info@envia.org