

# ***DIA DE LOS MUERTOS***

## ***PILGRIMAGE TO OAXACA***

***OCTOBER 28-NOVEMBER 4, 2008***

*Annually, from ancient times, the indigenous peoples of Latin America  
Have celebrated a “homecoming” for their departed ancestors.  
Oaxaca, Mexico, is the site of one of the most ancient of these celebrations.  
For a week, natives and pilgrims from all over the world come to  
Oaxaca to celebrate the “Muertos”.*

*This Pilgrimage includes (in addition to the beautiful Spanish Colonial city)  
Visits to Monte Alban (the largest archeological site in the Americas),  
Side trips to Yagul and Mitla (other Zapotec Indian ruins),  
Escursions to Teotitlan del Valle (weaving village);  
Arazola (wood carving village);  
Astompa (for a visit to the studios of Dolores Porras and Angelica Vasquez);  
San Bartolo Coyotepec (site of Dona Rosa’s “Black Pottery” Studio);  
And numerous other cultural and educational points of interest.*

*We will go to the local cemeteries (as is the custom) on the appropriate  
Evenings and soak in the tradition and culture of this sacred land.*

*Cost of the Pilgrimage includes: Hotel (7 nights); Excursions;  
Breakfast and one main meal daily; and guides.*

*Airfare is not included.*

*Price: \$1550/per person/dbl. occupancy*

*Size of the group is limited to 25 persons. Please register early.*

*Deposit of \$500/person due by April 30, 2008.*

*A complete itinerary is available upon request.*

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- TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28:** A. M. Fly to Oaxaca. Upon arrival in Oaxaca, transfer to our Hotel in Oaxaca's center
- WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29:** A.M. Walking tour /Orientation to Oaxaca. Visit to The Exconvento Santo Domingo & the Museum Housing relics from Oaxaca's Zapotec Indian history. Lunch in the city and afternoon free to explore Oaxaca on your own.
- THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30 :** A.M. Visit the Carpetweaving village of Teotitlan del Valle, where everyone in the village is a weaver Of carpets and blankets. Lunch together in Oaxaca. Evening on your own in Oaxaca.
- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31:** Morning excursion to Monte Alban, the largest archeological Site in North and Mezoamerica. Returning to Oaxaca, we stop in Aztopma to visit The handicrafts of Dolores Porras and Angelica Vasquez, two of the many reknowned ceramic artists Of the Oaxaca area. We return to the city for Lunch. Afternoon siesta or shopping. In the evening we go to the oldest cemetery in Oaxaca, Xoxocotlan, for vigiling at the graves with the people of Oaxaca.
- SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1:** Today we drive to San Bartolo Coyotepec to visit the Pottery studios of Dona Rosa (now deceased, but Succeeded in her work by her son), to view the Black Pottery of Oaxaca, We will stop along the Way to visit the Aguilera sisters (also very well-Known folkartists of Oaxaca; and also at the studio Of Carlomagno (who's pottery has been acquired by the Louvre in Paris). We conclude our excursion with a visit to the home of the famous Mexican painter, Rodolfo Morales. Lunch in Oaxaca. Afternoon free. And evening at the Municipal Cemetery of Oaxaca.
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2:** Today we visit the woodcarving villages around Oaxaca And sample the work of the artisans who work in Wood. After Lunch, the afternoon is free. Evening spent at the "Comparsas" (street parades) In the Etna Valley (it's like Mardi Gras in the fall)
- MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3:** Day on your own to enjoy Oaxaca...and prepare to come home
- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4:** Return to Houston and with great memories of the Dia De Los Muertos in Oaxaca!

Excursions and events may shift days depending upon the local celebrations

**Price: \$1550/person double occupancy, airfare not included. \$500 Deposit upon registration & \$500/month til paid in full.** Price includes Hotel, transfers, ground transportation, breakfast and one meal daily, guides, tours. Limited to 25 persons. **To register contact: Don Neumann 713 829 0026 OR [Dneumann@mdanderson.org](mailto:Dneumann@mdanderson.org); Deadline:7/30/08**

If you so desire, bring photos and momentos of deceased loved ones to make an "altar" in memory of your departed loved ones in your hotel room. We will have time to prepare for the feast by creating our own altars.