

# Oaxaca 2016



## Sea Turtles, Oaxacan Culture & Day of the Dead October 27 - November 4



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**Oct 27 Arrive Huatulco & Transfer to San Agustinillo**

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**Welcome and general orientation at hotel**

**Dinner at el Pelicano**

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**Oct 28 Beach and Relax Day**

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**Breakfast at La Mora Posada**

**Enjoy the Beach and Relax Day!**

**San Agustinillo** is a tiny, one-street village 4km west of Zipolite by road. We'll be staying in beachfront cabañas on this small, curved bay with waves that are perfect for bodyboarding, swimming and learning to surf.

**Open lunch in San Agustinillo**

**Mazunte**, just west of Agustinillo, Mazunte has a curving, sandy beach on a scenic bay with a laid-back atmosphere.

**Dinner at Punta Placer Bungalows**

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**Oct 29 Turtle Center and Iguanario**

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**Breakfast at La Mora Posada**

**Visit National Mexican Turtle Center & Iguanario de Cozoaltepec**

**National Mexican Turtle Center** In the face of the imminent extinction of the diversity of turtle species, the Mexican government created the National Mexican Turtle Center. Biologists, veterinarians, and research groups study turtle behavior, diet and conservation.

**Open lunch in Mazunte**

**Iguanario de Cozoaltepec** has about 2,000 young iguanas on more than three hectares. It conserves and protects black and green iguanas - and protects the eggs during incubation. After two years are released to their natural habitat.

**Dinner at La Mora Posada**



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## Oct 30 Playa Escobilla & Release Baby Turtles

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### Breakfast at La Mora Posada

**Playa de Escobilla Sanctuary** is a waterfront sanctuary for sea turtles in the Mexican state of Oaxaca, with an area of about 30 hectares. The sanctuary lies in Santa María Tonameca Municipality, between the towns of Puerto Escondido and Huatulco near the town of Mazunte. In order to protect the turtles, the beach is guarded during nesting season and is off-limits to tourists.

### Dinner at Alta Mira, Mazunte



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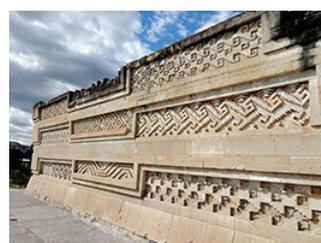
## Oct 31 Fly Huatulco to Oaxaca

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### Breakfast at La Mora Posada

### Flight to Oaxaca, Check into [Hotel Mision de Los Angeles](#)

**Oaxaca de Juárez**, With its rich culture, arts, culinary specialties and a beautiful colonial center of lovely, tree-shaded streets, Oaxaca is one of Mexico's most captivating cities. Artists and artisans alike are inspired by the area's creative atmosphere, indigenous traditions and bright, clear light. Capital and largest city of the Mexican state of the same name, Oaxaca has top-class museums, a dynamic zocalo and fascinating markets.



### Lunch at Flor de Loto restaurant Historic Centre of Oaxaca.

**Meeting with Dr. Jorge Hernández** "Cultural diversity in Oaxaca." Instituto de Investigaciones Sociológicas de la Universidad Autónoma "Benito Juárez" de Oaxaca.



### Open dinner in Oaxaca City

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## Nov 1 Mezcal Producer & Mercado de Artesanias

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### Breakfast at hotel.

### Go to Sola de Vega

**Visit Productores Soltecos de Agave y Mezcal.** Visit fish pond of maguey tobalá, to mezcal's paleque for production traditional, and visiting the house of member at organization-the mezcal producers' workshop. Taste Tobaralá's mezcal.



### Lunch in the town house

### Mercado de Artesanias

Largest market dedicated exclusively to crafts in the city. Located five blocks southwest of the Zócalo, the market has a wide selection and great prices. Products range from jewelry to rugs and wooden figures. One of the best craft markets in Mexico.



### Open dinner in Oaxaca City

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**Nov 2 Mitla, Teotitlan & Day of the Dead**

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**Breakfast at hotel****Visit Mitla**

**Mitla** is the second most important archeological site in the state of Oaxaca and the most important of the Zapotec culture. While Monte Albán the political center, Mitla was the main religious center. The name Mitla is derived from the Nahuatl name Mictlán, the place of the dead or underworld. Talk by Arqueologa Ninfa Pacheco.

**Breakfast at Sta. María El Tule****Visit Teotitlan**

**Teotitlan** is famous for its beautiful woolen rugs woven on hand-made looms. The rugs are colored with natural dyes made from indigo, cochineal and rock moss. Visit artisan textile workshop. Talk by Mtro. José Buenaventura, maestro artisan of Teotitlán del Valle. Walk through the 16th century temple, the archeological site in Teotitlan del Valle, Community Museum and market.

**Lunch in Teotitlan del Valle at the house of Mtro. José Buenaventura.**

**Mercado Benito Juárez** The town's oldest market, 1893, Mercado Benito Juárez is located two blocks southwest of the Zócalo, the market is a great place to buy crafts and local food.

**Guided tour of Day of the Dead and Cemeteries in Oaxaca.**

**Day of the Dead** One of the great festivals of the world, Day of the Dead is a magical, colorful celebration of ancestors. We'll enjoy beautiful colonial Oaxaca in all its glory, as we follow the seas of flowers and flickering candles of cemetery vigils, watch the painted faces and street dances and parades, and barter for sugar skulls and skeleton carvings at the local markets.

**Group dinner to be arranged**

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**Nov 3 Craft Workshops**

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**Breakfast at hotel****Craft Workshops: Visit Monte Albán, San Bartolo Coyotepec and San Martín Tilcajete**

**Monte Albán** is a large pre-Columbian archaeological site. Settled by the Zapotec around 600 B.C., it became a Mixtec bastion in the late 10th century. One of the earliest cities of Mesoamerica, Monte Albán was a socio-political and economic center for about 1,000 years.

**San Bartolo Coyotepec** is the home of the famous black pottery sold all over Oaxaca. In 1953, a native woman named Doña Rosa invented the technique of smoking the pottery during firing to make it black and rubbing the fired pieces with a piece of quartz to produce a sheen.

**Lunch in San Martín Tilcajete**

**San Martín Tilcajete** is home to woodcarvers who produce alebrijes — fantastical, brightly painted animals and imaginary beasts. Wander town to view the amazing collections.

**Group dinner to be arranged**

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**Nov 4 Departure**

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## Itinerary

10/27	Flight - Oakland-Huatulco
10/28	Beach day in San Agustinillo & Mazunte, Evening film screening
10/29	Mazunte, National Turtle Center, Iguanario
10/30	Visit Playa Escobilla Sactuary, Release baby turtles
10/31	Fly Huatulco to Oaxaca City, Free time, Cultural Diversity Talk
11/1	Sola de Vega, Mexcal producer workshop, Mercado de Artesanias
11/2	Mitla, Teotitlan, Mercado Benito Juárez, Day of the Dead tour
11/3	Monte Alban, San Bartolo Coyotepec and San Martín Tilcajete
11/4	Free morning, Departure

## Lodging

### San Agustinillo

10/27-10/30

#### Un Sueño



#### Punta Placer Bungalows



### Lodging Oaxaca

10/31-11/4

#### Hotel Mision de Los Angeles



## Flights

10/27	Arrive Huatulco
10/31	Huatulco-Oaxaca
11/4	Depart Oaxaca