

# PUEBLA & OAXACA

5 days/4 nights

From \$1352 per person twin share

Departs daily ex Mexico City

Price per person from:\*

Twin

A Hotel Mesones Sacristia/Quinta Real Oaxaca \$1826

B Hotel Colonial de Puebla/Casa Conzatti \$1352

\*Based on two people sharing, singles on request.

## INCLUSIONS

4 nights hotel accommodation on B&B basis, full day tour Puebla, private transfers and sightseeing as specified in the itinerary, departure transfer hotel to Oaxaca airport.

**D**iscover two of the Mexico's most magnificent cities, both World Heritage Sites renowned for their majestic Spanish colonial buildings. Ancient Puebla, founded in 1532, is well known for its architectural beauty and food. It lies in the shadow of the Popocatepetl and Iztaccihuatl volcanoes. Oaxaca, founded in 1529, has a rich history and culture. It is also close to important archeological sites from the Zapotec civilization (500 BC to 800 AD).

### Day 1 Puebla

Depart by private vehicle towards Puebla, stopping to visit Tonantzintla's ornate church, decorated in distinct regional style. Continue on to Cholula to see the Great Pyramid, larger than the famed Pyramid of Cheops in Egypt. On arrival in Puebla, explore this wonderful town and perhaps try Mexico's national dish - the mole - which originated here.

### Days 2/3 Oaxaca

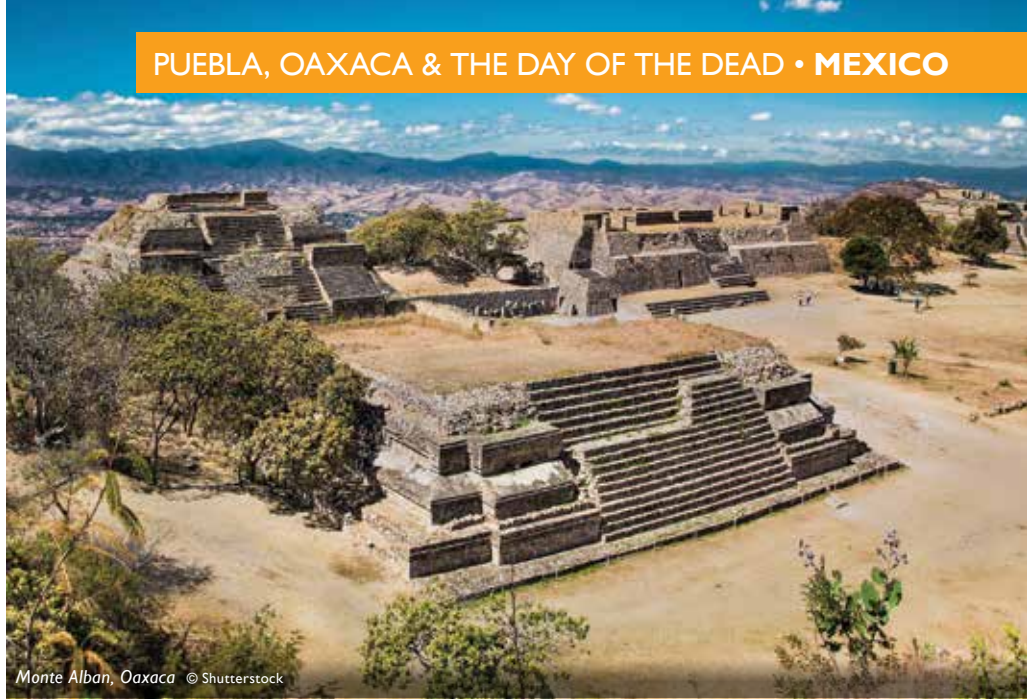
After breakfast drive to Oaxaca. On arrival enjoy time at leisure to explore or relax. Next day, take a half day tour to Monte Alban, the most majestic of Oaxaca's ancient ruins and the greatest of the Zapotec cities. Its strategic location on a levelled mountain top is testament to early Mesoamerican engineering abilities. B

### Day 4 Oaxaca

Half day tour of Mitla. See the ancient Tule tree, thought to be over 2,000 years old and one of the world's largest by circumference. Mitla was once an important Zapotec city but its temples were destroyed by the Spanish. Stop at a distillery on the way back for mescal tasting. B

### Day 5 Tour ends

After breakfast transfer to the airport. Tour ends. B



Monte Alban, Oaxaca © Shutterstock



Traditional market flower seller © Shutterstock



Dramatic scenery of Puebla © Condor Verde



Church of Santo Domingo de Guzman, Oaxaca © Shutterstock

## DAY OF THE DEAD EXPERIENCE

5 days/4 nights

From \$1252 per person twin share\*

Departs ex Oaxaca

30 Oct-03 Nov 2018

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### INCLUSIONS

4 nights hotel accommodation on B&B basis, private arrival/departure transfers from/to Oaxaca airport, half day visit to Monte Alban archaeological site, night tour Xoxo cemetery on 31 October, 1 full day 'Day of Dead' activities, half day Oaxaca city tour.

**T**his entirely unique adventure begins in the culturally rich southern city of Oaxaca and takes in traditional Zapotec weaving, candle-making and bread-baking in preparation for the Day of the Dead. Celebrated on 31st October, this 3-day ancient holiday honours the dead with prayers, feasting and festivities that spill out onto the streets. March to a brass band in Etlá's famous public parade alongside villagers dressed in Halloween-style costumes, help decorate a traditional family grave, learn to make tortillas and taste the delicious regional fare.

