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# **DIA DE MUERTOS**

## **(DAY OF THE DEAD)**

This november 2 is celebrated the day of the dead, one of the central festivals of the mexican calendar and that transcends all over the world. On november 2, the day of the dead is comemorated, a celebration with mexican origins that has become popular throughout the world and has been the inspiration for multiple films with ceremonias and colorful estars, this oliday pays tribute to the deceased.

the day is used to honor, thank and remember those who are no longer base don the fact that death is one more step in life, in wich the earthly world is abandoned. This popular celebration in México has nocturnal visits to the cemeteries, in which relatives and loved ones of those who are no longer there, bring offerings, flowers, candles, photographs and pan de muerto or sugar, are some of the inevitable elements onthese altars.

The origin of the day of the dead the beginnings of this festivity come from precolumbian civilizations, where the aztec, mayan, nahua, purépecha and tonaca peoples practiced rituals in honor of the deceased. The ceremonias are carried out at night, with large bonfires and floral offerings for the deceased, accompanied by sogns and dances highlighting the cheerful climate.

Originally, these celebrations take place in the ninth month of the solar calendar, august, however, with the arrival of the spanish colonies in america, it was moved to early november, to accompany the day of all saints and all souls. The day of the dead is considered a celebration of memory and a ritual that favors memory over oblivion.

The day of the dead is a mexican tradition ofprehispanic origin. The main holidays are november 1 and 2. However, lately the preparations begin many weeks before and the beauty and complexity of this celebration has attracted the attention of the whole world. The tradition has been part of mexican culture for a Long time, but in recent years this festivity has become a major tourist attraction.