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Day of the Dead



Mexico is the country of origin of the celebration of the Day of the Dead. Every year more and more people around the world join in this celebration.

November 2 is the official date of the Day of the Dead, but people celebrate between October 31 and November 2, coinciding with the party on November 2. What is All Saints Day or All Souls Day? It is a Catholic celebration.

Traditionally, November 1 is the day to honor babies and children who died, and November 2 is the day to remember the deceased adults.

According to tradition, during the Day of the Dead festival, the souls of the deceased leave the place where they went after they died (like Mictlan in the case of the indigenous or Purgatory for Catholics) and return to visit their loved ones on earth.

Many people make altars in their homes to honor their deceased loved ones. In cemeteries, families clean the graves of their loved ones and decorate.

People place altars where they offer them the things that they liked the most, such as their favorite food, drinks, sweets, toys, and flowers. Many stay all night in cemeteries, socializing, and remembering stories of their ancestors and playing music.

The Day of the Dead is not a sad day, but a day to remember, honor, and celebrate life, trying to keep away more possible death, with jokes, food, and music.