



**COPPER MOON**  
**TRAVELS**

## **DIA DE MUERTOS HIDDEN TREASURES**

### **EMERGENCY CONTACT:**

Please leave contact information for your family or friends in case they need to reach you for an emergency.

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**DATES:** October 31 – November 2, 2024

**NIGHTS/DAYS:** 2 Nights / 3 Days

**AIRPORTS:** Morelia (Most fly to CDMX and Bus to Patzcuaro)

**PRICE:** \$9,500 MXN

**HOTELS:** Not Included – please ask us for assistance

## **DETAILED ITINERARY Day 1. Thursday October 31, 2024– Bienvenidos**

### **Hotel Location: Patzcuaro, Michaoacan Mexico**

Welcome to our Hidden Treasures tour for Dia de Muertos! Today we will meet at 7:45 PM, with departure to a small village for the Vigil de los Angelitos. This marks the overnight vigil for the Souls of the Innocent, mainly children and virgins. We will build two offrendas as a group, then deliver them to our host families. We ask guests to please bring between \$50-\$100 pesos to purchase fruit and candles (which we will purchase in the village). We will return to Patzcuaro at around 11:00 PM.

***Commute Times:** Approximately 1 hour (return)*

## **Day 2. Friday November 1, 2024 – A Journey of Remembrance**

**DAY TOUR:** This morning we will meet at 9:45 AM for our departure to the Pueblo Magico Tzintzuntzan. Guests can explore the archaeological site, convent grounds or vibrant art market. Expect to smell copal incense and see a plethora of color, flowers and locals in traditional regalia, accompanied by fantastic brass bands serenading families as they begin their altar processions to the cemetery. You are welcome to take photographs and video during this incredible celebration, but once in the cemeteries, please ask before taking any close-up photos or video of the locals. We will have lunch at Las Yacatas Restaurant at Noon and will depart Tzintzuntzan at 2 PM to return you to Patzcuaro by around 3:00 to rest for about two hours.

**NIGHT TOUR:** We will meet in the Plaza at 5:30 PM and walk several blocks to where our bus will be waiting for us. Once we board the bus, we will be off to experience something you will never forget, starting with a traditional dinner at the home of an indigenous family and ending with candlelit cemeteries and an unforgettable scene. We do not announce our route, as we work hard to avoid the tourist crowds. Due to our respect for local protocols, we are fortunate to receive invitations to private vigils, so our guests are expected and received by local families. There is no need to worry about being intrusive.

If you would like to personally honour the families, please feel free to bring a host gift. This could include a special box of chocolates from home (something they haven't had before), a gift for the kids, a nice picture frame, or a bottle of wine or mezcal.

This evening includes a boat ride on Lake Patzcuaro and several enchanting cemeteries that will leave you feeling bewildered and inspired.

We will return to the Plaza in Patzcuaro at around 4:30 AM. Though this day is very long, it is very rare that guests fall asleep due to the excitement.

**Please Bring:** A comfort bag with a change of socks, a warm sweater or poncho, an umbrella, snacks, refillable coffee mug and a water bottle. Some guests bring a change of shoes and rain gear is also recommended. Please wear sturdy shoes or a casual hiking boot with good grips, as it commonly rains during Dia de Muertos and the cemetery mud is slick when it rains. Come prepared and enjoy a more comfortable experience.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

If you are arriving on October 30<sup>th</sup>, you are welcome to join us for our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual La Fiesta de las Catrinas. This is a really fun costume party complete with live entertainment and professional make-up artists to transform you from living to the living-dead!

We have a tour to the Island of Janitzio during the day on October 31, so if you would like to join us, please confirm when you book your tour. The cost is an extra \$500 Pesos for the tour, which includes transportation to the boat docks, and your return boat fare. Please ask us about these options, if you have any questions.

**WE HOPE YOU HAVE A WONDERFUL TRIP AND WILL JOIN US AGAIN!**