

CRIZMAC presents...

Days of the Dead

Michoacán, Mexico

October 27 - November 3, 2009 • 8 Days • 11 Meals

The unique and special qualities of Michoacán during the Days of the Dead, the Mexican holiday dedicated to honoring family and ancestors, provide a most memorable and powerful experience. Become a part of the celebration as you explore decorated cemeteries, watch traditional dances, and shop special markets with your tour leaders, Stevie Mack and Kitty Williams. Together, we'll visit vibrant folk art villages, where you'll see demonstrations by renowned artisans of the techniques they use to create their fabulous ceramics, copper, and lacquerware by hand. You'll also increase your understanding of Mexican history and add to the depth of the experience by touring museums and exploring archeological sites. Join us for this once in a lifetime opportunity!

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CRIZMAC Travel Adventures



Journeys
of Art
and Soul



► Daily Itinerary

Included meals in parentheses: **B**=Breakfast, **L**=Lunch, **D**=Dinner

Tuesday, October 27: Arrive in Morelia, Michoacán

Arrive in Morelia, the capital of Michoacán, where you are met at the airport and taken to our hotel. If your arrival time permits, take some time this evening to stroll around the plaza and become acquainted with the beautiful colonial city of Morelia.

Wednesday, October 28: Orientation and Morelia Tour

After enjoying a delicious breakfast at the hotel, we'll have an orientation to our trip. Take some time to review your seminar handbook for a wealth of historical and cultural information about the places and people you'll visit. Following the orientation, we'll set out on our walking tour of Morelia. Michoacán is considered the sweets capital of Mexico, so we'll begin with a tour of a candy factory. Following the tour, we'll visit some of the city's most important historical, religious, and artistic sites. In the evening, we'll have our welcome dinner at the famed San Miguelito. Part restaurant, part art gallery, and part museum, this amazing place even features a spinster's corner, where those in need can solicit help from St. Anthony, patron saint of the unmarried. **(B, D)**

Thursday, October 29: Morelia — Eduardo Ruíz National Park — Pátzcuaro

This morning we'll check out of our hotel in Morelia and head to Uruapan and the lush Eduardo Ruíz National Park. Here you'll

have time to stroll the quiet pathways of the park, amid colorful blooms of poinsettia and orchids, or simply relax and enjoy the beautiful views at the neighboring restaurant, which features a variety of delicious fresh trout dishes. After lunch, we'll continue on to Pátzcuaro, where we'll check into our hotel. Afterwards, we'll enjoy a group dinner at a popular local restaurant. **(B, D)**

Friday, October 30: Pátzcuaro/Lake Pátzcuaro Boat Tour

This morning begins with a short walking tour to acquaint you with the historic and unique city of Pátzcuaro. You'll also have the opportunity to meet Mario Agustín, a featured artist in the *Great Masters of Mexican Folk Art* book. Mario will discuss the techniques he uses to create his fabulous lacquer inlays. After lunch on your own, we'll head to the dock where we'll board our boat for a tour of Lake Pátzcuaro. You'll have a chance to watch the fishermen wield their legendary *mariposa* nets before we dock at the island of Janitzio. With a huge statue of revolutionary war hero José Morelos at its pinnacle, Janitzio is a well-known landmark for this region of Mexico. The evening is free for you to sample delicious Tarascan fare at another fine restaurant. **(B)**

Saturday, October 31: Tócuaro/Erongaricuro

Today, we'll journey around the lake to the town of Erongaricuro for a tour of the factory where American Steve Rosenthal oversees the production of a fabulous and fantastic line of brightly-painted wooden furniture. We'll enjoy a group lunch before heading to the mask-making village of Tócuaro. Here

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you'll be treated to a demonstration by members of the renowned Horta family. We'll return to Pátzcuaro in time for you to explore the city on your own, including the artisans' fair in the main plaza, which draws artists from all over the state and beyond! (B, L)

Sunday, November 1: Tzintzuntzan/Cucuchucho

This morning, we'll depart for Tzintzuntzan, another lakeside village. We'll begin our day with a tour of the archaeological site, which dates from the time of the Tarascan civilization. You'll also have the opportunity to visit the village's colorful straw market and to watch preparations for the night's festivities as families work together to lavishly decorate graves in the cemetery. Following a demonstration by acclaimed ceramic artist, Manuel Morales, we'll return to Pátzcuaro in time for lunch on your own and to rest up for our busy night. This evening, we'll visit cemeteries and observe the traditional celebrations for the Days of the Dead. The graves are decorated with great flourish, and candlelight and the smell of incense infuse the air. Visitors are welcome to walk among the graves and be part of the event. (B)

Monday, November 2: Pátzcuaro and Santa Clara del Cobre

This morning is free for you to sleep in, relax, or do some final shopping. After lunch on your own, our destination will be Santa Clara del Cobre—famous for its beautiful works of hammered copper. Here Ignacio Punzo Angel, another *Great Masters of Mexican Folk Art* artist, and his family will provide an amazing demonstration of the techniques and muscle they use to create their fabulous pieces. This evening we'll have our farewell dinner at an acclaimed local restaurant. (B, D)

Monday, November 3: Pátzcuaro/Morelia — Tour Concludes

Depart from the hotel with many special memories, and your bags packed with folk art and treasures from Mexico. (B, flight time permitting)

▶ Your Journey Includes

- Two nights at a 4-star hotel in Morelia
- Five nights at a 4-star hotel in Pátzcuaro
- Daily breakfast, one lunch, three dinners
- Transfers from the airport to hotel (for those traveling on scheduled arrival and departure dates)
- Land transportation to seminar events
- Museum and site admissions
- Guides and demonstrations
- Baggage, hotel and server tips for group meals
- Seminar handbook



- Cost based on double occupancy rooms, single rooms available for an additional fee.
- AIRFARE NOT INCLUDED

▶ Important Information

Every effort will be made to carry out all activities as planned and advertised, however, CRIZMAC and the seminar leaders reserve the right to make any alterations, deletions, or modifications to the itinerary and/or accommodations deemed necessary due to circumstances beyond their control.

Payment Deadlines

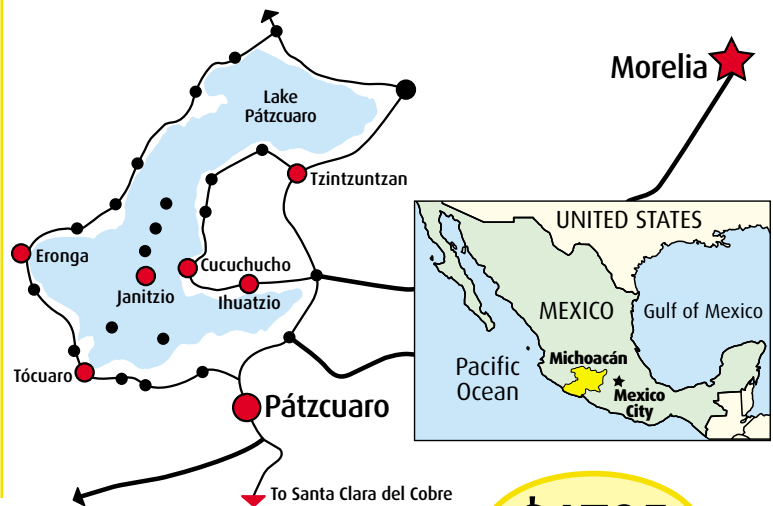
Enrollment will be made on a "first-come, first-served" basis. A \$500 deposit is required to guarantee your space. **Register by June 29, 2009 and receive a \$50 gift certificate for CRIZMAC merchandise.** Gift certificates will be included with your final tour documents. Registration and deposit payments may be made in person at our Tucson Marketplace or by phone, mail, or online at www.crizmac.com. Final payment is due two months prior to departure.

Cancellations and Refunds

Cancellations must be received in writing. Participants who cancel on or before September 15, 2009 will receive a full refund **less a \$200 processing fee. If cancellation is made after that point, no refund is given.** CRIZMAC will make every effort to operate the tours advertised. In the event CRIZMAC must cancel a tour, participants will receive a full refund of all seminar fees, however, CRIZMAC is not responsible for losses due to non-refundable airline tickets or other travel arrangements. **Travel insurance, available from CRIZMAC or your travel agent, is highly recommended.**

Professional Development

Educators receive a certificate for 52 hours of professional development credit. Graduate credit is available through the University of Arizona for an additional fee.



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▶ Price
Seminar Fee \$1,795 per person.
Single Supplement: \$300.

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