Sample Itinerary for Oaxaca, Mexico: Day of the Dead

DAY 1
- Morning/Afternoon: Airport pick-up
- 5:00pm Participant introductions at the hotel
- 8:00pm Welcome Dinner

DAY 2  Day in Oaxaca
- 8:00am Breakfast
- 11:00am “Social and Cultural Composition of Oaxaca Today,” conference given by a local sociology professor where we will explore how social movements have affected Oaxaca’s social, political and economic development.
- 1:00pm Lunch at the Cooperative Society
- 3:00pm Offerings to the Dead and ceremony in the hotel
- 6:00pm Lectures by ex-prisoners and the family of those currently detained about the experiences of those who’ve suffered in Loxicha
- 8:00pm Dinner

DAY 3  Sola de Vega
- 8:00am Breakfast
- 10:00am “Defending Indigenous Women’s Rights,” conference given by a member of an international organization focused on the human rights and the protection of indigenous people.
- 12:00pm Excursion to Sola de Vega
- 1:00pm Lunch with the Rodriguez Mendez family
- 2:30pm Visit to a temazcal (traditional vapor bath...additional cost to use services); conference on free trade’s impact on local artisans, given by the director of an organization for local businesses.
- 4:00pm Return to Oaxaca
- 8:00pm Dinner

DAY 4  The Sierra Juárez and the Bini’za culture
- 8:00am Breakfast at La Población del Tule
- 9:00am Excursion to Guelatao de Juarez
• 11:00am “Transgenic Corn in Oaxaca’s Sierra Juárez,” conference by the director of a network organization working to defend the resource rights of the Juárez mountain communities
• 12:00pm “Community and Globalization,” conference by an anthropologist working with a sustainable ecotourism organization in Sierra Juárez
• 1:00pm Excursion to Calpulalpan. Lunch at Restaurante Comunitario
• 4:00pm Rest and relaxation, videos, temazcal (traditional vapor bath), herbology and traditional medicine
• 8:00pm Dinner at Restaurante Comunitario

DAY 5 From Calpulalan to Nexicho

• 8:00am Breakfast at Restaurante Comunitario
• 9:00am Conference on the biodiversity of Sierra Juárez and walk through the forest
• 11:00am Excursion to San Pedro Nexicho
• 1:00pm Lunch in local family homes
• 4:00pm Museum and archeological zone visit, and then return to Oaxaca
• 8:00pm Dinner

DAY 6 Mitla, las puertas del Infamundo

• 8:00am Breakfast in El Tule
• 9:00am Excursion to Villa de Mitla
• 11:00am “From Sanctuary to Tourism Depot,” conference given by a member of the local citizens’ association
• 1:00pm Lunch with artisan teachers of wool textiles
• 2:00pm “Artisanship and Global Commerce,” talk and demonstrations of textile tinting and production
• 3:00pm Visit to temple, community museum, and wool textiles market
• 4:00pm Return to Oaxaca and hotel
• 8:00pm Departure for Xoxocotlán. Dinner
• 9:00pm “Party of the Dead in Santa Cruz Xoxocotlán Community,” conference given by an official of a local fraternity dedicated to Santa Entierro

DAY 7 Zaachila, el Lagarto de los Nubes

• 8:00am Excursion to Zaachila
• 9:00am Breakfast and market tour
• 10:00am “Radio Zaachila: A Community Radio,” conference in the Municipal Palace
• 11:00am Visit to the archeological zone
• 12:00pm Presentation “From the Magistrate’s Movement of 2006 and its Impact.”
• 1:00pm Lunch in Zaachila
• 2:00pm Trip to hotel
• 3:00pm Rest and relaxation
• 6:00pm “Graphics in the Social Movement,” conference, exposition and sale of photographs, videos, music, testimonial publications and workshop: “Art and Tradition”
• 8:00pm Dinner in Restaurante de la Galería
• 9:30pm Journey to San Agustín Etla
• 10:00pm Gathering with the elderly community
• 1:00am Return to Oaxaca

DAY 8 Una mañana en la Montaña Sagrada

• 9:00am Breakfast
• 10:00am Excursion to Monte Alban
• 10:30am Tour of the archeological zone
• 11:30am “Monte Alban at the Crossroads of the Privatization of Cultural Goods,” conference by an expert in pre-Hispanic and colonial Oaxacan architecture
• 1:00pm Lunch in the historic center
• Free Time
• 6:00pm Exposition at the Collective of Oaxacan Plastics, Demos, Workshop-Gallery, Xochimilco “The Social and Cultural Movement in Oaxaca,” talk by a local painter
• 8:00pm Farewell Dinner in Jalatlaco neighborhood

DAY 9

• 8:00pm Breakfast in the historic center
• Morning-Afternoon: Airport drop-off

*** This is sample itinerary. Activities are subject to change. ***