



Did You Know?

Day of the Dead among the Purépechas

In the lake region of Michoacan, the Day of the Dead is a beautiful ceremony that brings various cultural traditions together. On one hand, it conserves many features of the funeral rituals practiced by the Purépecha, and on the other, reflects elements from the Christian Spanish conquest.

The Purépechas, also known as the Tarascan, divided the universe into three parts: heaven, earth and the world of the dead. They believed that the lake and the city of Pátzcuaro were the entrance to the kingdom of the dead. To this day, Purépechas stand a vigil in the cemetery to honor their dead as part of the Day of the Dead celebrations. They decorate graves with flowers and erect colorful shrines and altars.

On the night of November 1st, in Santa Fe de la Laguna, a community located on the shores of Lake Pátzcuaro, women wear traditional dresses and carry baskets with bread, flowers and candles to offer in the houses where there is a vigil for the dead. Host families offer them pozole, tamales and atole in exchange. Another tradition is known as the "Collection and Offering" or "Teruscan y Campaneri". During the night of November 1st, children run through the town and "steal" food, flowers and other goods (in a kind of permitted pillage) from the patios and rooftops. They then gather at the churchyard to make an offering to the dead that have been forgotten by their relatives or whom no one has remembered.

The Day of the Dead celebration is celebrated between October 28th and November 2nd. The essence of this traditional ritual is to happily remember the dead relatives and friends, and in this way, give meaning to life.

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6 Tips for Building a Great Relationship with your Landlord

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Here is how to start your relationship as landlord-tenant off on the right foot:

- 1. Familiarize yourself with your obligations** under Mexican legislation and lease documents. Read your lease completely. Ask for a copy few days before signing the lease so that you have enough time to read it thoroughly and raise questions if necessary.
- 2. Be reasonable with your requests**, do not expect a landlord to add an excessive amount of improvements to an existing property. If a landlord has promised repairs or anything else, then be certain to get it in writing, preferably on the contract. Request a walk-through to assess any existing damage at the time of the move-in, and complete a Checklist On Arrival documents for you records.
- 3.** The best way to stay on good terms with your landlord is to always **pay your rent and bills on time**. Be aware that you not paying on time can cause unnecessary financial stress for your landlord. If you do have a problem making your rental obligations, explain your situation and try to find an arrangement. Communicate your requests always to your landlord in an honest manner. The worst option is silence.
- 4. Care for the property as if it were yours**, and you will get your security back. Keep your apartment and its exterior clean and do not disrupt your neighbors. If you are a difficult tenant, the neighbors can complain to the landlord. Each apartment building has its own rules, do your best to abide by these rules.
- 5. Do minor repairs yourself**, if you can. Don't bother your landlord with small issues, such as replacing light bulbs or putting a closet door back on its track. Even the least handy tenant can handle small repairs on their own. Larger repairs, or course, should be handled by your landlord.
- 6. Cooperate with your landlord when your lease is ending** to get a new tenancy in place. Try to be cooperative to make the property available for show to new tenants. Be nice to prospective tenants, keep it reasonably clean and tidy, so the potential tenants can imagine themselves living there.

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