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# JOURNEY TO MÉXICO

Travel with LACBA to beautiful Michoacán, México, and the UNESCO World Heritage City of Morelia as we celebrate Día de Los Muertos!

OCTOBER 27 – NOVEMBER 3, 2019



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## YOU MUST BE A LACBA MEMBER TO REGISTER FOR THIS TRIP

**\$3,925 DOUBLE** (two travelers sharing a room)

**\$2,725 SINGLE**

Land only, does not include airfare. You are responsible for arranging your own flights.

Secure your spot with a **\$400 per-person, non-refundable deposit.**

Michoacán is one of the most beautiful states in Mexico and both magical and spiritual during the festivities of Día de Los Muertos, also known as the Feast of All Saints and All Souls celebrated on November 1st and 2nd. One of the many highlights of our trip is the visit to the cemetery in the village of Tzintzuntzan! Souls of the deceased members are invited to join in fiestas held by their surviving relatives. Graves are cleaned and decorated with candles and flowers, especially blood-red cockscombs and golden yellow "cempasúchil," a variety of marigolds associated with the deceased. Families dressed in their best arrange their loved ones' gravesite areas. While maintaining an all-night candlelight vigil, they offer the departed souls' favorite foods and drinks, as well as skeletal figures made from sugar. The residents of this village are Purépecha, an indigenous people who live mostly in the highlands of central Michoacán.

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## HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

Our adventure will also focus on the diverse arts and crafts of Michoacán. We will visit indigenous villages, where potters, weavers, mask makers, coppersmiths and other artisans create crafts using traditional methods. Our time in Michoacán will be memorable. Join us and experience the culture, tradition, food, music, arts and its people – the Purépecha!

We arrive at the majestic **Hotel Virrey de Mendoza**, housed in a stately 1744 Colonial building in the heart of Morelia's Centro Histórico. Our week begins with a reception and welcome dinner at the restaurant La Conspiración de 1809. The week includes a visit to the Supreme Tribunal of Michoacán, tour and reception with the Chief Justice and other members of the judiciary and a joint State of the Court review followed by questions and answers.

We will visit the village of **Capula** and meet the world-renown Maestro Juan Torres at his hacienda/studio to see the production of his highly collected Catrinas, the quintessential Mexican icon referred to as México's Gran Dame of Death. Capula hosts the festival of the Catrina, where we will enjoy the diverse art craft of the Catrina and meet with artisans.

Travel to the village of **Santa Fe de la Laguna**, a strong and close knit Purépecha community famous for their home altars and hospitality. We will visit some homes and walk around the central square.



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The village of **Santa Clara del Cobre**, known worldwide for its coppersmiths and exceptional copper ware, is a highlight of our adventure. We will visit an artisan workshop and see how the superb pieces of art are created.

Our trip would not be complete without spending time at the majestic village of **Pátzcuaro**, a lakeside Purépecha community bordering the island village of Janitzio. We shop at its annual artisan market, held in the large plaza, and stroll the streets of this historic village. On our way back to Morelia, we stop at the quaint village of **Tupátaro**, where a 17th Century chapel known as the Sistine Chapel of Michoacán makes its presence.

While in Morelia, our experienced and bi-lingual guide, Alejandro Vilchis, will lead a walking tour of streets in the historic center once known as "La Nueva España," the New Spain, by the Spanish conquistadors. Alejandro will be with us throughout our stay.

We end our week with a farewell dinner at the restaurant **Los Mirasoles**, with exquisite food and festive dancing.

Make sure your US passport is current and does not expire within six months of our departure. Travel insurance is strongly recommended. The itinerary is subject to minor changes and will be shared as we get closer to the departure date.



# 2019 MÉXICO REGISTRATION FORM



**PLEASE RESERVE MY PLACE FOR THE 2019 LACBA MÉXICO TRIP OR REGISTER ONLINE AT:  
WWW.LACBA.ORG/MEXICOTRIP**

**PAYMENT SCHEDULE:**

Initial non-refundable deposit of **\$400 per person** due when registering online or by returning attached reservation form to LACBA.

**JULY 1, 2019**

**Single** \$ Final Balance Due July 1, 2019 | **Member and Guest** \$ Final Balance Due July 1, 2019

**Guest #1 Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Guest #2 Information**  Same address as Guest #1

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**METHOD OF PAYMENT (Check One)**

**Check Enclosed:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 **Charge:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_        
**Credit Card Number:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Exp. Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_  
 **Pay in Full** (Check or Credit Card)

**This registration is not complete unless each participant has signed the responsibility statement. Please return both pages with your deposit.**

If registering by mail, please send to: **LACBA México 2019**  
Address: 1055 W. 7th Street, Suite 2700  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

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## RESPONSIBILITY STATEMENT:

Los Angeles County Bar Association (hereinafter "LACBA") serves only to assist in making necessary travel arrangements for their participating members, and in no way represents, or acts as agent for, transportation carriers, hotels, universities, and other suppliers of services connected with the 2019 México program (hereafter referred to as "Trip"). Travel and services are subject only to the terms and conditions under which such accommodations, services, and transportation are offered or provided, and LACBA and its employees accept no responsibility or liability therefor. LACBA is not liable for any injury, damage, loss, accident, delay, or other irregularity which may be caused by the defect of any vehicle or the negligence or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out or performing any of the services involved. Additionally, responsibility is not accepted for losses or expenses due to sickness, weather, strikes, wars, or other such causes. All services and accommodations are subject to the laws of the country in which they are provided. LACBA reserves the right to make changes in the published itinerary whenever, in their sole judgment, conditions warrant or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience or safety of the Trip. Baggage and personal effects are the sole responsibility of the owners at all times. Dates, schedules, program details, and costs are given in good faith, based on information available and in force February 2019 and are subject to change and revision. As a condition to the acceptance of any application, each applicant must agree to, and sign, the statement set forth below:

## AGREEMENT AND RELEASE OF LIABILITY:

I hereby acknowledge that I have voluntarily applied to attend the 2019 México Program and to engage in activities conducted during the Trip by the LACBA and its employees and agents. I am aware that participating in the Trip and its activities involves the risk of injury to my person and property. I voluntarily accept all risk of personal injury and property damage arising from my attendance and participation in the Trip. In consideration for being accepted to attend the Trip and to participate in its activities, I hereby agree that I, my heirs, personal representatives, and assigns will not make a claim against or sue the LACBA or its employees, officers, directors, agents, or members for any injury or damage arising from their negligence or other acts. In addition, I hereby release and discharge LACBA and its officers, directors, employees, agents, and members from all actions, claims, or demands, that I, my heirs, personal representatives, or assigns now have or may hereafter have for injuries or property damage resulting from my attending the Trip or participating in its activities. I agree that this release includes injury or damage caused in whole or in part by the negligence of LACBA and its employees, agents, and related entities. This Agreement and Release of Liability does not remove LACBA or its employees, agents, officers or members for liability arising from acts of gross negligence (wanton and willful conduct.) This agreement is for the benefit of LACBA and their agents, employees, and their related entities only. Third parties, such as common carriers and hotels, are not released from their liability for their acts by this agreement.

**I HAVE READ THIS AGREEMENT. I UNDERSTAND THAT IT IS A COMPLETE RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND A PROMISE NOT TO SUE OR TO MAKE A CLAIM. I AM AWARE THAT IT IS A CONTRACT BETWEEN MYSELF AND LACBA.**

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_