

MEXICO CITY

DAY OF THE DEAD

CDMX 2026



Season calendar

OCT 18 → NOV 8

Parades, altars, lights and legends



WHAT IS DIA DE MUERTOS

It isn't Halloween and it isn't sad. Families build **ofrendas** (altars) to welcome their loved ones back for one night, with their favorite food, photos and music.

1

Sunday, Nov 1

Honoring the children

2

Monday, Nov 2

Honoring the adults

CEMPASUCHIL

Marigolds that guide souls home

PAN DE MUERTO

Sweet bread, try it with hot chocolate

PAPEL PICADO

Cut paper: the wind and life

CALAVERITAS

Sugar skulls with names

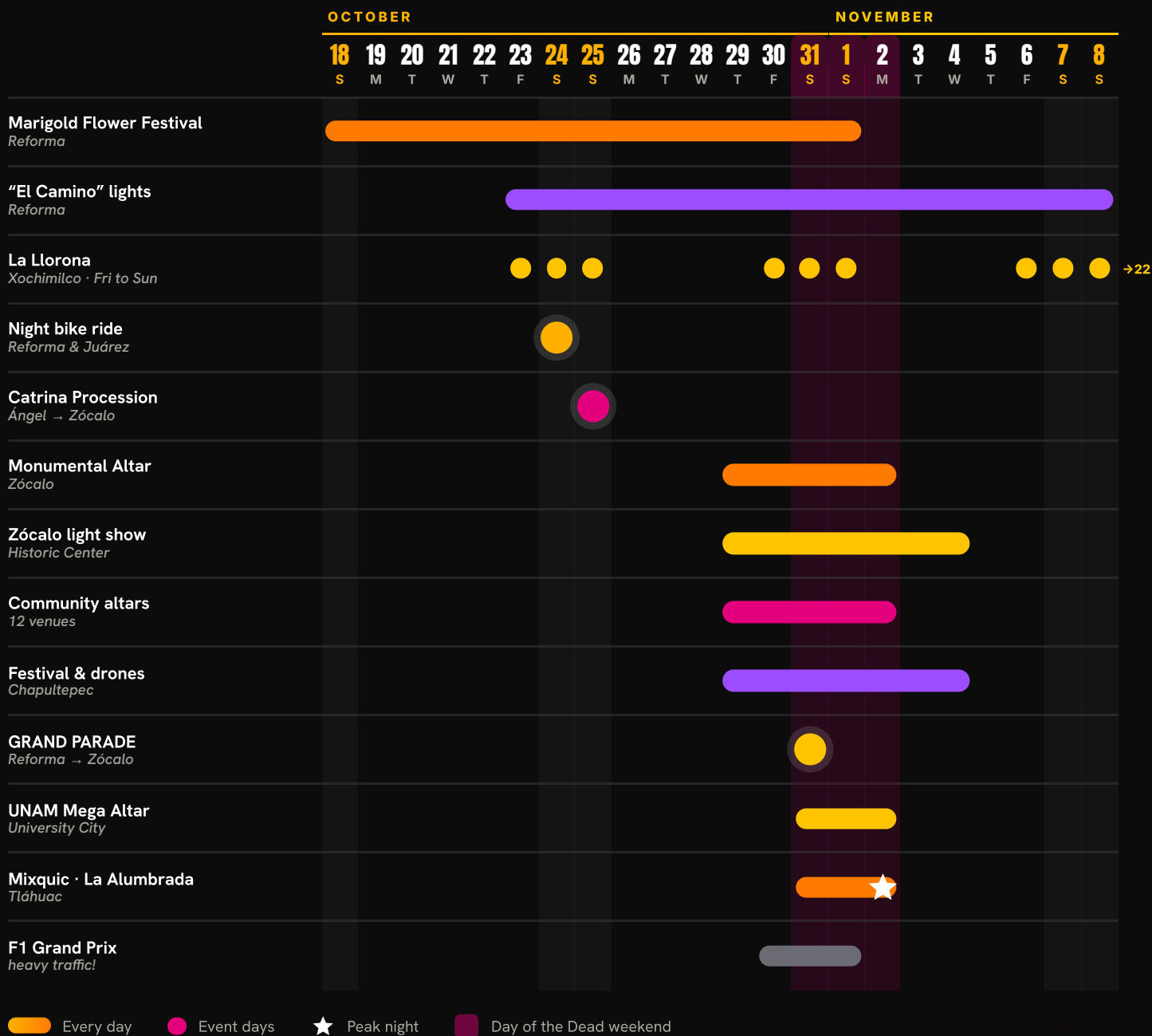
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Cleansing incense

LA CATRINA

The elegant skeleton

THE SEASON AT A GLANCE



SUN OCT 25

Catrina Procession
6:00 pm

SAT OCT 31

Grand Parade
2:00 pm

MON NOV 2

La Alumbrada
At night · Mixquic

WHAT'S ON EACH DAY

SUN
18 OCT

Marigold Flower Festival opens

Reforma

FRI
23 OCT

"El Camino" lights turn on

Reforma

SAT
24 OCT

Night bike ride

7:00 pm · Reforma

SUN
25 OCT

MEGA CATRINA PROCESSION

6:00 pm · Ángel → Zócalo

THU
29 OCT

Zócalo altar and Chapultepec festival open

Free

FRI
30 OCT

Formula 1 weekend

Heavy traffic

SAT
31 OCT

GRAND DAY OF THE DEAD PARADE

2:00 pm · Diana Cazadora → Zócalo

UNAM Mega Altar opens

University City

SUN
1 NOV

Day of the Dead: the children

MON
2 NOV

LA ALUMBRADA IN MIXQUIC

Thousands of candles at night

WED
4 NOV

Last day: Chapultepec and Zócalo lights

SUN
8 NOV

Last night of "El Camino"

Friday to Sunday until Nov 22: La Llorona in Xochimilco.

ALREADY HAPPENING



18

OCT

→ 1 NOV

FREE

MARIGOLD FLOWER FESTIVAL

📍 Reforma, from the Angel to the Ahuehuete

140 growers from Xochimilco, Tláhuac and Milpa Alta fill Reforma with orange.



23

OCT

→ 8 NOV

AT NIGHT

“EL CAMINO” - LIGHTS ON REFORMA

📍 Reforma, from the Angel to Chapultepec

Glowing xolo dogs, catrinas and papel picado to walk through.

FRIEND TIP

Walk Reforma at sunset: flowers in daylight, then the lights come on.



SUNDAY

25
OCT

DON'T MISS

MEGA CATRINA PROCESSION

🕒 6:00 pm 📍 Angel of Independence → Zócalo 🆓 Free

Thousands of catrinas and catrines walk down Reforma. Join in costume or watch from the sidewalk.

FRIEND TIP

Makeup artists set up at the Angel from 2:00 pm. Go early.



29

OCT

→ 2 NOV

HISTORIC CENTER

MONUMENTAL ALTAR IN THE ZOCALO

📍 Zócalo 🎫 Free · concerts

A 32-meter papier-mâché Catrina, sawdust carpets and thousands of flowers. The buildings light up until November 4.

FRIEND TIP

To live it like a local, also visit the centers of Coyoacán and Tlalpan.



29

OCT

→ 4 NOV

AT NIGHT

FESTIVAL IN CHAPULTEPEC

📍 Chapultepec Forest 2nd section, Lago Mayor ★ Drone show

Art, music, food, altars and drones over the lake. Its name: "The Door Between Two Worlds".

31

OCT

→ 2 NOV

UNAM MEGA ALTAR

11 am to 9 pm · Universum esplanade, University City. Free.



SATURDAY

31
OCT

THE BIG ONE

GRAND DAY OF THE DEAD PARADE

🕒 2:00 pm · about 4 h 📍 Diana Cazadora → Reforma → Zócalo 🆓 Free

Floats, giant puppets, dancers and brass bands. This year includes floats for Juan Gabriel and lucha libre.

- F1 from Oct 30 to Nov 1: heavy traffic.
- Arrive an hour early for a good spot.
- Reforma closes to cars: walk or take the Metro.
- Use Uber or DiDi, not street taxis.

NIGHTS TO REMEMBER



UNTIL

22
NOV

FRI TO SUN

LA LLORONA IN XOCHIMILCO

📍 Cuemanco pier

💰 About \$750 MXN · 3 h

Mexico's most famous legend, on a trajinera at night. Book ahead.



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ARENA

AROUND NOV 1 AND 2

DAY OF THE DEAD LUCHA LIBRE

📍 Arena México

Wrestlers in skull makeup and altars inside the arena.

FRIENDS GUIDES

Go with us: Lucha Libre Night with transport, pulque and ringside seats.



MONDAY

2

NOV

THE NIGHT OF THE CANDLES

MIXQUIC LA ALUMBRADA

📍 Tláhuac · 2 h from downtown ⌚ Night of November 2

The cemetery goes dark and thousands of candles are lit on the graves. The most traditional Day of the Dead in the city.

Ask before taking photos Keep quiet

Don't step on graves

Arrive early



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NIGHT TOUR

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