

# The Day of the Dead

Día de Muertos or the Day of the Dead is a holiday celebrated mostly in Mexico. The Day of the Dead lasts for three days. The first day is on October 31st and it is called All Hallows Eve. On this day children decorate sugar skulls and skeletons in order to invite spirits of children to visit. The second day is called All Saints Day and this is when adult spirits are expected to visit. The final day is on November 2nd and it is called All Souls Day. Before the holiday begins families clean and place marigolds on top of their family members graves. During this last day families visit the graves and place alters filled with pictures, and that spirits favorite foods. Families often place blankets down next to the graves and share happy stories with others. Although the Day of the Dead may seem like a sad holiday it is often a happy one with many parties and celebrations. The Day of the Dead is a celebration of life!

