# Why people celebrate el dia de los muertes?

Because they believed that the spirit of the dead will visit their families during those days.

mexica

OK. It might sound somewhat morbid. The Mexicans look at death with the same fear as any other culture, but there is a difference. They reflect their fear by mocking and living alongside death.

That means for Mexicans, death is apparent in everyday life. It is in art, in food, in anyplace, and even in children's toys.

As the Nobel prize-winning Mexican writer Octavio Paz explained

*"The Mexican ... is familiar with death, jokes about it, caresses it, sleeps with it, celebrates it. True, there is as much fear in his attitude as in that of others, but at least death is not hidden away: he looks at it face to face, with impatience, disdain or irony."*

Why do people celebrate el dia de los muertes and why they celebrate it with both reverence and joy? Because death is a celebration in Mexico. Death is among them. And el dia de los Muertos is an insight into it.

Learning how to cope with mortality has always been a central preoccupation of human existence. The celebrations of the Day of the Dead provide an insight into how the Mexicans do it.

Hernandez, Aracely. “Dia De Los Muertos.” *Home - NIU - Dr. Abul K.M Azad College of Engineering & Engineering Technology*, 2011, [www.niu.edu/newsplace/nndia.html](http://www.niu.edu/newsplace/nndia.html).

Weiss, Antonio. “Why Mexicans Celebrate the Day of the Dead | Antonio Weiss.” *The Guardian*, Guardian News and Media, 2 Nov. 2010, [www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/belief/2010/nov/02/mexican-celebrate-day-of-dead](http://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/belief/2010/nov/02/mexican-celebrate-day-of-dead).