



Oaxaca Days of the Dead Tour

Tour Leader Bios

Dan Chavez is a Tucson-based freelance writer and photographer. In 2002, he founded FotoVentures and began creating, producing, and marketing his photographic art. He subsequently shifted into the field of commercial photography, photographing corporate events, advertising stills, and weddings. Seeking new markets for his photography in 2015, Dan began freelance writing with a focus on sharing the wonder of other cultures and traditions. A 2017 Frida Kahlo magazine article led to a consulting project for a Mexico City tour that opened the door to a whole new world. His sense of adventure resulted in his launching independent tours to Mexico.

Having visited Mexico frequently over the past 10 years, Dan is well-versed in the country's customs, traditions, and cultural highlights. Dan's experience and insight, along with his enthusiasm and curiosity, will give you a unique and informed perspective on the tour.

Stevie Mack is a contemporary abstract painter in Tucson, Arizona. Her career began after completing her BA in Fine Arts and a BS in Education at the University of Cincinnati.

A move to the southwest and a master's degree in Art Education from UA, began a new phase for Stevie as an artist and educator. Stevie founded a publishing company, CRIZMAC, where she produced award-winning art education videos and curriculum for teachers. Other accomplishments include co-authoring two books on the Days of the Dead and leading an art travel program for 20 years to popular sites in the US and many destinations in Mexico and Guatemala.

After retirement, Stevie returned to her role as a fine artist and continues to study with a variety of accomplished artists. Her passion for color is influenced by the clear light of the desert air and the rich flora and fauna of nature. Her love of nature is a constant source of inspiration.