

A collage of Mexican cultural items. In the top left, a woven basket with a colorful striped border. In the center, two maracas with red and white painted halves. In the top right, a colorful serape with purple, blue, and white stripes. The background is a green wooden surface.

**GUIDE TO
CELEBRATE
MEXICO'S
INDEPENDENCE
DAY (FROM HOME)**



"Día de la
independencia"

¡Hola!

There are many things that the COVID cannot take away from us and the celebration is one of them, especially the celebration of **September 15th** since it is one of the most important days in Mexico. It is the moment in which we Mexicans celebrate our homeland. Every year is a moment full of joy and patriotism to celebrate, although this year will be different without big mass events, with this guide we are going to give you some tips to feel like a Mexican and make your own party at home, this is what you should know: un subtítulo



1. When is it?

We will not bore you with details, but it is important to have a little information, the historical celebration was on **September 16th** since it was the beginning of the struggle for independence in the early morning of that day the priest Miguel Hidalgo through the famous "**Grito de Dolores**" (They Cry of Dolores) started the movement, in the state of Guanajuato, years later the celebration changed to September 15 some rumors say that President Porfirio Diaz changed the date of celebration for his birthday, he stayed in the presidency for more than thirty years, so it makes sense, he thought he could do anything! Today we celebrate the night of **September 15th** and on the **16th** there is a military or civic parade in many cities, of course this year won't be the case.

15th / 16th
of
september



2. What to wear?

It is not a costume party, but on this day many Mexicans like to wear our traditional clothes, embroidered blouses, colorful dresses or some accessory with the Mexican flag, it's common that days before this celebration lot of street vendors selling flags, earrings, and many other things you could wear, most of us Mexicans love to share our culture so feel free to braid your hair and wear an embroidered shirt, and yes if you want to wear a "poncho" or hat with the legend "**Viva Mexico**" is also the perfect opportunity!



This is just an example how the ZALOA Team celebrated last year:
Sombrero and colours



3. What to eat & drink?

It is always a good time to eat delicious Mexican dishes, but in this celebration you must do it, it is the best time to try if you have not done the "Antojitos Mexicanos" there is always time for tacos, but this time try to be a little more risky and try another and if you feel more brave, prepare it yourself, some examples are **enchiladas**, **pambazos**, **tostadas**, of course it's traditional in many Mexican families to prepare **pozole** which is more or less like a corn soup but very tasty, other classic dishes like guacamole, if you inspire prepare a "**salsa**" to enjoy it with "**totopos**" and accompany them with your favorite drink, please, at least for this day forget about the margaritas, that isn't very Mexican, instead I recommend you to drink a shot of **mezcal** with lemon and salt; if you don't drink alcohol then a delicious "**horchata**".





4. What to hear and dance?

No party is complete without music and dance, much less in Mexico; that's why it's time to put on the best “**mariachi**” playlist and sing "a todo pulmón", if you are new to the country or it's your first time celebrating I recommend you start with the song “**Mexico Lindo**” it's a classic, even though you're still at a basic level of Spanish it will be very easy to remember, we leave the lyrics at the end of this guide so you can start practicing it.

What about dancing? From the traditional dances of Mexico, also **salsa** or **cumbia**, to the **reggaeton** everything is possible, so move your hips in the Latin style, you can also dance with mariachi, don't you believe me? Listen to the song that is called “**el mariachi loco**”, I'm sure you will dance!





5. What to shout?

We leave the best for the end, since the celebration is called "**The cry of independence**" the idea behind it is that we represent the same cry with which the fight for independence began, that's why it's also a night to prepare your vocal chords and shout at full volume.

Do you know Spanish or not? It doesn't matter, you just have to remember one key word:

VIVA = is the 3rd person of the verb "vivir", this is the most important word you have to know and repeat several times!
In this context we could translate it like "long live to ..."

Usually in the official ceremony the president repeats the names of the main heroes, eg:

Long live Miguel Hidalgo! - you must answer **VIVA!**

Finally, **VIVA MEXICO** three times! Don't miss this part, is the best!

¡VIVA! ¡VIVA! ¡VIVA!

¡VIVA ...! - ¡VIVA!

¡VIVA MÉXICO!



Now that you do want to sound a little more Mexican you could say "**Viva Mexico Cabrones**" but don't use it in a formal situation it's very informal, you can try as well with "Viva Mexico Canijos" let's say it's a less spicy version!

For your celebration at home, you can follow the **broadcast at 11pm** and do the shout along with the president, but if you are more creative get a Mexican flag and celebrate your own just remember to shout VIVA with all the Mexican pride.





MÉXICO LINDO LYRICS

Voz de la
guitarra mía
Al despertar la mañana
Quiere cantar su alegría
A mi tierra mexicana
Yo le canto
a tus volcanes
A tus praderas y flores
Que son como talismanes
Del amor de mis amores
México Lindo
y Querido
Si muero lejos de ti
Que digan que estoy dormido
Y que me traigan aquí (X2)
México Lindo y Querido
Si muero lejos de ti

Que me
entierren en la sierra
Al pie de los magueyales
Y que me cubra esta tierra
Que es cuna de hombres cabales
Voz de la
guitarra mía
Al despertar la mañana
Quiere cantar su alegría
A mi tierra mexicana
México Lindo
y Querido
Si muero lejos de ti
Que digan que estoy dormido
Y que me traigan aquí
Que digan que estoy dormido
Y que me traigan aquí
México Lindo y Querido
Si muero lejos de ti





WITH THIS BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT CELEBRATING YOUR FIRST "DÍA DE LA INDEPENDENCIA" YOU ARE GOOD TO GO. YOU WILL HAVE A LOT OF FUN AND YOU'LL MAKE A LOT OF FRIENDS.

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