



MEXICAN CELEBRATIONS

The most exciting Mexican celebrations are the 16th of September, Independence Day and the 5th May, Cinco de Mayo.

Each city in Mexico has a **Zócalo**, where celebrations take place and people of all ages come out to enjoy themselves. The square livens up with music, laughter and vibrant colors. Parades are so popular that people wake up early and rush to the streets seeking a good spot to watch and enjoy them. It takes months of rehearsal and preparation for marching bands to perform and compete, all wanting to be the best. There is usually dancing and music in the square with the ever so popular mariachi bands.

No celebration can be complete without food. A few days before the big event, hundreds of stalls start aligning on the streets near the **Zócalo**. Restaurants all over offer the most representative of Mexican cuisine: **Mole Poblano is a thick** spicy sauce that comes from blending more than 40 ingredients, and is spread on top of turkey or chicken with Mexican style red rice. **Mole** is so popular that it is served on nearly every important Mexican occasion.

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