

Mexican Independence Day

**16 DE SEPTIEMBRE,
EL DÍA DE INDEPENDENCIA**



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REMEMBER!!!!!!!!!!!!



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**Independence Day is
on Sept. 15-16.....**

and NOT

on Cinco de

Mayo!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

El Día de Independencia (Independence Day)

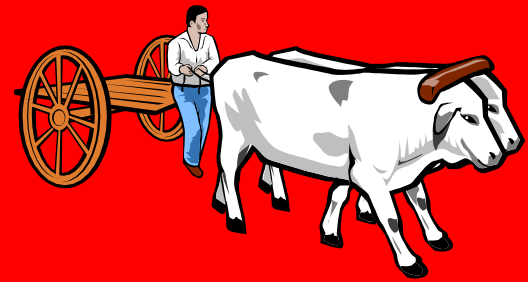


- is another one of the major festivals celebrated in Mexico.
- “Independence Day” is actually a misnomer as the celebration is stretched out between two days, the 15th and 16th of September.
- These holidays are also known as the **Fiestas Patrias**.

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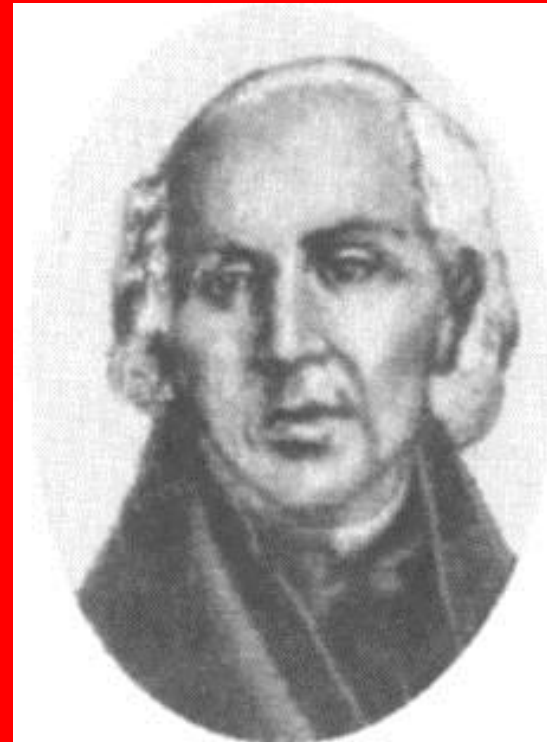


- At 11:00 PM on the night of September 15th, Mexicans gather in the main plazas of their communities to hear the **Grito de Independencia** (Shout of Independence), originally delivered by **Father Hidalgo** in the year 1810.
- In that year, Father Hidalgo gathered a group of his fellow conspirators and gave the original Grito in the town of **Dolores Hidalgo**, in the state of **Guanajuato**.
- This event marked the beginning of the War of Independence against Spanish rule, which ended 10 years later.



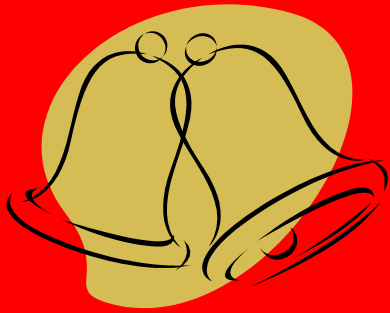
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Father Hidalgo





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- On the morning of the 16th, Hidalgo rang the church bells, summoning the workers from the nearby fields.
- From the pulpit he announced the revolution: "Know this, my children, that knowing your patriotism, I have put myself at the head of a movement begun some hours ago, to wrest away power from the Europeans and give it to you." The people responded enthusiastically.

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- The biggest celebration of Mexican Independence is in the **Zocalo Capitalino** (Central Plaza of Mexico City) where the President of Mexico reenacts the Grito from the balcony of the **Palacio Nacional** (National Palace).
- The Grito, also known as the **Grito de Dolores**, begins with a series of celebratory shouts including the recognition of the heroes of the War of Independence.

President of Mexico reenacts the Grito from the balcony of the **Palacio Nacional** (National Palace).



“¡Viva México!” (“Long Live Mexico!”)

- The final shout is an emotional “¡Viva México!” (“Long Live Mexico!”) in which the crowd joins in with riotous applause and flag waving.





¡VIVA MEXICO!

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- Moments afterwards, fireworks begin to explode overhead as patriotic music plays and the crowd sings along.
- While the President delivers the main Grito, in neighborhoods throughout Mexico City and in cities and towns throughout the country, a lesser political representative performs the Grito.
- This is usually the local **delegado** (representative) or **alcalde** (mayor) of the city or village.



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- If you visit Mexico at this time, you may think that Christmas has arrived early, as the streets are often lined with beautiful lights in the colors of the Mexican Flag, red white and green.
- Beginning in mid August, you will see street vendors selling all manner of patriotic paraphernalia, including Mexican flags of all sizes.





Flags for sale at the Zócalo.

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- Images of the heroes of Mexican Independence, including Allende, Hidalgo, Morelos begin to appear everywhere.
- You will also see the ubiquitous national symbol of the eagle on the cactus devouring a snake displayed proudly on street lamps in the form of a golden shield.

Coat of Arms of Mexico



¡ Feliz día de
la
Independencia !

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