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# CELEBRATIONS IN FEBRUARY

## A lot to see and celebrate in February

Something that truly distinguishes Mexico is its history and celebrations.

In terms of the weather, February is generally one of the driest months of the year and temperatures are warming up. February marks the peak for Monarch butterfly season, so it's usually an ideal time of year to visit Mexico's monarch butterfly reserves. This is also prime whale-watching season.

Let's take a look in some of the celebrations:



### 1. Festival Sayulita

A festival for lovers of Mexico, film, music, food, tequila, and surf, the Festival Sayulita is a film festival held in the bohemian surf town Sayulita on Riviera Nayarit. Additional events include tequila and food pairings, master tastings, beach-front and private screenings, lecture series, and live music.



### 2. Candlemas

February 2nd is Día de la Candelaria, a religious holiday that marks the end of the Christmas season in the church calendar. On this day, folks dress up figures of the Christ Child and take them to the church to be blessed, and they also eat lots of tamales at parties hosted by the people found the baby figurine in the Rosca de Reyes on King's Day.



### 3. Constitution Day

Originally celebrated on February 5th, Constitution Day is now observed on the first Monday of February. It's a national holiday to

commemorate the constitution of 1917 that was put in place by Venustiano Carranza following the Mexican Revolution.



### 4. Valentine's Day

In Mexico, Valentine's Day is a time to celebrate friendship, as well as love. Friends and lovers exchange cards, balloons, gifts or flowers on February 14.



### 5. Flag Day

On February 24th, civic ceremonies take place throughout the country to honor the Mexican flag, the tri-color. The current flag of Mexico was adopted in 1968, but it is a version of the one put forth by Agustín de Iturbide in 1821, and represents the guarantees that Mexicans would achieve along with independence from Spain: freedom of religion, independence and union of all Mexicans.



### 6. Festival of 100 Wines

100 Mexican Wines is a festival held at La Redonda winery in the Guadalupe Valley in Baja California. This is one of the most important festivals of the Mexican wine industry, with the main objective of promoting Mexico's wine culture and giving a boost to all Mexican winemakers. A wide selection of winemakers from throughout the country gathers to allow attendees to experience spectacular Mexican wines.