



Hi Stevie,

Everything on the on The Day of the Dead trip in 2016 was a highlight. It was all fabulous. I loved visiting the artists and watching them work and listening to them talk about their art work. I felt very privileged to be in the studios and to able to listen to those artists speak. The studio visits were made even more meaningful because of everything else we did on the trip which informed my knowledge about the artists and the traditions involved with their art work. I also loved the cooking class; it was fun and delicious.

You and Mike were so organized and knowledgeable about all of our activities, and this made the trip feel very comfortable. You two were also very patient and kind answering everyone's questions, which made the trip have a very positive feeling.

I also have tremendous admiration for the relationships you and Mike have developed with the artists. These relationships seem very respectful of the artists, their art work, the traditions they are working with, and also the financial realities of these artists. The thoughtful way you and Mike handled this complex dynamic was impressive.

The hotel was very pretty with the charming courtyard and outdoor dining area, and everything was clean and well cared for. The employees of the hotel were gracious and helpful. Also the location of the hotel was fabulous, so close to everything we wanted to visit by foot. I had a few coolish showers, but really, who cares about that.

I would certainly recommend this trip to someone else. I also would love to go on it again if you decide to do it again.

It was wonderful to meet you and Mike and to get to know you on this trip. Thank you for organizing such a great experience for a Seattle teacher. I hope 2017 is a great year for you both.

Sincerely,

Sandy Nelson