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Textile Fiestas of Mexico: A Traveler's Guide to Celebrations, Markets, and Smart Shopping

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Wander through marketplaces of remote villages in Chiapas, dance with pineapple-laden girls in Oaxaca City, and parade with locals through the streets of Uruapan at the Palm Sunday Fair—all in search of traditional textiles. *Textiles Fiestas of Mexico* is at once a celebration of Mexican folklife and a practical guide to finding the best collector textiles in the country.

The guide is divided into two sections: *Festivals and Fairs* and *Markets*. Festival and Fairs guides you from the deeply traditional Coffee and *Huipil* Fair in Cuetzalan, to the Reed Basket Fair in the tiny village of San Juan Guelavía. In the Markets section, travel to several weekly markets in Oaxaca or to Chiapas where the abundant textile cooperatives in San Cristóbal give way to the flower fields of Zinacantán and the fabric they inspire.

Textile Fiestas of Mexico offers smart advice on where to go and how to get there, focusing on safety and comfort for visitors who don't want the stresses and schedules of traditional tour groups. Brautigam shares insider tips from her extensive travels in Mexico and her expert textile knowledge, including a guide for ethical shopping. Her vibrant photographs illustrate the adventure and will inspire you to travel along.

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