

MEXICAN DANCE AND MUSIC!

FROM THE JAROCHO TO MARIACHI TO
BALLET FOLKLORICO TO LOS VOLADORES.

WHAT IS DANCE AND MUSIC LIKE IN
MEXICO?

EL JAROCHO

El jarocho comes from Veracruz, Mexico.



The music that accompanies this dance is known as Son Jarocho.







EL MARIACHI

Mariachi is the best known form of folk music from Mexico.



As mariachi bands are expected to play requests, they may need to know hundreds of different songs!





THIS SCHOOL, IN VERACRUZ, WAS
CELEBRATING THEIR LAST DAY!

In Veracruz, Mariachi is **VERY** popular.



Look at all the people!





HERE IS A MARIACHI BAND FLOATING
ON THE WATER IN XOCHIMILCO

They sure are talented.

BALLET FOLKLORICO

The Ballet Folklórico in Mexico City is one of the most famous dance spectacles in the world. The show is presented in the Museo de Bellas Artes. It uses dances from all over Mexico to try and show the many different styles.





LOOK AT THE STAGE IN THE MUSEUM

That is Tiffany glass that is lit up, as the show starts, to represent day break.



HERE IS A DANCE FROM JALISCO

They look like they are flying.



HERE IS A DANCE FROM OAXACA

Look at the huge puppets...



THIS A DANCE FROM CHIAPAS

It represents a war that was fought.



The flyers from Veracruz.



THIS DANCE IS PASSED DOWN
THROUGH FAMILY.

Young boys will practice for years before they ever climb the pole and get ready to fly.

Los Voladores is a dance that comes from outside of Veracruz. This dance honors the sun. Five voladores (flyers) climb a pole at least 100 feet high. At the top, the leader dances to the north, south, east and west, and to the sun. Then they spin 3 times as they slowly descend. They make a total of 52 spins, the number of years in a century according to native calendars.



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WHAT DID YOU
NOTICE?