

# Cinco de Mayo

Cinco de Mayo is celebrated on the 5th of May and it's Spanish for the 5th of May. It is mostly celebrated in Mexico and the U.S.A, but it is more than just a fiesta. Cinco de Mayo celebrates the victory of an outnumbered army of Mexicans over the French army at the Battle of Puebla which took place May 5th, 1862. The triumph of the Mexicans showed everyone that their determination to protect their country's independence will win against any enemy army.

It all began in the early 1860's when Mexico was greatly in debt to Spain, France and Britain because of the Mexican-American War and the Reform War. Mexican President Benito Juárez delayed the payments for two years, but only France wouldn't agree with it. Napoleon III, ruler of France at the time, saw this as an opportunity to build The Second Mexican Empire in Mexico with France getting the benefits.

*In 1861 France's army attacked Veracruz.*

*In May 1862, The French force led by General Charles de Lorencez attacked Mexico City but were held back by General Ignacio Zaragoza's determined Mexican troops near Puebla de los Angeles.*

*2,000 terribly-equipped Mexican fighters stood against the 6,000 well-armed French men.*

*Close to 500 hundred French soldiers and less than 100 Mexican soldiers died in battle.*

*It went on from morning till night. French felt the obvious defeat and retreated.*

ENJOY CINCO DE MAYO 😊 😄



