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Upcoming Events

October:

4 - Dia De San Francisco in Azizpe
All Month - Chiltepins

November:

1-2 Dia de los Muertos
14, 15, 16-Fiesta de la Revolution in Aconchi
16 - Revolution Day Parade in Banámichi

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Hola de Banámichi.

Warm days and cool nights are displacing the heat of summer. In late September, the remnants of tropical storm Georgette provided a good dose of always welcome rain to the region and the desert and the farm fields are gloriously green. This is one of the best times of the year to visit. Clear night skies filled with stars invite you stay up late and enjoy a sip or two of Bacanora. Dry cool mornings are perfect for a walk around town to enjoy the Plaza, the views of the river across the milpa (farm fields) and appreciate the colonial architecture of the town. It is also a great time to enjoy the warm springs pools nearby or take a drive to the hot springs just down the road in Aconchi. Let Hotel Los Arcos de Sonora be your headquarters to dream, discover and explore.

The Bicentennial celebration of Mexican Independence was quite the event in Banámichi. Music, dancing, parades and kids dressed in period costumes representing Mexico's founders. The music and dancing went until 2 am on Saturday morning and the park was filled with food and craft booths and kids rides. The centennial of the Mexican revolution is November 20th and there will be more of the same, but this time the party moves to the neighboring town of Aconchi, a few miles south. (home of the hot springs.) Banámichi will host a parade and folk dancers at the town plaza.



In [last month's newsletter](#), we talked a lot about chilies. Lynn just purchased two new Ristras of red chiles. (chile colorado)



They look gorgeous hanging on the inside columns of the ramada. I threw a few in the beef soup we had for dinner that night, muy sabrosa. Next month we will have an update on the Chiltepin harvest.

Our head house keeper lives in the small pueblo of La Mora, just 1 mile south. Rosa and her family have a 3 year old burra, (a female burro) named Filomena. The burro has long been associated with Mexico and the Mexican peasant way of life but Filomena is more of a family pet. Filomena does accompany her master, Ramon up into the hills to gather firewood. Having a burra allows Ramon to gather wood in places where he cannot drive his pickup. Filomena has also appeared in last years Dia de Revolution parade and is scheduled for an encore this November. She loves to have her picture taken so let us know if you would like to meet Filomena and we will arrange it.

A few words about Mexico: The US newspapers, the television and the Internet are full of stories about the horrific drug violence in Mexico. Reading and watching these accounts, it is easy to understand why many people are nervous about visiting Mexico While the stories are usually factually correct, they do not present the whole story. Remember, Mexico is a large country - an



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incident in Juarez, about 300 miles from here as the crow flies, or in Mexico City, almost 1000 miles away, have little practical effect on the security situation here in Banámichi. The violence is not random; it is between cartels competing for trafficking routes and the government forces. Tourists are not targets. The Rio Sonora region and Banámichi are not in a drug trafficking area and there is no disputed territory here for the cartels to fight over. Bottom line, like most areas of Mexico, our area is as safe and peaceful just as most areas of the US are safe. Hermosillo, San Carlos and Kino Bay are safe areas as well



These are facts. But as important as the facts are, you need to feel safe. Please know that Lynn and I feel safer here than we do in Tucson or Phoenix. Lynn travels alone to Arizona about twice a month and in three years, she has never had a problem or been afraid. None of our guests has ever had a problem traveling by car or motorcycle from Nogales, Naco, Douglas or from Hermosillo. We want you to feel safe and be safe as you enjoy our little piece of paradise here on the Rio Sonora. Just remember, smart travelers know to avoid cities like Juarez, Tijuana, Neuvo Leon and other trouble areas just as in the US, these smart travelers avoid cities and neighborhoods with high crime rates. In this way you can enjoy our little part of Mexico without worry. The only risk you will face when traveling to the Rio Sonora region is that you may not want to leave.



You have concerns, we understand. Please call or e-mail and we can talk about them. We want your visit to be an enjoyable, worry free experience.

So come on down. We promise, there will be lots of warm, friendly people, good food and glorious fall weather.

www.BanamichiMexico.com, is the new web site designed to help you get to know Banámichi better. We've listed local businesses and are in the process of adding events and other information we think you will find interesting. Check for new photos.

Click on the link to watch our video on Youtube. Please share it with your friends.

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