

Tocuaro



LOCATION

Tocuaro is a small village in the Mexican mountains. It is in the state of Michoacan and is close to a big lake called Lake Patzcuaro.

The population is around 600. In Tocuaro you will find just three shops and one church (which is pink)! The houses are bright and colourful.

The people in Tocuaro speak Spanish. Often, many generations live in the same house. This means that in the same house you will find grandparents, parents and children.

SCHOOL

There is one school in the village. Every Monday morning, the children march onto the playground and the Mexican flag is raised. The children wear school uniform and sit at desks in pairs.



FOOD

The villagers like to eat spicy foods and tortillas are popular.

MASKS

Tocuaro is home to the Horta family who have been making masks for centuries. Tocuaro is famous for its mask-making. People from all over Europe and America come to buy the masks.

Masks are made out of soft, white wood as it is easy to shape. It can take up to 5 days to make one mask. Each mask is unique. (This means there is no other one exactly the same).

CLIMATE

Since Tocuaro is high up in the mountains, between October and April it can be quite cool in the mornings and evenings.

At other times, it is usually quite warm with some wet weather.

LAKE PATZCUARO

The villagers fish in Lake Patzcuaro and sell the fish to people to eat. There are not as many fish as there used to be because the lake is slowly drying up. This is because of something called 'climate change'.



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We are learning to answer questions using the text.

How many people live in Tocuaro?

How many shops are there?

What are the houses like?

What language do the people speak there?

Write down two facts about the school in Tocuaro.

1. _____

2. _____

Write down two facts about masks.

1. _____

2. _____

What is the weather like in Tocuaro?

What is the problem with Lake Patzcuaro?
