

Calendar of Events

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The fossil forest is just one of many reasons to visit Sexi. Below are some of the events occurring throughout the year.

January, February, & March

- Crops are sown in the traditional way called “Los Yuntas” in which steers pulling an arced wooden plow are used to sow the wheat. This is an unforgettable spectacle for those lucky enough to see it.

May

- Festival in Honor of the Cross. The cross is lowered from an emblematic hill of Sexi for veneration and prayers followed by a fiesta with traditional food (*comidas típicas*.) This is continuation of a prehispanic custom common to the Peru highlands, which is a syncretic custom combining reverence to the mountains and veneration of the Christian cross.
- Students from the primary and secondary schools conduct a parade and presentations with poems, singing, and theatrical performances for Mother’s Day.

Early June

- The Festival of San Augustin is celebrated with a band, soccer matches, and a fiesta in Corral Viejo.

July & August

- Independence and Armed Forces Days. These national holidays are marked by a parade and sporting and cultural events.
- After the harvest, wheat is threshed using the traditional practice called “Las Trillas.” Horses are driven around a cordoned off circular area to thresh the grain. The people who have formed a *minga* (a cooperative work group, a prehispanic way of organizing communal work based on reciprocity) to help with the threshing enjoy a lunch of tripe and corn soup, at 4 o’clock the famous empanadas of the region, and a supper of goat or lamb stew.



Horses are used to thresh wheat harvested in July and August.



The founding of the secondary school in Sexi is celebrated in late November. The students also participate in Mother’s Day celebrations in May.

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November

- The founding of the secondary school is celebrated with performances and sporting events.
- The Piedra Chamana Marathon. This marathon, named for the Petrified Forest Piedra Chamana, was inaugurated in 1996 and is carried out with support from Sexinos living in various parts of the country. It includes a ~10 km race from La Colmena to Sexi, as well as shorter courses, and is concluded with a prize ceremony.
- Festival in honor of the patroness of the district, Santa Rosa de Lima. Many Sexinos who have left Sexi for various reasons return for this celebration, which includes a band, sporting matches (such as soccer and volleyball), a bullfight, and dances in which visitors and residents participate.

December

- Christmas is celebrated with songs, a procession, and a fiesta.