

Mexico

Travel Facts



US State Dept Travel Advisory

Depending on the area of Mexico to be visited, the US Department of State currently recommends US citizens follow a range of travel guidance from Exercise Normal Precautions to DO NOT TRAVEL. Violent crime such as homicide, kidnapping, carjacking, and robbery is widespread and common in Mexico. The U.S. government has limited ability to provide emergency services to U.S. citizens in many areas of Mexico, as travel by U.S. government employees to certain areas is prohibited or restricted. <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

Passport/Visa Requirements

For the latest passport and visa requirements for this country, please consult the U.S. State Department's "Learn About Your Destination" search tool, available through the link below.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/International-Travel-Country-Information-Pages.html>

US Embassy/Consulate

(011- 52-55) 5080-2000; US Embassy in Mexico City, Paseo de la Reforma 305, Colonia Cuauhtemoc, 06500 Mexico, D.F.; ACSMexicoCity@state.gov; <https://mx.usembassy.gov/>

LGBTQIA+, Women, and Special Needs Travelers

Additional travel considerations can be found on the U.S. State Department's International Travel page.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel/before-you-go/travelers-with-special-considerations.html>

Telephone Code

52

Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 065; Fire: 068; Police: 060

Vaccinations

The CDC and WHO recommend the following vaccinations for Mexico: hepatitis A, hepatitis B, typhoid, cholera, rabies, meningitis, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (MMR), Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis), chickenpox, shingles, pneumonia, COVID-19 and influenza.

<http://www.who.int/>

Climate

Varies from tropical to desert

Currency (Code)

Mexican pesos (MXN)

Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

127 V / 60 Hz / plug types(s): A, B



Type A



Type B

Major Languages

Spanish, indigenous languages

Major Religions

Roman Catholic, Pentecostal, Jehovah's Witness, other Evangelical Churches

Time Difference

UTC-6 (1 hour behind Washington, DC, during Standard Time); daylight saving time: +1hr, begins first Sunday in April; ends last Sunday in October; note: Mexico has four time zones

Potable Water

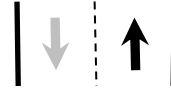
Opt for bottled water

International Driving Permit

Suggested; additionally, if you plan to drive in Mexico, you will need an Inter-American Driving Permit issued by the AAA

Road Driving Side

Right



Tourist Destinations

Cancún and Mayan Riviera; Puerto Vallarta; Cabo San Lucas and Los Cabos Corridor; Copper Canyon; Teotihuacan; Calakmul; Palenque; Mexico City's Historic Center (includes Templo Mayor, Metropolitan Cathedral, National Museum of Anthropology); Chichén Itzá

Major Sports

Soccer, baseball, basketball, boxing

Cultural Practices

Constant greeting and goodbyes; you will be introduced by name, given hugs, handshakes, and kisses (only one, and lean to the left); this is repeated when it's time to leave.

Tipping Guidelines

It is customary to tip 10-20% of the total bill in restaurants. Taxi drivers do not expect a tip, but giving them 10 pesos is appreciated, especially if they help with your luggage. Tip porters and bellhops 12-26 pesos per bag or more if you have a lot of luggage. Leave 13 pesos a night for housekeeping.

Souvenirs

Talavera tiles/pottery, wooden instruments, sombrero hats, ponchos, animal figurines, leather goods, woven hammocks, Lucha Libre masks, Huarache shoes, Day of the Dead Souvenirs, mole and other sauces

Traditional Cuisine

Tacos; Mole poblano — a thick dark red-brown sauce made with dried poblano peppers and chocolate; typically served with chicken or turkey; Chiles en nogada — poblano chile peppers stuffed with picadillo and topped with nogada

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