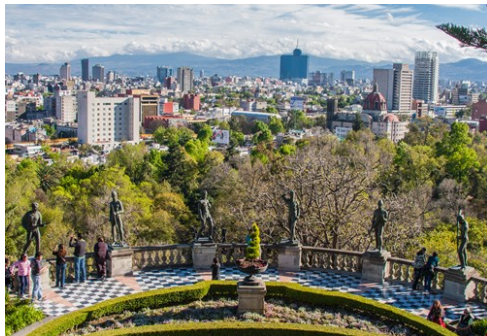




Mexico City

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While Mexico is popular with travelers for its endless coasts, perfect weather and sandy beaches, the interior of the country is also well worth exploring. The bustling capital, Mexico City, with its hectic urban lifestyle, artistic neighborhoods and historic buildings, has long been neglected by summer vacationers, but is now being discovered by curious city trippers.



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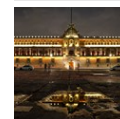
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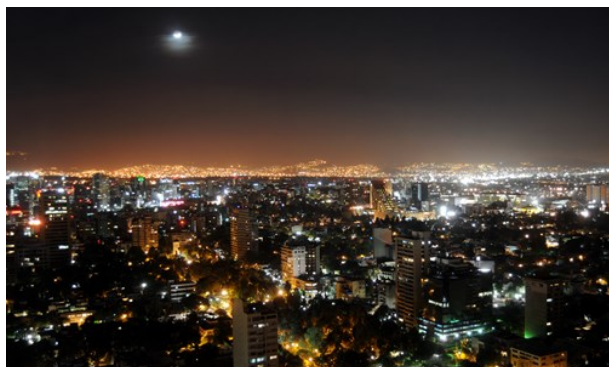
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THE CITY



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The vibrant national capital of Mexico is not only the political center but also the cultural hub of the country, whose name dates back to the old Aztecs who called themselves “Mexica.” The city holds sights dating back to the beginnings of the high civilization of the 14th century, and is home to one of the oldest Universities on the continent, the Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México, established in 1553.

With 8.9 million inhabitants, Mexico City is among the largest cities in the world by population. It is divided into several boroughs, each one holding a wide range of restaurants and sights for visitors.

Located 2,200 meters above sea level and framed by high mountains and volcanoes such as the Ajusco, the Popocatepetl and the Ixtaccihuatl, the city is a place for adventure-seekers, city breakers and party-people alike. Apart from an impressive amount of typical Mexican cantinas (where one can try traditional local drinks and food), there are many different ethnic groups that have added their cuisines and shops to the urban landscape. With Cuban, American, Japanese, Chilean, Korean or Lebanese communities, Mexico City has got one truly multicultural identity.

DO & SEE



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With its 16 delegaciones (boroughs) divided into several hundred colonies (neighborhoods), there is always something new to explore around Mexico City. While the historic center of the city with the National Palace, the Mexico City Cathedral and the Palace of Fine Arts is a magnet for tourists, opportunities to have a good time abound both here and beyond. Climb the Teotihuacán Pyramid of the Sun, one of the largest of its kind, browse through amazing creations at craft markets or relax in the Viveros de Coyoacán public park.

Frida Kahlo Museum



The Mexican painter and artist Frida Kahlo was born, lived and died in this bright blue house in Mexico City. It has been turned into a museum and exhibits paintings that made the painter the icon she is today. Best time to visit is on a weekday morning.

Photo: Eric Titcombe/Flickr.com (image cropped)

Address: Londres 247, Del Carmen, 04100 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Opening hours: Tue 10h - 17h30, Wed 11h - 17h30, Thu - Sun 10h - 17h30

Phone: +52 55 5554 5999

Internet: www.museofridakahlo.org.mx

Email: relacionespublicas@museofridakahlo.org.mx

Fuente de los Coyotes



Two bronze coyotes are the centre of this magnificent fountain. The animals were of big significance to the Aztecs, reigning the grounds in and around Mexico City in the past; many still hold beliefs about the supernatural powers of coyotes to-date. The fountain is located in a park in Coyoacán, whose name translates as "place of abundant coyotes".

Photo: Leon Rafael/Shutterstock.com

Address: Parque Centaria, Coroyacán, Mexico City

Teotihuacan Pyramids



Book a tour with a local provider to visit the impressive Teotihuacán Pyramid of the Sun and the Pyramid of the Moon. The archaeological site belongs to the UNESCO cultural heritage list, and is located about 45 km from the city center. With its 65 m height, the Pyramid of the Sun is the third biggest in the world and dates back to the year 100 A.D. A mystical atmosphere envelops the place and you can get a whole new perspective climbing the stairs to the top.

Photo: mbrand85/Shutterstock.com

Address: San Juan Teotihuacán, Mexico

Opening hours: Open daily from 9h - 17h

National Palace



The National Palace of Mexico holds the offices of the President as well as the Federal Treasury. Marvelous paintings of Diego Rivera are contained inside. Admire the building from the outside or join a guided tour and learn about recent political developments in the country.

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Address: Plaza de la Constitución S/N, Centro, Cuauhtémoc, 06066 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro stop: Zócalo

Opening hours: Tue - Sun 9h - 17h

Phone: +52 55 3688 1255

Internet: <http://www.palacionacionaldemexico.mx/>

Email: gobmx@funcionpublica.gob.mx

Sonora Market



Established to revive local crafts and trades, this market has evolved into a curious sight within Mexico City. Along with art and pottery you can buy all kinds of herbal medicine, witchery paraphernalia and all things occult. Want to know the cost of dried skunk innards or starfish blood? The answer lies at Mercado Sonora.

Photo: Maurice Marcellin/Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: Fray Servando Teresa de Mier 419, Merced Balbuena, 15810 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 9h - 19h, Sun 8h - 17h

Phone: +52 1 55 1484 6971

Internet: www.mercadosonora.com.mx

National Museum of Anthropology



The national anthropology museum consists of permanent and temporary exhibitions of Mexican art, life and culture.

Description texts and audio guides are available both in Spanish and in English making it easy for international travelers to learn about pre-Hispanic and contemporary history. Plan at least two hours to explore the thematic halls of this museum.

Photo: Diego Grandi/Shutterstock.com

Address: Av. Paseo de la Reforma s/n, Polanco, Bosque de Chapultepec I Secc, 11560 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Auditorio

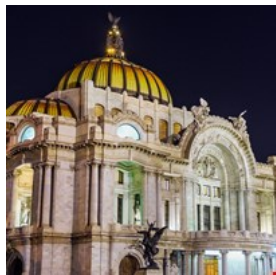
Opening hours: Tue - Sun 9h - 19h

Phone: +52 55 5553 6266

Internet: www.mna.inah.gob.mx

Email: atencion.mna@inah.gob.mx

Palace of Fine Arts



This is an art deco and art nouveau building that holds varying exhibitions, a stunning concert hall and dazzling white marble columns. Among

its four floors you can experience old and contemporary paintings and sculptures by renowned Mexican artists. You can choose to visit only the building or also the museum inside it. Temporary exhibitions on the upper floor feature aspiring local and international talents.

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Address: Av. Juárez, Centro Histórico, 06050 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Bellas Artes

Opening hours: Tue - Sun 10h - 17h

Phone: +52 55 5512 2593

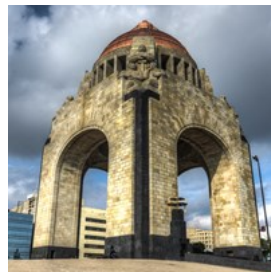
Internet: [www.palacio.bellasartes.gob.mx /](http://www.palacio.bellasartes.gob.mx/)

www.museopalaciodebellasartes.gob.mx

Email: pba.redessociales@inba.gob.mx

More Info: Free admission on Sundays

Revolution Monument



This building contains the remains of revolutionary heroes and is a major landmark of Mexico City. Go up to the observatory on the massive glass lift

and get a stunning view over the city, or come here at night for the colorfully lit fountains. In the museum nearby you can learn more about Mexican history.

Photo: Felix Lipov/Shutterstock.com

Address: Plaza de la República S/N, Tabacalera, Cuauhtémoc, 06030 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Public Transport: Bus stop: Plaza de la República

Opening hours: Mon - Thu 12h - 20h, Fri - Sat 12h - 22h, Sun 10h - 20h

Phone: +52 55 5592 2038

Internet: www.mrm.mx

Email: info@mrm.mx

Metropolitan Cathedral



This monumental structure can't be missed - it is located right in the center of Mexico City.

Step in to admire the murals and religious statues or climb the bell tower to enjoy a stunning view. It's always worth a visit.

Photo: Bill Perry/Shutterstock.com

Address: Plaza de la Constitución S/N, Centro, Cuauhtémoc, 06000 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Opening hours: Open daily from 8h - 20h. Bell tower: 10h40 - 18h

Phone: +52 55 5208 2960

Internet: www.arquidiocesismexico.org.mx

Independence Day and Parade



On September 15th, city residents gather in front of the National Palace to hear the President shout from the balcony "Viva México." The

Independence Day is celebrated with a big party in the evening and a military parade the next morning. If you happen to be around at this time of the year, make sure not to miss the festivities.

Photo: Reporte Indigo

Address: Centro Histórico de la Cd. de México, Centro, 06000 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Zócalo

Xochimilco



Located in the south of Mexico City, Xochimilco is an area of lush gardens and canals with colorful boats leisurely sailing back and forth. Relax on

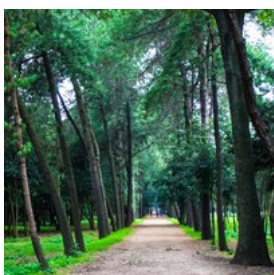
board one of the boats, you can eat, drink and have your one music inside it, stroll along flower beds and visit the local wildlife preserve. You won't regret coming here.

Photo: ChameleonsEye/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle del Mercado 133, San Jerónimo, 16420 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Phone: 52 55 1013 3063

Viveros de Coyoacán



This public park is an ideal location for a romantic evening stroll or a quick run in the afternoon. The beautiful green gardens and flower

beds will make you want to linger and appreciate the here and now. The park also serves as a

"tree nursery" - a project started in an effort to combat forest damage.

Photo: W & J (image cropped)

Address: Av. Progreso 1, Del Carmen, 04100 Coyoacán, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Viveros/Derechos Humanos

Opening hours: Open daily from 6h - 18h

Six Flags México



Roller coasters, go carts and candy cotton await you at this wonderful amusement park! Bring the whole family and spend your day at

dizzying heights and exciting rides. There is a number of restaurants and cafes inside to rest and regain your energy.

Park schedules might change, don't forget to check it here <https://www.sixflags.com.mx/es/mexico/plan-your-visit/park-operating-schedule> before you go by!

Photo: PA Community

Address: Carr. Picacho-Ajusco Km 1.5, Tlalpan, 14200 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Opening hours: Tue - Thu 10h - 18h, Fri 10h - 19h, Sat - Sun 10h - 21h

Phone: +52 55 5339 3600

Internet: www.sixflags.com.mx

Island of the Dolls



Not too far from the Xochimilco canals you'll find a small area with hundreds of chilling dolls dangling from bridges, trees and bushes. Legend

has it that a girl once drowned in the canals and the dolls were placed here to quiet her wandering soul.

Photo: Esparta Palma/Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)
Address: Isla de las Muñecas, Mexico City
Internet: www.isladelasmunecas.com

UNAM



With over 250.000 freshman students starting here each semester, this is one of the largest universities in the world. You can visit the campus of the National Autonomous University of Mexico, take in its impressive buildings and take a look at the notable central library.

Photo: csp/Shutterstock.com
Address: Avenida Universidad 3000, Mexico City
Phone: +52 55 5622 1332
Internet: www.unam.mx
Email: contacto@unam.mx

Day of the Dead



Unlike other nations, Mexicans celebrate the Día de Muertos (Day of the Dead, on November 2) with a feast. Instead of grieving the dead, cemeteries are decorated in bright colors and people meet up for a merry get together. Keep an eye out for city celebrations and join in!

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Address: Mexico City

DINING



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Mexico's cuisine is without a doubt one of the country's biggest draws. Its typical flavors are beloved around the world, but there is so much more to try beyond the staples we all know. Keep an eye out for chilaquiles for breakfast or enchiladas for lunch, and enjoy the rich flavors of the incredibly varied local cuisine. Beans, corn and meat are staples. By the way, get ready to put your taste buds to the test with some authentic Mexican hot sauce.

Quintonil



Delicious Mexican cuisine in a luxurious atmosphere can be found at Quintonil. Order home-made starters, enjoy a healthy vegetable dinner and explore the diverse regional flavors. The classy setting and the skilled staff will make your evening unforgettable.

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Address: Av. Isaac Newton 55, Polanco, Polanco IV Secc, 11560 Ciudad de México, CDMX
Public Transport: Metro Stop: Metro Polanco
Opening hours: Mon - Sat 13h - 16h, 18h30 - 22h
Phone: +52 55 5280 1660
Internet: www.quintonil.com
Email: contacto@quintonil.com

Pujol



Once named as the best in Mexico City, by Wall Street Journal, the specialties of Pujol are local ingredients, spicy flavors and creative dishes. The establishment also prides itself on offering an elevated take on local street food. Indulge in their seven course menu and don't forget to book your table in advance.

Photo: JuanSalvador/Shutterstock.com

Address: Tennyson 133, Polanco, Polanco IV Secc, 11550 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Metro Polanco

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 13h30 - 22h30

Phone: +52 55 5545 4111

Internet: www.pujol.com.mx

Email: info@pujol.com.mx

Coox Hanal



Quesadillas, tacos and other local specialties at low prices is what you'll find at Coox Hanal. The quirky interior and the broad selection of meat and vegetable dishes make this restaurant an ideal location for lunch. The interior (which may seem tacky at first glance) is part of its appeal.

Photo: Sapunova Svetlana/Shutterstock.com

Address: Isabel la Católica 83 2nd floor, Centro, 06090 Ciudad de México

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Isabel la Católica

Opening hours: Open daily from 10h30 - 18h30

Phone: +52 55 5709 3613

Internet: www.cooxhanal.com

Email: coox_hanal@hotmail.com

Dulce Patria



Authentic Mexican cuisine (cooked and served with an original twist) and excellent wines await you at Dulce Patria. It is the perfect place for gourmets and meat lovers that tends to get crowded in the evenings. Dinner reservations are highly recommended.

Photo: Lisovskaya Natalia/Shutterstock.com

Address: Anatole France 100, Polanco III Secc, 11560 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Metro Polanco

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 13h30 - 23h30, Sun 13h30 - 17h30

Phone: +52 55 3300 3999

Internet: www.marthaortiz.mx

Rokai Ramen-Ya



Rokai is a reputable Japanese restaurant serving specialties such as ramen (rumored to be exceptionally good), fresh sushi, and fish. Rokai also offers a great selection of Asian classics and creative dishes.

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Address: Río Ebro 89, Cuauhtémoc, 06500 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 13h - 23h, Sun 12h - 18h

Phone: +52 55 7159 5808

Internet: www.edokobayashi.com

Email: info_rokai@edokobayashi.com

La Casa de Toño



Located in Mexico's artistic neighborhood (as well as several other places across the city), La Casa de Toño is a popular place for delicious casual

meals. Excellent service and great value attract masses not only at the weekends. If you plan to eat here for dinner, a reservation is recommended.

Photo: La Casa de Toño

Address: Sabino 166, Sta María la Ribera, 06400 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Buenavista

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 9h - 23h, Sun 9h - 22h

Phone: +52 55 5386 1125

Internet: www.lacasadetono.com.mx

La Santa Gula



This small Maltese eatery offers home-made international cuisine, with a special focus on burgers. The menu will likely pleasantly surprise vegetarians - there are quite a few good options for non-meat eaters. Stop by the indoors bakery for soft buns and desserts.

Photo: NatashaPhoto / Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Xicoténcatl 168, Del Carmen, 04100 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: General Anaya

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 11h30 - 21h30

Phone: +52 55 5914 7001

Email: mark@lasantagula.com

Agua & Sal



Specialized in ceviche, Agua & Sal aims to elevate the flavors of the freshest seafood of Latin America. Their excellent service, vibrant ambience

and great wine list will make you want to come back pretty soon.

Photo: Doug Miles/Shutterstock.com

Address: Campos Elíseos 199-A, Polanco, Polanco IV Secc,

11560 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Auditorio

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 12h - 22h, Sun 12h - 18h

Phone: +52 55 5282 2746

Internet: www.aguaysal.com.mx

Email: contacto@aguaysal.com.mx

Masala y Maíz



The food offered at this restaurant is the result of a blend between South Asian, East African and Mexican cuisine. The menu changes season by

season and includes food like uttapams, resembling thick pancakes with varied toppings, while the wine list is renewed weekly, with all their prime materials coming from farms based in Mexico City. They also offer brunch on Saturdays, as well as the chance to book cooking lessons and private dinners.

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Address: Calle Marsella 72, Colonia Juárez, Mexico City

Opening hours: Wed-Mon 9am-5pm

Phone: +52 1 55 1313 8260

Internet: www.masalaymaiz.com

Email: hola@masalaymaiz.com

Cafe El Popular



The no-frills Cafe El Popular is, indeed, quite popular with the local crowd - the establishment buzzes with life all through the day, and

remains open around the clock. Come here for hearty Mexican breakfasts or a casual dinner, and do not skip on the delightful house pastries.

Photo: Larisa Blinova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Av. 5 de Mayo 50 y 52, Centro Histórico, Centro, 06000 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Opening hours: Open 24 hours

Phone: +52 55 5518 6081

CAFES



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Mexico City's numerous coffee houses are popular social hangouts for the young and old. Here you'll meet self-employed creatives discussing business over laptops and espressos as well as seniors engaging in the usual coffee chit-chat. While sightseeing and museums might give you an impression of Mexico City, this is where you can truly experience local culture.

Café Nin



Once known as Panaderia Rosetta, Café Nin was renamed after a long expansion. It isn't just fresh breads, pastries and other baked goodies that

keep customers coming back for more, but (arguably) one of Mexico City's best brunch offerings.

Photo: Viacheslav Nikolaenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Havre 73, Juárez, 06600 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Cuauhtémoc

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 7h - 21h, Sun 7h30 - 18h

Phone: +52 55 5207 7065

Internet: www.cafenin.com.mx

Cielito Querido



A variety of flavors and a team of skilled baristas are prepared to surprise your taste buds at this popular Mexican coffee chain. Enjoy your pick of hot and cold drinks as well as an assortment of pastries at one of their many colorful locations.

Photo: kikovic/Shutterstock.com

Address: Paseo de la Reforma 87- B, Mexico City

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Juárez 3

Opening hours: Mon - Thu 7h - 22h, Fri 7h - 23h, Sat - Sun 8h - 22h

Phone: +52 55 5592 4959

Internet: www.cielitoquerido.com.mx

Triana Café Gourmet



Tucked away inside the popular Mercado de San Juan, this tiny and unpretentious coffee stall serves one of (if not) the best coffee in Mexico

City. Pablo, the owner, is super friendly and knowledgeable about his coffee - his passion and dedication are reflected in every cup he prepares.

Photo: Julia Sudnitskaya/Shutterstock.com

Address: 2ª Calle de Ernesto Pugibet, Colonia Centro, Centro, 06000 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: San Juan de Letrán

Opening hours: Open daily from 6h - 18h

Phone: +52 1 55 3553 4825

El Moro



If you haven't tried the sweet, crunchy, deep-fried sticks of dough called churros yet, El Moro is the ideal place to give this local delight a

go. El Moro is all about churros and hot chocolate, and it is open around the clock. Other desserts and some savory foods are on offer as well.

Photo: Eduardo Lopez/Shutterstock.com

Address: Eje Central Lázaro Cárdenas 42, Centro Histórico, Centro, 06000 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: San Juan de Letrán

Opening hours: Open 24 hours

Phone: +52 55 5512 0896

Internet: www.elmoro.mx

Email: hola@elmoro.mx

Lalo!



The cheery wall drawings are guaranteed to set the mood for the rest of your day, especially if your visit includes an order of the establishment's

fabled breakfasts. Apart from hearty breakfasts, an indisputable highlight are the artisan drinks and pizza.

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Address: Zacatecas 173, Roma Nte., 06700 Ciudad de México, CDMX

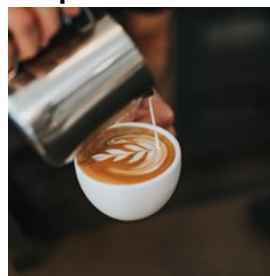
Public Transport: Metro Stop: Hospital General

Opening hours: Tue - Sun 8h - 18h

Phone: +52 55 5564 3388

Internet: www.eat-lalo.com

Chiquitito Cafe



Little coffee shop offering a delightful selection of coffee as well as some breakfast items at a homey setting. A great place to start your day or

just grab your cup to go.

Photo: Tyler Nix/Unsplash.com

Address: Alfonso Reyes 232, Hipódromo, 06100 Cuauhtémoc, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Chilpancingo

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 7h30 - 20h30, Sun 9h - 18h30

Phone: +52 55 5211 6123

Internet: www.chiquititocafe.com

Email: info@chiquititocafe.com

Otro Cafe



Take an outdoor table at this small quaint cafe and let the world stop for just a little bit while you indulge in one of Otro's exquisitely crafted

coffees, possibly accompanied by a savory snack or a dessert.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com

Address: Shakespeare 78, Anzures, 11590 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 7h30 - 21h, Sat 8h - 17h

Phone: +52 55 2624 3464

Internet: www.otrocafe.mx

Email: contacto@otrocafe.mx

Orígenes Orgánicos



Out of Orígenes Orgánicos' four coffee shops across town, this one must be the best located. Fresh, organic produce is the

establishment's focus, which translates into a

menu packed with healthy dining options (a real feast for vegans and vegetarians), and a compact yet well-stocked adjacent shop.

Photo: milyglos/Shutterstock.com

Address: Plaza Popocatepetl 41-A, Condesa, 06140 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Sevilla

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 8h - 21h30, Sat - Sun 9h - 18h30

Phone: +52 1 55 5208 6678

Internet: www.origenesorganicos.com

Email: contacto@origenesorganicos.com

Helado Oscuro



Cool down with an ice cream at this small hipster ice cream shop where you can try flavors not found anywhere else.

Get their specialty - ice

cream infused with alcohol/liquor, with flavors like cookies and cream with baileys and Kaluha or better yet - mojito with watermelon. There are many inventive flavors to choose from and the staff are helpful and efficient.

Photo: Gtranquillity/Shutterstock.com

Address: Orizaba 203, Roma Nte., 06700 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Hospital General 1

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 11h - 20h, Sat 11h - 22h, Sun 11h - 21h

Phone: +52 55 5564 8945

Internet: www.heladooscuro.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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It's fair to say that Mexico City is a place that never sleeps. Bars, clubs and music pubs can be found on every corner, and jazz lovers can experience live gigs every day of the week. Adapt to the relaxed Mexican lifestyle, grab a drink and enjoy a musical evening.

Cantina "Tio Pepe"



One of the oldest in town, Tio Pepe is a "cantina" whose main appeal is the old-time ambiance, featuring a long wood bar

tended to by waiters clad in black and white, who seem to have just come off a 20th century film poster. A must for drinks in the historic center.

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Address: Av Independencia # 26, Colonia Centro, Centro, 06050 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: San Juan de Letrán

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 12h - 23h

Phone: +52 55 5521 9136

Internet: www.cantina-el-tio-pepe.negocio.site

La Bipo



A Mexican pop culture-themed cantine/casual eatery by day, La Bipo gains momentum as night falls, turning into a buzzing bar packed with locals and visitors tucking into the establishment's unpretentious pub grub and downing beers and/or shots of mezcal one after the other.

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Address: Malintzin 155, Del Carmen, 04100 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Opening hours: Sun - Tue 12h - 24h, Wed - Sat 12h - 2h

Phone: +52 55 5484 8230

Internet: www.labipo.com.mx

Pan y Circo



Check out this trendy three-story bar if you do not mind the noise of its perpetually massive number of customers, and remember to visit their website for a list of upcoming events (Thursdays are often marked by some manner of live music). Drinks and cocktails on offer, plus pizza, burgers and tapas. Smoking terrace available.

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Address: Av. Álvaro Obregón 160, Roma Nte., 06700 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 14h - 2h, Sun 14h - 24h

Phone: +52 55 2301 9522

Email: panycircomxdf@gmail.com

Zinco Jazz Club



Situated in the heart of the capital, this is - without a doubt - one of the best places for live jazz in Mexico. Don't forget to check their events calendar to see what is on during your visit and book your ticket in advance - the place tends to get crowded at the weekends, and early booking ensure seating closest to the stage.

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Address: Calle de Motolinia 20, Centro Histórico, Centro, 06050 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Allende

Opening hours: Wed - Sat 21h - 2h

Phone: +52 55 5512 3369

Internet: www.zincojazz.com

Kinky Bar



This gay-friendly bar is your number one address for meeting party people and dancing all night long. Fruity drinks and a laid-back atmosphere make it a pleasant place to enjoy an evening in the Mexican capital. When weather permits, the second floor open-air terrace gets turned into a dance floor.

Photo: Patrizia Tilly/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Amberes 1, Juárez, 06600 Cuauhtémoc, CDMX

Opening hours: Thu - Sat 21h30 - 4h

Phone: +52 55 5514 4920

Internet: www.kinkybar.com.mx

Email: kinky@kinkybar.com.mx

Nibelungengarten



For an authentic German beer and pretzel experience you can drop by Nibelungengarten. Get a meat plate if you're feeling especially

hungered. Delicious desserts (strudel, anyone?), a vast number of beers on draft and a breezy outdoor terrace will make your stay unforgettable. Prost!

Photo: Elena Shashkina/Shutterstock.com
Address: Dr José María Vertiz 1024, Narvarte Poniente, 03600 Ciudad de México, CDMX
Opening hours: Sun - Tue 13h - 21h, Wed 13h - 24h, Thu - Sat 13h - 2h
Phone: +52 55 5609 1309
Internet: www.nibelungengarten.com
Email: info@nibelungengarten.com

Black Dog



Black Dog is an incredible place for beer, music and meeting new people.

Regular live music shows and seasonal events make it a favorite for locals and

travelers alike. Although dinner is best had elsewhere, Black Dog serves decent pub grub for those late night munchies.

Photo: Vlasov Volodymyr/Shutterstock.com
Address: Vasco de Quiroga 3900, Lomas de Santa Fe, Contadero, 05300 Ciudad de México, CDMX
Opening hours: Mon - Sat 14h - 2h
Phone: +52 55 5148 2525

El Graffito



The modern decor and laid-back atmosphere of Coyoacán's El Graffito will make you feel at home. El Graffito is popular with young locals

and well-known for its generous food servings and affordable drinks. Come by for dinner or a party, both are possible and happen daily.

Photo: Boule/Shutterstock.com
Address: Felipe Carrillo Puerto 40, Coyoacán, 04000 Ciudad de México, CDMX
Opening hours: Mon - Wed 13h - 23h, Thu - Sat 14h - 2h30
Phone: +52 55 4622 9483
Internet: www.elgraffito.com

SHOPPING



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While big department stores and shopping centers have settled in Mexico City, there is also a large number of small craft shops, art galleries, curious markets and beautiful souvenir shops to be found in the city center. Along the big streets you can find many lovely places ideal for a spontaneous shopping spree.

Mercado de Coyoacán



Take in the colors and flavors of Mexico City as you stroll through this beautiful market area. Located near Frida Kahlo's museum, it is an easy stop on a sightseeing tour. Do grab some delicious finger food nearby. It's an ideal spot for people-watching and shopping for all kinds of local goods.

Photo: MILA Zed/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ignacio Allende s/n, Del Carmen, 04100 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Opening hours: Open daily from 9h30 - 18h30

Phone: +52 55 4072 1596

Dulcería de Celaya



Located in the heart of Mexico City and housed inside a historic building, the Dulcería de Celaya has been serving the locals since 1874.

Offering a wide selection of colorful, creamy and handmade sweet delights wherever you look. A real paradise for those with a sweet tooth. Do try the coconut-stuffed limes (reportedly, Frida Kahlo's favorites).

Photo: Chepe Nicoli/Shutterstock.com

Address: Av. 5 de Mayo 39, Centro Histórico, Cuauhtémoc, 06000 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Allende

Opening hours: Open daily from 10h30 - 19h30

Phone: +52 55 5521 1787

Mercado Sonora



Established to revive local craft and trades, this market has evolved to a curious sight within Mexico City. Next to art and pottery you can buy herbal medicine, witchery paraphernalia and all things occult. You want to know how much the cost is for the dried skunk innards or the starfish blood? Go ahead, just name a price!

Photo: Maurice Marcellin/Wikimedia Commons (image cropped)

Address: Fray Servando Teresa de Mier 419, Merced Balbuena, 15810 Ciudad de México, CDMX

FONART - Galeria Reforma



If you prefer a fixed price to the intensity of market haggling, try the government-run FONART, a shop that stocks folk crafts and traditional clothing sourced from all across Mexico. Prices are fixed and reasonable, and creators are treated and paid fairly.

Photo: NightEyez/Shutterstock.com

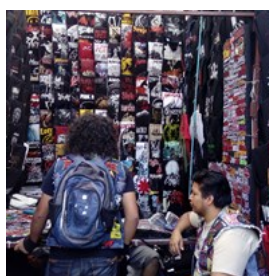
Address: Av. Paseo de la Reforma 116, Cuauhtémoc, 06500 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Cuauhtémoc

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 10h - 19h, Sat - Sun 10h - 16h

Phone: +52 55 5546 7163

Tianguis Cultural del Chopo



Known amongst locals as "El Chopo", this local flea market is a cultural gathering of major scale, with dozens of vendors setting up shops selling all sorts of things, from clothing to various knick

knacks. It's specialty is music, mostly rock and punk. Live music acts by upcoming local bands accompany the event.

Photo: Pinterest

Address: Calle Juan Aldama, Buenavista, 06350 Ciudad de México, CDMX

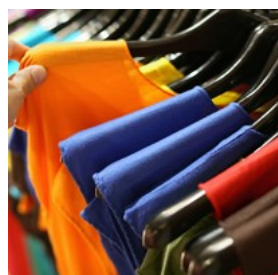
Public Transport: Metro Stop: Buenavista

Opening hours: Sat - Sun 11h - 16h

Phone: +52 55 5546 8490

Email: tianguisdelchopo@hotmail.com

Sanborns



This department store is one of the largest chains in the area, and holds everything from fashion to accessories, sporting goods, cosmetics, electronics, books, and much more. Whatever it is you may need on your trip, including souvenirs, you will surely find it here.

Photo: MediaGroup_BestForYou/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Isabel la Católica 51, Centro Histórico, Centro, 06010 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: San Juan de Letrán

Opening hours: Open daily from 7h - 22h

Phone: +52 55 5518 7942

Internet: www.sanborns.com.mx

Email: sanborns@sanborns.com.mx

Liverpool



Do you need a new charger for your phone, comfy shoes for sightseeing or just want to get a new dress for that party tonight? No

matter what it is you need, Liverpool has got it all. Drop in and make sure to bring your credit card, because you won't leave this department store empty-handed. The top floor of this particular branch is excellent for a buffet lunch

with a view over Mexico City.

Photo: oneinchpunch/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle de Venustiano Carranza 92, Centro Histórico, Centro, 06000 Ciudad de México, CDMX

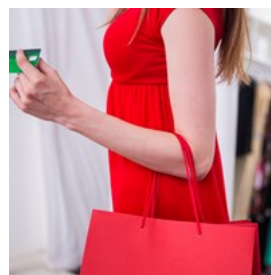
Public Transport: Metro Stop: Zócalo

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 11h - 20h30, Sat 11h - 21h, Sun 11h - 19h30

Phone: +52 55 5133 2800

Internet: www.liverpool.com.mx

Centro Santa Fe



One of the largest shopping centers in not just the Mexican capital, but all of Latin America, is located just outside the city. The assortment of stores and boutiques is staggering, and dining and entertainment options abound (there is even an ice-skating rink on site!).

Photo: wavebreakmedia/Shutterstock.com

Address: Vasco de Quiroga 3800, Lomas de Santa Fe, Contadero, 05109 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Opening hours: Sun - Fri 11h - 20h, Sat 11h - 21h

Phone: +52 55 3003 4330

Internet: www.centrosantafe.com.mx

Email: centrodeatencion@centrosantafe.com

Ciudadela Market



Colorful knick knacks, lovely gifts and local crafts can be found at this city market. From traditional skull figures to necklaces, bracelets, and plenty of folk art and souvenir material, it is certainly easy to find the perfect item to bring back home. Do not hesitate to haggle, and pick up some street food to snack on.

Photo: LMspencer/Shutterstock.com

Address: S/N, Balderas, Centro, 06040 Ciudad de México,

CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Balderas

Opening hours: Mon - Sat 10h - 19h, Sun 10h - 18h

Phone: +52 55 5510 1828

Internet: www.laciudadela.com.mx

Email: info@laciudadela.com.mx

Samara Shops



This modern shopping center houses not only high-end fashion stores, but also a multitude of restaurants and cafes, a VIP cinema, supermarket, and a number of local corporate offices. It is one of the best hangout and shopping locations in the Santa Fe area.

Photo: [Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com](#)

Address: Antonio Dovali Jaime 70, Santa Fe, Zedec Sta Fé, 01219 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Opening hours: Open daily from 11h - 23h

Phone: +52 55 4160 7140

Email: atencion@samara.mx

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Best Time To Visit



If you're looking for pleasant weather and don't mind the hotel prices and lots of tourists, then you should visit the city between March and

May. Winter daytime temperatures can also be pleasant, it tends to cool down overnight. Summers are known for being rainy, so remember to pack an umbrella with you. Low season in Mexico starts after Easter until a few days before Christmas. The city comes alive from September to November, when major festivals such as Día de la Independencia, Día de Los Muertos and Día de la Revolución take place. Be aware that Mexico City is situated about 7,382 feet above sea level, so remember to drink plenty of water and wear sunscreen.

Photo: [VectorA/Shutterstock.com](#)

Tourist Tax



Nearly every commercial airline flying into Mexico now includes the Tourism Tax (known as DNI - Derecho No Inmigrante) in the price of each flight

ticket. Request an itemised receipt from your tour agent or airline, where the DNI charge is normally listed, and present it at check-in and/or immigration in order to avoid double payment.

If, however, your airfare does not include this tax, or if you've been travelling by land, the tax will need to be paid separately. If you're leaving Mexico by air, the easiest way to pay this tax will be at the check-in counter for your departing flight/the airport immigration office. Note that the tax can only be paid in cash, in USD,

Mexican pesos or Sterling. The exact fee is subject to change; at the time of writing, it amounts to just under \$30 per person.

If you are departing by land, you are still required to pay this tax, which can also be done at a bank. Note that those arriving by land and departing from Mexico within 7 days are exempt from paying the fee.

The DNI tax is not to be confused with the Mexican Airport Departure Tax, which will be automatically included with any flight ticket purchase, and will also appear on the itemised receipt.

Make sure to hold on to any receipts, slips or documents issued to you by Mexican immigration authorities throughout the entire trip.

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Passport / Visa



Visa exemption applies to citizens of all EU countries, most countries in the Americas, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, and

more. Both tourists and business visitors from these countries may stay in Mexico for up to 180 days. For Russian, Turkish and Ukrainian passport holders, electronic authorization (SAE) is required, which then grants travelers from these countries the right of a single entry followed by a stay of up to 30 days. Please consult an official source/consulate in your home country for the latest information on visa requirements.

When traveling to Mexico, you will need to fill out a Forma Migratoria Múltiple (FMM), which is

essentially a visitor's permit for Mexico. All travellers are encouraged to do so online prior to travel, and present the printed out document upon entering the country.

Photo: TukTukDesign/Shutterstock.com

Internet: www.mexicotouristcard.com

Mexico City International Airport (MEX)



The Benito Juarez International Airport is located east of Mexico City and it has two terminals connected by a bus and light rail system.

International airlines fly here from larger cities around the globe.

You can reach the airport or city center by taxi, metro or bus.

There are several airport taxis recognizable as white and yellow (with black logos of an airplane) that transport you to and from the city. You can buy tickets inside the airport and cars are available at Terminals 1 and 2.

Sitio 300 +52 55 5571 9344

Excelencia +52 55 5562 8047

Nueva Imagen +52 55 5716 1616

Porto +52 55 5786 8993

While the metro might not be the best option if you are travelling with heavy luggage, it provides a much cheaper way of getting to and from the airport. The stop "Terminal Aérea" on line 5 can be found next to airport Terminal 1. Line 1, 5, 9 and A are within walking distance from Terminal 2, and the stop is called "Pantitlán". You can buy tickets at the metro station or purchase a rechargeable metro card.

Alternatively, the Metrobus operates between city center and the airport, and stops at Puerta 7 at Terminal 1 and Puerta 2 at Terminal 2. Another option for lower fares is the rideshare company Uber.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Av Capitan Carlos León, Mexico City

Phone: +52 55 2482 2400

Internet: www.aicm.com.mx

Lic. Adolfo López Mateos International Airport (TLC)



This airport is located in Toluca, approximately 50 km from Mexico City. It has recently been transformed into an international airport and

it is not as easily accessible as Mexico City International Airport.

If you arrive at or depart from Licenciado Adolfo López Mateos International Airport you best hire a car or take a taxi to the city center.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: 50226 Toluca, State of Mexico, Mexico

Phone: +52 722 279 2800

Metro



Officially called Sistema de Transporte Colectivo or STC, the Metro is a cheap way of transportation and will take you almost

everywhere in Mexico City. The 12 lines operate Monday to Friday 5h to midnight, Saturday 6h to midnight, and Sunday 7h to midnight. At rush hour, the first cars of each train are reserved for women and children (7h30 -10h & 15h - 20h).

STC Metro tickets are among the cheapest in the world. Tickets can be purchased at ticket machines in every station, or you can get a rechargeable Metrocard.

Photo: M-vector/Shutterstock.com

Phone: +52 55 5709 9213

Internet: www.metro.cdmx.gob.mx

Email: unidad_de_orientacion@metro.cdmx.gob.mx

Bus



Along with the STC, the local bus system is a fast and easy means of transportation in the city. Tourist-frequented streets, attractions as

well as multiple points of interest usually have at least one bus stop nearby, and one ticket costs very little (price is fixed regardless of distance traveled). Payment is made in cash when boarding the bus. Peseros (mini buses) are operated by multiple private firms and run alongside official RTP buses.

In addition, there is the Metrobus which take you not only to and from the Airport, but also operate on their own routes throughout the city. For these buses you will need a rechargeable smartcard (may be purchased at vending machines).

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Taxis



While hailing a cab off the street can be risky, taxis can be a convenient means of transport in Mexico City. Your best bet is calling an official

provider, especially if you don't speak Spanish.

Taxi Mex: +52 55 9171 8888

Taxis Radio Elite: +52 5560 1122

For lower fares you can always order a cab through the Uber app.

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Post



The Palacio de Correos de México (or Correo Mayor) is not only Mexico City's main Post Office, but also a historical building dating back to the 20th

century. After an earthquake struck Mexico in 1985 much of the Palacio was destroyed, only to be restored in 1990.

Post boxes are red in color.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Centro Histórico, Mexico City

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Bellas Artes

Opening hours: Mon - Fri 8h - 19h30, Sat 10h - 16h, Sun 10h - 14h

Phone: +52 55 5512 0091

Internet: www.gob.mx/correosdemexico

Pharmacy



Farmacias del Ahorro operates 24 hours, provides home delivery
Olivar del Conde 1ra
Secc, Mexico City

Farmacia París: +52 55

5709 5349

República del Salvador 97, Mexico City

Farmacia San Pablo: +52 55 5354 9000

Aguascalientes 132, Mexico City

Farmacias Similares: +52 55 5709 9454

there are several shops throughout the city, some are open 24 hours

Photo: Gemma Garner

Telephone



Country Code: +52 Area
Code: 55

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



In Mexico the power plugs and sockets are of type A and B. The standard voltage is 127 V and the standard frequency is 60 Hz.

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

8.9 million

Currency

1 Mexican Peso (Mex\$) = 100 Centavos

Opening hours

Opening hours are usually 9h - 20h. Big department stores or shopping centers might stay open until 21h.

Newspapers

La Jornada
Milenio
El Universal
El Sol de México

Emergency numbers

911

Tourist information

Secretariat of Tourism
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Colonia Hipódromo Condesa, Alcaldía Cuauhtémoc
Ciudad de México
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