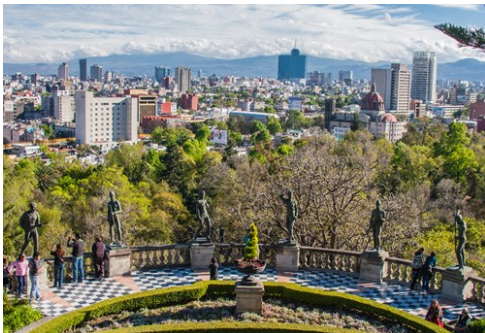


# Mexico City

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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 neighbourhoods and historic buildings, has long been neglected by summer vacationers, but is now being discovered by curious city trippers.



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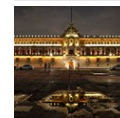
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## THE CITY



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The vibrant national capital of Mexico City is not only the political centre 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 civilisation 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 8.8 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 (neighbourhoods), there is always something new to explore in Mexico City. While the historic centre 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.

### 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 include Spanish and English and make it easy for international travellers to learn about pre-Hispanic and contemporary history. Plan at least two hours to explore the thematic halls of the museum.

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Address: Av. Paseo de la Reforma & Calzada Gandhi, Mexico City

Phone: +52 55 4040 5300

Internet: [www.mna.inah.gob.mx](http://www.mna.inah.gob.mx)

### 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 (image cropped)

Address: Londres 247, Del Carmen, Mexico City

Phone: +52 55 5554 5999

Internet: [www.museofridakahlo.org.mx](http://www.museofridakahlo.org.mx)

### Palacio de Bellas Artes



This neo-classical building holds varying exhibitions, a stunning concert hall and dazzling white marble columns. In its four floors you can experience old and contemporary paintings and sculptures by renowned Mexican artists.

Temporary exhibitions on the upper floor feature aspiring local and international talents.

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Address: Av. Juárez, Centro Histórico, Mexico City

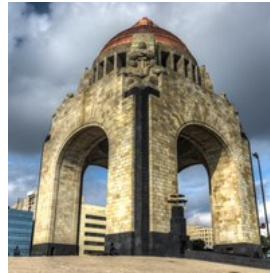
Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday: 10.00-17.00

Phone: +52 55 5512 2593

Internet: [www.palacio.bellasartes.gob.mx](http://www.palacio.bellasartes.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 colourfully lit fountains. In the museum nearby you can learn more about Mexican history.

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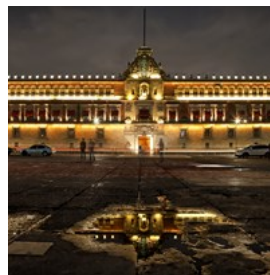
Address: Plaza de la República, Mexico City

Public Transport: Bus stop: Plaza de la República

Phone: +52 55 5592 2038

Internet: [www.mrm.mx](http://www.mrm.mx)

### National Palace



The National Palace of Mexico holds the offices of the president as well as the Federal Treasury. Marvellous 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, Mexico City

Public Transport: Metro stop: Zócalo

Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday: 9.00-17.00

Phone: +52 55 3688 1255

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

### Metropolitan Cathedral



Modelled after Seville's great cathedral, this monumental structure can't be missed - it is located right in the centre 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.

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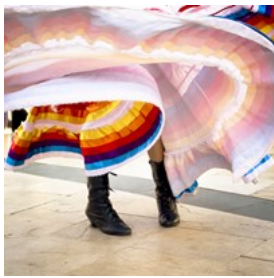
Address: Plaza de la Constitución, Mexico City

Opening hours: Monday-Sunday: 8.00-20.00, Bell tower: 10.40-18.00

Phone: +52 55 5510 0440

Internet: [www.arquidiocesisismexico.org.mx](http://www.arquidiocesisismexico.org.mx)

### Independence Day and Parade



On September 15th, city resident gather in front of the National Palace to hear the President shout "Vivia Mexico" from the balcony. The

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

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Address: Plaza de la Constitución, Mexico City

Phone: +52 55 3688 1255

### Xochimilco



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

board one of the restaurant boats, stroll along flower beds and visit the local wildlife preserve. You won't regret coming here.

Photo: ChameleonsEye/Shutterstock.com

Address: Xochimilco, Mexico City

### 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: Jess Kraft/Shutterstock.com

Address: Av. Progreso 1, Mexico City

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Viveros

### Six Flags México



Roller coasters, go carts and candy cotton await you at this outstanding 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 balance.

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Address: Carr. Picacho-Ajusco, Mexico City

Public Transport: Bus 125, Bus 13A

Phone: +52 55 5339 3600

Internet: [www.sixflags.com.mx](http://www.sixflags.com.mx)

### Island of the Dead Dolls



Not too far from the Xochimilco canals you'll locate 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.

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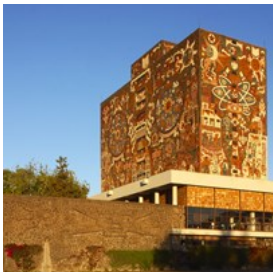
### Teotihuacán Pyramid



Book a tour with a local provider to visit the impressive Teotihuacán Pyramid of the Sun. The archaeological site belongs to the UNESCO cultural heritage list, and is located about 45 km from the city centre. 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

### National Autonomous University of Mexico



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 impressive library inside.

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Address: Av Universidad 3000, Mexico City  
Phone: +52 55 5622 1332  
Internet: www.unam.mx

### Day of the Dead



Unlike other nations, Mexicans celebrate the Dia de los Muertos (Day of the Dead, on November 1) with a feast. Instead of grieving the dead, cemeteries are decorated in bright colours 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

### Mercado Sonora



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.

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Address: Mercado Sonora, 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 much 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, and 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 flavours. The classy setting and the skilled staff will make your evening unforgettable.

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 Address: Newton 55, Mexico City  
 Opening hours: Monday-Saturday: 13.00-17.00 & 18.30-22.30  
 Phone: +52 55 5280 1660  
 Internet: [www.quintonil.com](http://www.quintonil.com)  
 Email: [contacto@quintonil.com](mailto:contacto@quintonil.com)

### Pujol



Local ingredients, spicy flavours and creative dishes are the speciality of Pujol. 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: Calle Francisco Petrarca 254, Mexico City  
 Opening hours: Monday-Saturday: 13.30-22.45  
 Phone: +52 55 5545 3507  
 Internet: [www.pujol.com.mx](http://www.pujol.com.mx)

### Coox Hanal



Quesadillas, tacos and other local specialities at low prices can all be had 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.

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 Address: Isabel la Católica 83, Mexico City  
 Phone: +52 55 5709 3613  
 Internet: [www.cooxhanal.com](http://www.cooxhanal.com)  
 Email: [coox\\_hanal@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

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Address: Anatole France 100, Mexico City

Phone: +52 55 3300 3999

Internet: [www.marthaortiz.mx](http://www.marthaortiz.mx)

## Rokai



Rokai is a reputable Japanese restaurant serving specialities such as ramen (rumoured to be exceptionally good), sushi, fish - you name it.

Rokai offers a great selection of Asian classics and creative dishes. The friendly staff will take good care of you, so why not stay longer for some sake?

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Address: Calle Río Ebro 87, Mexico City

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Insurgentes

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday: 13.00-16.30 & 19.00-22.30

Phone: +52 55 5207 7543

## Jaguar Ceviche Spoon Bar



Jaguar's main draw is the ceviche - it comes in many varieties, all served in spoon-, medium-, or "Amazon"-sized portions.

To try several at once, go with the spoon sampler, which allows you to try 6 different varieties. The menu extends to include Mexican cuisine, grills, salads, and lunch/dinner specials.

Photo: Larisa Blinova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Javier Barros Sierra 540, Mexico City

Opening hours: Monday-Tuesday: 13.00-23.00,

Wednesday-Saturday: 13.00-01.00, Sunday: 13.00-19.00

Phone: +52 55 5292 6499

Internet: [www.jaguarhg.com/restaurants](http://www.jaguarhg.com/restaurants)

## La Casa de Toño



Located in Mexico's artistic neighbourhood (as well as several other places across the city), La Casa de Tono 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.

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Address: Sabino 166, Mexico City

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Insurgentes

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 09.00-23.00, Sunday: 09.00-22.00

Phone: +52 55 5386 1125

Internet: [www.lacasadetono.com.mx](http://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.

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Address: Calle Xicoténcatl 168, Mexico City

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday: 11.00-21.30

Phone: +52 55 5914 7001

Email: [mark@lasantagula.com](mailto:mark@lasantagula.com)

## Puerto Madero



This Argentinian restaurant serves some of the best charcoal-grilled meats far and wide. Although the steaks are its main draw, seafood dishes enjoy a nearly equal popularity. Try the steak with some mashed potatoes and let the friendly staff take good care of you.

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Address: Av. Presidente Masaryk 110, Mexico City

Phone: +52 55 5545 6098

Internet: [www.puertomaderorestaurantes.com](http://www.puertomaderorestaurantes.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.

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Address: Calle 5 de Mayo 52, Mexico City

Opening hours: 24/7

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 creative 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.

## Cafe NIN



What once as known as Panaderia Rosetta was renamed after a long time coming 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.

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Address: Calle Havre 73, Mexico City

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday: 7.00-23.00, Sunday 7.30-18.00

Phone: +52 55 5207 7065

Internet: [www.cafenin.com.mx](http://www.cafenin.com.mx)



### 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 savoury foods are on offer.

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Address: Eje Central Lázaro Cárdenas 42, Mexico City

Phone: +52 55 5512 0896

### 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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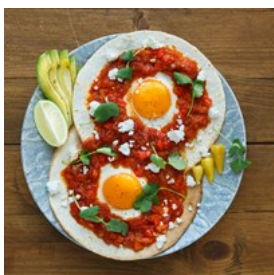
Address: Calle Zacatecas 173, Mexico City

Opening hours: Tuesday-Sunday: 8.00-18.00

Phone: +52 55 5564 3388

Internet: www.eat-lalo.com

### Chiquitito Cafe



Kickstart your day with a hearty Mexican breakfast and excellent coffee at Chiquitito Cafe. If you would rather have some healthy cereal rather than

tacos with lots of cheese, this isn't an issue at Chiquitito either. The hip cafe brings the concept of a "hole in the wall" establishment to a remarkably different level.

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Address: Alfonso Reyes 232, Mexico City

Phone: +52 55 5211 6123

Internet: www.chiquititocafe.com

Email: info@chiquititocafe.com

### Otro Cafe



This trendy street side cafe is the perfect place to rest your feet. Take an outdoor table 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 savoury snack or dessert.

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Address: Calle Shakespeare 78, Mexico City

Phone: +52 55 2624 3464

Internet: www.otrocafe.mx

### Legendaria



The flair of a 20s speakeasy and frequently played live jazz music await you at Legendaria, along with an abundance of exquisitely crafted

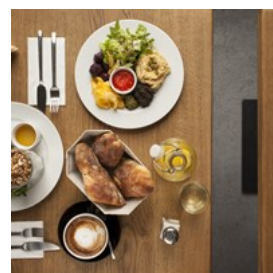
offerings of Mexican cuisine. Come early to grab a bite and stay late for the party. It will be a night to remember.

Photo: JuanSalvador/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle República de Uruguay 72, Mexico City

Phone: +52 55 5510 9020

### Orígenes Orgánicos



Out of Orígenes Orgánicos' four cafe-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, Mexico City

Phone: +52 1 55 5208 6678

Internet: www.origenesorganicos.com

### Cafe Toscano



Toscano is an inviting all-day cafe with a cosy, modern interior and great food. Come by for breakfast (the first meal of the day is their focal point, with plenty of delicious options to choose from), lunch or dinner, and do have the Nutella crepes for dessert.

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Address: Av. Michoacan 30a, Mexico City

Opening hours: Monday-Thursday: 07.30-24.30, Friday 7.30-1.00, Saturday 8.30-1.00, Sunday 08.30-22.00

Phone: +52 55 5584 3681

### Helado Oscuro



Cool down with an ice cream at this small hipster store where you can try flavours not found anywhere else. Get their speciality - 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 flavours to choose from and the staff are helpful and efficient.

Photo: Gtranquillity/Shutterstock.com

Address: Orizaba 203, Mexico City

Opening hours: Monday-Tuesday: 11.00-21.00,

Wednesday-Saturday: 11.00-22.00, Sunday: 11.00-19.00

Phone: +52 55 4444 4878

Internet: www.heladoobscuro.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.

### Tio Pepe



One of the oldest in town, Tio Pepe is a "cantina" whose main appeal is the old-time ambience, 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 centre.

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Address: Dolores, Mexico City

Opening hours: Monday-Saturday: 12.00-23.00

## 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: Calle Malintzin 155, Del Carmen, Mexico City

Phone: +52 55 5484 8230

Internet: [www.labipo.com.mx](http://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 numbers of customers, and check their website

which events are hosted when you are in town (Thursdays are often marked by some manner of live music). Drinks and cocktails on offer, with a smoking terrace available.

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Address: Av Álvaro Obregón 160, Mexico City

Phone: +52 55 6086 4291

Internet: [www.panycirco.rocks](http://www.panycirco.rocks)

## Talismán de Motolinía



Come to Talismán de Motolinía on a Wednesday night (at 8pm, to be exact) and learn everything there is to know about mezcal

with a local connoisseur, all while part taking in a tasting of the local drink. Other nights, come

for cocktails and live music acts.

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Address: Calle de Motolinia 31, Mexico City

Opening hours: Sunday-Wednesday: 13.00-24.00,

Thursday-Saturday: 13.00-2.00

Phone: +52 55 3656 8564

## Legendaria



The flair of a 20s speakeasy and exciting jazz music await you at Legendaria. Come early to grab a bite and stay late for the party. It will

be a night to remember. Legendaria is also a gastronomic haunt serving elevated, well-presented Mexican cuisine.

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Address: Calle República de Uruguay 72, Mexico City

Phone: +52 55 5510 9020

## Zinco Jazz Club



At Zinco Jazz Club you are sure to catch a live music show any day of the week. Check their event calendar to see what is on 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 Motolinia 20, Mexico City

Phone: +52 55 5512 3369

Internet: [www.zincojazz.com](http://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 cosy place to hang out. When weather permits, the second floor open-air terrace gets turned into a dance floor.

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Address: Calle Amberes 1, Mexico City

Phone: +52 55 5514 4920

Internet: [www.kinkybar.com.mx](http://www.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 hungry. Delicious desserts (strudel, anyone?), a vast number of beers on draft and a breezy outdoor terrace will make your stay unforgettable. Prost!

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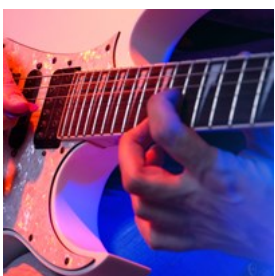
Address: Doctor José María Vertiz 1024, Mexico City

Phone: +52 55 5609 1309

Internet: [www.nibelungengarten.com](http://www.nibelungengarten.com)

Email: [info@nibelungengarten.com](mailto: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 favourite for locals and travellers alike. Although dinner is best had elsewhere, Black Dog serves decent pub grub for

those late night munchies.

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Address: Av. Prol. Vasco de Quiroga 3900, Mexico City

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 cheap drinks. Come by for dinner or a party, both are possible and happen daily.

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Address: Felipe Carrillo Puerto 38, Mexico City

Phone: +52 55 4622 9483

Internet: [www.elgraffito.com](http://www.elgraffito.com)

Email: [contacto@elgraffito.com](mailto:contacto@elgraffito.com)

## SHOPPING



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While big department stores and shopping centres 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 centre. Along the big streets you can find many lovely places ideal for a spontaneous shopping spree.

### Mercado de Coyoacán



Take in the Colors and flavours 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 while here. It's an ideal spot for people-watching and shopping for all manner of local goods.

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Address: Ignacio Allende, Del Carmen, Mexico City

Opening hours: Monday-Sunday: 9.30-18.30

### 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: ChameleonsEye/Shutterstock.com

Address: Mercado Sonora, Mexico City

### Fonart



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: Paseo de la Reforma 116, Mexico City

Opening hours: Monday-Friday: 10.00-19.00,

Saturday-Sunday: 10.00-16.00

Phone: +52 55 5546 7163

### Tianguis Cultural del Chopo



Known amongst locals as "El Chopo", this local market only happens once a week (on Saturdays), but is a cultural gathering of major scale, with dozens of vendors setting up shop selling all manner of things, from clothing to various knick knacks. Live music acts by upcoming local bands accompany the event.

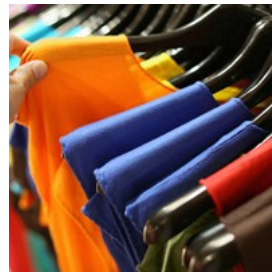
Photo: VojtechVlk/Shutterstock.com

Address: Aldama, Cuauhtémoc, Mexico City

Opening hours: Saturday: 11.00-16.00

Phone: +52 55 5546 8490

### 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 more. Whatever it is you may need on your trip, including souvenirs, you will surely find it here.

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Address: Calle Isabel la Católica 51, Mexico City

Phone: +52 55 5518 7935

Internet: [www.sanborns.com.mx](http://www.sanborns.com.mx)

## Liverpool



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 cards, you won't leave this place 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, Mexico City

Phone: +52 55 5133 2800

Internet: [www.liverpool.com.mx](http://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 really is staggering, and dining and entertainment options abound (there is even an ice-skating rink on site!).

Photo: wavebreakmedia/Shutterstock.com

Address: Av. Vasco de Quiroga 3800, Santa Fe

Opening hours: Monday-Sunday: 11.00-23.15

Internet: [www.centrosantafe.com.mx](http://www.centrosantafe.com.mx)

Email: [webmaster@centrosantafe.com](mailto:webmaster@centrosantafe.com)

## Ciudadela Market



Colourful 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.

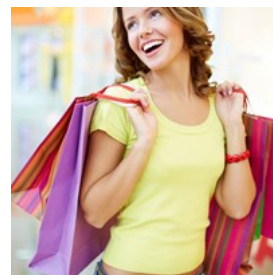
Photo: LMspencer/Shutterstock.com

Address: Av. Balderas, Mexico City

Phone: +52 55 5510 1828

Internet: [www.laciudadela.com.mx](http://www.laciudadela.com.mx)

## Samara Shops



This modern shopping centre 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 Santa Fe area.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Antonio Dovali Jaime 70, Mexico City

Phone: +52 55 4160 7140

Internet: [www.samara.mx](http://www.samara.mx)

## Dulcería de Celaya



Housed inside a historic building with ornate wall and ceiling moulding is longstanding Dulcería de Celaya, a sweet shop that sells traditional Mexican

treats. Enjoy a selection and do try the coconut-stuffed limes (reportedly, Frida Kahlo's favourites).

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Address: Av. 5 de Mayo 39, Mexico City

Phone: +52 55 5521 1787

## ESSENTIAL INFORMATION



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### Mexico City International Airport (MEX)



The Benito Juarez International Airport is located in the east of Mexico City and 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 centre by taxi, metro or bus.

There are several airport taxis recognisable 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.

Confort +52 55 5615 4658

Excelencia +52 55 55628054

Porto Taxi Ejecutivo +52 55 8421-3701

Sitio 300 +52 55 5571-9344

Sitio 300 Yellow Cab Aeropuerto +52 55 5785-7949

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 centre and the airport, and stops at Puerta 7 at Terminal 1 and Puerta 3 at Terminal 2.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Av Capitan Carlos León, Peñón de los Baños, Venustiano Carranza, Mexico

Phone: +52 55 2482 2400

Internet: [www.aicm.com.mx](http://www.aicm.com.mx)

Email: [comentarios@aicm.com.mx](mailto:comentarios@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

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 centre.

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 5am to midnight, Saturday 6am to midnight, and Sunday 7am to midnight. At rush hour, the first cars of each train are reserved for women and children (7.30-10am & 3-8pm).

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.

## 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 travelled). 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 busses 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 5519 7690

Servi-Taxi: +52 5271 2560

Radio-Elite: +52 5560 1122

Radio-Taxi: +52 5566 0077

## Post



The Palacio de Correos de Mexico (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 colour.

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Centro Histórico, Mexico City

## Pharmacy



Farmacias del Ahorro operates 24 hours, provides home delivery  
Olivar del Conde 1ra  
Secc, Mexico City  
Farmacia Central: +52

5522-6422

Central de Abasto, Mexico City

Farmacia Clinica Londres: +52 5229-8400

Durango 50-B, Cuauhtemoc, Roma Nte., Mexico



## City

Farmacia Express: +52 5356-1156

Several shops in the City

Farmacia París: +52 5709-5349

República del Salvador 97, 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



110-120 V, three-pin  
plugs

Photo: Stirling Tschan

## Population

8.8 million

## Currency

1 Mexican Peso (Mex\$) = 100 Centavos

## Opening hours

Opening hours are usually 9.00-20.00. Big department  
stores or shopping centres might remain open until 21.00.

## Newspapers

La Jornada  
The News  
Milenio

## Emergency numbers

911

## Tourist information

Tourist Information Office in Mexico City  
Avenida Nuevo Leon 56. Col. Hipodromo Condesa  
06100 Ciudad de México  
Mon-Fri 9am-5pm  
[www.mexicocity.gob.mx](http://www.mexicocity.gob.mx)  
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