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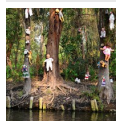
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While Mexico is popular with travellers for its endless coasts, perfect weather and sandy beaches, the interior of the country is also well worth exploring. The bustling capital, Mexico City, with its hectic urban lifestyle, artistic neighbourhoods and historic buildings, has long been neglected by summer vacationers, but is now being discovered by curious city trippers. CDMX never ceases to surprise travellers with its renowned arts and culture scene, as well as some of the best cuisine in the Western Hemisphere.

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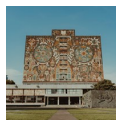
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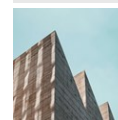
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THE CITY



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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 over 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 7,350 feet (2,240 meters) above sea level and framed by high mountains and volcanoes such as the Ajusco, the Popocatepétl and the Iztaccihuatl, 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 businesses to the urban landscape. With Cuban, American, Japanese, Chilean, Korean and 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 colonias (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 great 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.

Palace of Fine Arts



The Palace of Fine Arts 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.

One of the biggest attractions of Bellas Artes is a grand fresco by Diego Rivera — the

social-realist Man at the Crossroads, which was originally designed for the Rockefeller Center in New York.

Photo: Carlos Aguilar/unsplash.com

Address: Palacio de Bellas Artes, Avenida Juárez, Centro Histórico, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Bellas Artes

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 11am-5pm, Mon closed

Phone: +52 55 8647 6500

Tickets: 80 pesos, cash only. Free admission on Sundays

Internet: palacio.inba.gob.mx

Email: pba.redessociales@inba.gob.mx

Fuente de los Coyotes in Coyoacán



Two bronze coyotes are the center 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".

The bohemian Coyoacán district is known for its cobblestone streets and colonial architecture. Come here for the Frida Kahlo Museum, the home of Leon Trotsky, art galleries, cozy cafes and restaurants, as well as colorful artisan markets.

Photo: Leon Rafael/Shutterstock.com

Address: Parque Centaria, Coroyacán, CDMX

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.

Photo: Alejandro Barba/unsplash.com

Address: Palacio Nacional, Plaza de la Constitución, Centro Histórico, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro stop: Zócalo

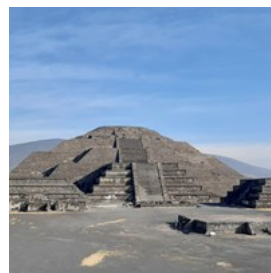
Opening hours: Tue-Sun 9am-5pm, Mon closed

Phone: +52 55 5093 4900

Internet: www.palacionacionaldemexico.mx

Email: gobmx@funcionpublica.gob.mx

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 28 miles (45 kilometers) from the city center. With its 213-feet (65-meter) 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.

It's best to come early to avoid crowds and the scorching sun. On days when access to the pyramid complex is closed, you can see them from a hot air balloon.

Photo: Stefan Meier/unsplash

Address: San Juan Teotihuacán, State of Mexico

Opening hours: Daily 9am–5pm. Last entry at 3pm.
Internet: whc.unesco.org/en/list/414

Metropolitan 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.

The cathedral, inspired by Gothic churches of Spain, was built in sections from 1573 to 1813 around the original church that was constructed soon after the Spanish conquest of Tenochtitlan, eventually replacing it completely.

Photo: [Bill Perry/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/author/bill-perry)
Address: Plaza de la Constitución, Centro Histórico, CDMX
Opening hours: Daily 8am–8pm. Bell tower 10:40am–6pm
Phone: +52 55 4165 4052
Internet: catedralmetropolitana.mx

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. Some know Xochimilco as the “Venice of Mexico”. Relax on board one of the boats, where 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.

The basic boat tour takes you along the main canal and lasts about an hour. The boat ride is best enjoyed in a group.

Photo: [ChameleonsEye/Shutterstock.com](https://www.shutterstock.com/author/chameleons-eye)

Address: Calle del Mercado 133, San Jerónimo, CDMX
Phone: +52 55 1013 3063
More Info: It's easiest to board one of the boats from Nuevo Nativitas Embarcadero

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 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

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 opening hours can change, so don't forget to check it on the official website before your trip.

Photo: [Belikova Oksana/shutterstock](https://www.shutterstock.com/author/belikova-oksana)
Address: Carretera Picacho-Ajusco Km 1.5, Tlalpan, CDMX
Phone: +52 55 5339 3600
Internet: www.sixflags.com.mx/mexico

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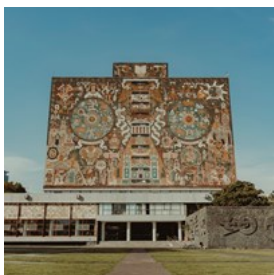
Not too far from the Xochimilco canals you'll find a small area with hundreds of chilling dolls dangling from bridges, trees and bushes. Legend has it that a girl once drowned in the canals and the dolls were placed here to quiet her wandering soul.

Photo: avf71/shutterstock

Address: Isla de las Muñecas, Xochimilco, CDMX

Internet: www.isladelasmunecas.com

UNAM



With over 250,000 freshman students starting at UNAM 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.

Take a short hike and check out the UNAM Sculpture Space located inside the ecological reserve. Metal sculptures that contrast sharply with the landscape emerge from the scree.

Photo: Cande Westh/unsplash.com

Address: Avenida Universidad 3000, CDMX

Phone: +52 55 5622 1332

Internet: www.unam.mx

Email: contacto@unam.mx

Viveros de Coyoacán



The Viveros de Coyoacán 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: Oscar Avila/unsplash

Address: Avenida Progreso 1, Coyoacán, CDMX

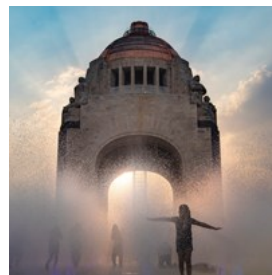
Public Transport: Metro: Viveros/Derechos Humanos

Opening hours: Daily 6am-6pm

Internet:

mexicocity.cdmx.gob.mx/venues/viveros-de-coyoacan

Monument to the Revolution



The Monument to the Revolution is a major landmark that commemorates the Mexican Revolution. 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.

Photo: Rodrigo Gonzalez/unsplash.com

Address: Plaza de la República, Tabacalera, CDMX

Public Transport: Metrobus: Plaza de la República

Opening hours: Mon-Thu noon-8pm, Fri & Sat noon-9pm,

Sun 11am-8pm

Phone: +52 55 5592 2038

Tickets: 120 pesos

Internet: www.mrm.mx/eng

Email: info@mrm.mx

Independence Day & Parade



On September 15th (yes, not May 5th), chilangos gather in front of the National Palace to hear the President shout from the balcony "Viva

México", and to shout it back — the famous Grito de Independencia or Cry of Independence.

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

Photo: Diego Grandi/shutterstock

Address: Centro Histórico, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Zócalo

More Info: September 16th, following "el grito", is a national holiday.

THE BEST MUSEUMS



Alexis Mora/unsplash

Mexico City has an impressive number of museums — over 150 of them! Given the country's rich history and love for art, it is no wonder that CDMX has so much to offer. You get the biggest collection of pre-Columbian artifacts at the National Museum of Anthropology, a fantastic smorgasbord of local and world art at Museo Soumaya, an abundance of Mexico's power couple Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera, as

well as an ever-changing assembly of modern folk art at the aptly named Museum of Folk Art.

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 travellers to learn about pre-Hispanic and contemporary history. Plan at least two hours to explore the thematic halls of this museum. There are enough exhibits to keep you coming back for days, though.

Photo: Girl with red hat/unsplash.com

Address: Avenida Paseo de la Reforma s/n, Polanco, Bosque de Chapultepec, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro: Auditorio or Chapultepec.

Metrobus: Antropología

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-5pm, Mon closed

Phone: +52 55 5553 6266

Tickets: 85 pesos

Internet: www.mna.inah.gob.mx

Email: atencion.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 now exhibits paintings that made the painter the icon she is today. Best time to visit is on a weekday morning.

Photo: Anton_Ivanov/shutterstock

Address: Londres 247, Del Carmen, Coyoacán, CDMX

Opening hours: Tue 10am-6pm, Wed 11am-6pm, Thu-Sun 10am-6pm, Mon closed

Phone: +52 55 5554 5999

Internet: www.museofridakahlo.org.mx

Email: relacionespublicas@museofridakahlo.org.mx

More Info: Note that you can only buy tickets online: the queue used to extend around the block, so the museum administration decided things are better this way.

Museum of Modern Art



The Museum of Modern Art in Chapultepec park focuses on displaying modern Mexican art, mainly from the decade of 1930 onwards. The vast

collection is presented through temporary exhibitions, usually three or four at a time. MAM is without a doubt the best place to see the widest possible variety of modern Mexican art within a short span of time. Frida Kahlo fans will always find a few of her works on display.

Apart from the exhibitions in the main building, you'll find a large garden with numerous sculptures and a cozy cafe to keep your energy levels up.

Photo: Luis Zotea/pexels

Address: Museo de Arte Moderno, Avenida Paseo de la Reforma, Bosque de Chapultepec, CDMX

Public Transport: Metrobus: Gandhi

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10:15am-5:45pm, Mon closed

Phone: +52 55 8647 5530

Internet: mam.inba.gob.mx

More Info: Do not confuse with the Tamayo Museum of Contemporary Art across the street.

Soumaya Museum



The most well-known branch of the Soumaya Museum on Plaza Carso houses the eclectic \$700 million private art collection of one of the world's wealthiest men. The glistening facade of

the building with its swooping lines is a must for your Instagram feed. Inside, a spiralling ramp will lead you through several floors filled with works of European and Mexican masters.

The museum's collection spans 30 centuries of art including sculptures from Pre-Hispanic Mesoamerica, Mexican art, works by European old masters and masters of modern western art such as Auguste Rodin, Salvador Dalí, Bartolomé Esteban Murillo and Tintoretto. It is called one of the most complete collections of its kind.

Photo: Priscilla Flores/unsplash.com

Address: Plaza Carso, Boulevard Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra, CDMX

Opening hours: Daily 10:30am-6:30pm

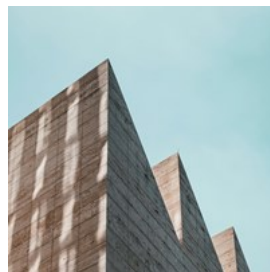
Phone: +52 55 1103 9800

Tickets: Free admission

Internet: www.museosoumaya.org

More Info: Next to Museo Jumex — in fact, the best view of the building is from their balcony

Museo Jumex



Museo Jumex is a contemporary art museum that displays a private art collection owned by the sole heir to the Jumex fruit juice

fortune. The exhibitions include works by big names like Damien Hirst, Andy Warhol, Jeff Koons, Marcel Duchamp, Andreas Gursky and Olafur Eliasson.

Apart from the art on display, enjoy the beautiful building, a nice cafe and a view of the Soumaya building from the upper floor balcony.

Photo: Alejandro Barba/unsplash

Address: Boulevard Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra 303, Granada, CDMX

Opening hours: Tue-Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 10am-5pm, Mon closed

Phone: +52 55 5395 2615

Tickets: Free admission

Internet: www.fundacionjumex.org/en

Email: info@fundacionjumex.org

More Info: Next to Museo Soumaya

Old Toy Museum of Mexico



The Old Toy Museum of Mexico offers a vast, rambling and eclectic collection of toys spanning 4 floors.

Everything from Barbie to old, rustic hand-made toys, plus a souvenir shop. The presentation appears random at first, but there is intent behind every composition — to peak your attention, overwhelm with the sheer amount of detail, surprise and pluck at the strings of your nostalgia. It's strange and wonderful and totally worth the admission.

Photo: Pavlo Syrnikov/ArrivalGuides

Address: Museo del Juguete Antiguo México, Calle Dr Olvera 15, Doctores, CDMX

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 9am-6pm, Sat 9am-4pm, Sun 10am-4pm

Phone: +52 55 5588 2100

Internet:

sic.cultura.gob.mx/ficha.php?table=museo&table_id=1106

Museum of Folk Art



The Museum of Folk Art in the historical center of CDMX promotes and preserves part of the Mexican handcrafts and folk art. The old fire

house building is filled to the brim with textiles, pottery, glass, piñatas, alebrijes (brightly colored sculptures of fantastical creatures), furniture and much more. Great for a quick visit, but you could also spend hours here exploring all the minute details of artisanal works.

Photo: Kartinkin77/shutterstock

Address: Museo de Arte Popular, Calle Revillagigedo 11, Colonia Centro, CDMX

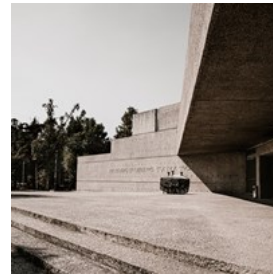
Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-6pm, Mon closed

Phone: +52 55 5510 2201

Internet: www.map.cdmx.gob.mx

Email: infomap@cdmx.gob.mx

Tamayo Museum of Contemporary Art



Tamayo Museum of Contemporary Art is Mexico City's quintessential art museum where you get to see the genius of Rufino

Tamayo plus whatever temporary exhibition is on at the moment. Rufino Tamayo was one of the most renowned artists of the second half of the twentieth century who sought to create paintings in "the Mexican tradition" while distancing himself from the political and nationalist movements.

Another big draw of the museum is the brutalist building itself, designed by Teodoro González de León and Abraham Zabludovsky who drew their inspiration from pre-Hispanic architecture.

The core of the Museo Tamayo's collection consists of more than 300 works by 170 artists. The collection includes examples of the most renowned artists of the second half of the 20th century.

Photo: Alejandro Barba/unsplash

Address: Museo Rufino Tamayo, Avenida Paseo de la Reforma 51, Bosque de Chapultepec, CDMX

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 11am-5pm

Phone: +52 55 4122 8200

Tickets: 80 pesos, cash only. Free on Sundays

Internet: www.museotamayo.org

Email: info@museotamayo.org

House- Studio Museum of Diego Rivera & Frida Kahlo



If you saw the movie *Frida*, the studio and home of Diego Rivera and Frida Kahlo is a must stop on your visit to Mexico City — some of the scenes

were filmed here. The complex of buildings is a great example of functional architecture, with its abundance of soft light and free flowing creative atmosphere. The houses are linked with an elevated walkway, representing the separate yet linked lives the two great artists lived.

Check for temporary visits before going! Some areas of the house might be closed if there is no exhibit.

Photo: Javier Garcia/shutterstock

Address: Museo Casa Estudio Diego Rivera y Frida Kahlo, Diego Rivera s/n, Álvaro Obregón, CDMX

Public Transport: A 2-kilometer walk from Metrobus La Bombilla

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 10am-5:30pm, Mon closed

Phone: +52 55 8647 5470

Internet: inba.gob.mx/recinto/51

More Info: Not the same place as the Frida Kahlo Museum

DINING



Timothy L Brock/unsplash

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.

Photo: JuanSalvador/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida Isaac Newton 55, Polanco, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Metro Polanco

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 12:30pm-midnight, Sun closed

Phone: +52 55 5280 1660

Internet: quintonil.com

Email: contacto@quintonil.com

Pujol



Once named 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: Calle Tennyson 133, Polanco, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Metro Polanco

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 1:30pm-9:30pm, Sun closed

Phone: +52 55 5545 4111

Internet: pujol.com.mx

Email: info@pujol.com.mx

Coox Hanal



Quesadillas, tacos and other local specialties at fair 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, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Isabel la Católica

Opening hours: Daily 11am-6:30pm

Phone: +52 55 5709 3613

Internet: www.instagram.com/cooxhanalof

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, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Metro Polanco

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 1:30pm-11:30pm, Sun 1:30pm-5:30pm

Phone: +52 55 3300 3999

Internet: www.dulcepatria.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.

Photo: funkyfrogstock/Shutterstock.com

Address: Río Ebro 89, Cuauhtémoc, CDMX

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 1pm-11pm, Sun 1pm-7pm

Phone: +52 56 3035 4220

Internet: edokobayashi.com

Email: info_rokai@edokobayashi.com

La Casa de Toño — Zona Rosa



Located in Mexico's party neighborhood (as well countless 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: Jeswin Thomas/unsplash

Address: Calle Londres 144, Juárez, CDMX

Phone: +52 55 5386 1125

Internet: sucursales.lacasadetono.mx/cdmx/cuauhtemoc/juar ez/zona-rosa

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.

Photo: bitt24 / Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida Presidente Masaryk 110, Bosques de Chapultepec, CDMX

Opening hours: Daily 1pm-1am

Phone: +52 55 5545 6098

Internet: www.puertomaderorestaurantes.com

Email: contacto@puertomaderorestaurantes.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, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Auditorio

Opening hours: Mon-Sat noon-10pm, Sun noon-6pm

Phone: +52 55 5282 2746

Internet: www.instagram.com/aguaysaldf

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.

Photo: StockImageFactory dot com/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Marsella 72, Colonia Juárez, Mexico City

Opening hours: Wed-Mon noon-6pm, Tue closed

Phone: +52 55 1313 8260

Internet: www.masalaymaiz.com

Email: hola@masalaymaiz.com

More Info: Make sure to book a table far in advance.

Café 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: Avenida 5 de Mayo 50 y 52, Centro Histórico, CDMX

Opening hours: Open 24/7

Phone: +52 55 5518 6081

Internet: www.instagram.com/cafeelpopular

THE BEST VEGAN EATERIES



Shannon Nickerson/unsplash

Sometimes it might seem that Mexican cuisine relies very heavily on grilled meat and corn tortillas. While this is an awesome combo that packs a flavorful punch, it is not exactly compatible with everyone's diet. And sometimes even meat-eaters could use some fresh vegetables and diversify their menu. Vegan and vegetarian food options are plenty in CDMX if you know where to look.

Taquería Por Siempre Vegana (1&2)



Taquería Por Siempre Vegana has a small cult following. It is an always busy taco stand that is completely vegan and focuses on serving a wide

variety of meat substitutes. Truly some of the best tacos and tortas in the city, vegan or not. Al pastor is the shining jewel in their menu and rightly so. It's just a perfect blend of heat, fat, and acidity. Their version of chorizo is somewhat more spicy and is a must try.

Pro-tip: grab your plate and take a seat on the bench right across the street.

Photo: Tai's Captures/unsplash.com

Address: Corner of Calle Manzanillo & Calle de Chiapas, Roma Norte, CDMX

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 1pm-11pm, Sun 1pm-9pm

Phone: +52 55 6116 6266

Internet: www.instagram.com/por_siempre_vegana_taqueria

Email: porsiempreveganataqueria@gmail.com

More Info: Por Siempre Vegana 2 is a sit-down place just a few blocks away. Their menu is a bit more varied, too

La Pitahaya Vegana



La Pitahaya is a quaint eatery offering delicious and fantastically creative tacos and other variations on Mexican classics like enfrijoladas, mole,

tamales and much more. Their signature pink tortillas are delightful. Perfect place for a date.

Photo: Pavlo Syrnikov/ArrivalGuides

Address: Calle Querétaro 90, Roma Norte, CDMX

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8:30am-10:30pm, Sun 8:30am-11:30pm

Phone: +52 55 1334 4541

Internet: lapitahayavegana.mx

More Info: La Pitahaya serves only non-alcoholic beer

Los Loosers



Los Loosers began with a burger and a bicycle back in 2011 when Mariana Blanco quit her journalism job and began selling veggie burgers

through social media. Now, Los Loosers has a cozy and always busy brick-and-mortar venue in Roma Norte. The menu includes burgers, ramen, pizza, Korean hot pot and artisanal beers. The most satisfying part of the menu is still tacos — inventive and complex. Do your best to try each filling.

Photo: Curtis Thornton/unsplash.com

Address: Sinaloa 236 B, Roma Norte, CDMX

Opening hours: Tue-Fri 1pm-9pm, Sat 11am-9pm, Sun 11am-6pm

Phone: +52 56 2052 4969

Internet: www.losloosers.mx

No Logo



No Logo is an unpretentious salad and pasta place that is a popular lunch restaurant for office workers around Reforma. Plenty of fresh

vegetables, customisable menu options, affordable prices and lightning fast service — what's not to like! The restaurant is not vegan, but it is still one of the best meat-free lunch options in the area.

Photo: [Hermes Rivera/unsplash.com](https://www.unsplash.com)

Address: Calle Río Amazonas 85, Cuauhtémoc, CDMX
Opening hours: Mon-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat & Sun closed
Phone: +52 55 5533 8406

Green Grass



Green Grass is a chain of salad restaurants that serves a plethora of healthy dishes and does so very quickly. You can build your own salad or

pick from the menu. The ingredients are fresh, crisp, and they have a large variety to choose from. The modern, wood-centric interior design makes you feel at home. Not the cheapest place to eat in CDMX, but the quality of the ingredients and portion sizes more than justify the price.

Photo: [Ralph \(Ravi\) Kayden/unsplash.com](https://www.unsplash.com)

Address: Avenida Paseo de la Reforma 397, Cuauhtémoc, CDMX
Opening hours: Daily 10am-10pm
Phone: +52 55 5514 8935
Internet: greengrass.mx

More Info: Some venues of Green Grass have had trouble processing foreign bank cards. We suggest bringing cash just in case.

Pan Comido



Pan Comido is a cute vegetarian restaurant with tasty breakfast and dinner menus, outdoor patio seating and friendly staff. Try their meatballs, tofu scramble, delicious chickpea omelet or spicy salads. Everything tasty, light and healthy, plus a menu full of clever puns.

Photo: [Anshu A/unsplash.com](https://www.unsplash.com)

Address: Calle Tonalá 91, Roma Norte, CDMX
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-8pm, Sun 9am-8pm
Phone: +52 55 4398 4366

Internet: www.instagram.com/elpancomido

More Info: Pan Comido has two more venues: one in Polanco and another in Anzures

Govinda Ram DF



Govinda restaurants are known around the world as places where you can get good quality vegan food for not too much money. Govinda Ram in Obrera neighbourhood is no exception. Try their meal of the day — well sized portions with lots of variety, with soup and salad included. Their burgers (vegan, of course) are great, too.

Photo: [Lior Shapira/unsplash.com](https://www.unsplash.com)

Address: Avenida Manuel Payno 7, Obrera, CDMX
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-6pm, Sun closed
Phone: +52 55 2313 5549

Internet:

www.happycow.net/reviews/govinda-ram-mexico-city-66305

More Info: Cash only. Close to the Old Toy Museum

CAFES



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Mexico City's numerous coffee houses are popular social hangouts for the young and old, locals and digital nomads. 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. This chic cafe offers excellent coffee, pastries and small bites, plus a curated wine list.

Photo: Viacheslav Nikolaenko/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Havre 73, Juárez, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro: Cuauhtémoc

Opening hours: Mon-Wed 7am-9pm, Thu-Sat 7am-10pm,
Sun 7am-6pm

Phone: +52 55 9155 4805

Internet: www.cafenin.com.mx

Cielito Querido



A variety of flavours 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 colourful locations.

Photo: kikovic/Shutterstock.com

Address: Prolongación Paseo de la Reforma 284, Loc. 1-3 C, Zona Rosa, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro: Insurgentes

Phone: +52 55 5514 0518

Internet: 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, Centro, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro: San Juan de Letrán

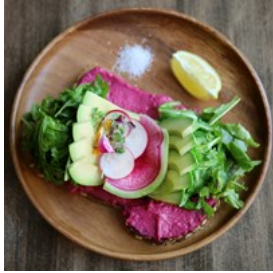
Opening hours: Daily 6am-6pm

Phone: +52 1 55 3553 4825

Internet: restaurantguru.com/Triana-Cafe-Mexico-City

More Info: Located in Mercado de San Juan

Gris Café



Gris Café is truly a hidden gem in Mexico City! Best place to stop by when you are exploring the architectural treasures of Tlatelolco. Delicious, affordable food with a nice presentation, earnestly friendly service and pet-friendly! Their brunch and lunch menus are extremely popular — write to them on WhatsApp or social media to reserve your portion. They publish a new creative menu daily around noon.

Photo: Lacey Williams/unsplash.com

Address: Calle Lerdo 304, Edificio Ignacio Zaragoza, Local 9, Tlatelolco, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Tlatelolco

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 3pm-7pm, Sun 1pm-5pm

Phone: +52 55 7339 5939

Internet: www.instagram.com/gris_____

Camino a Comala



Camino a Comala seems to specialise in bringing third wave coffee to areas of CDMX that are on the verge of gentrification. You'll likely find one of their venues when you're exploring the less polished parts of the capital. Perfect for working with a laptop, meeting friends, reading a book and playing some board games. The food doesn't disappoint.

Photo: Paolo Nicoletto/unsplash.com

Address: Calle Miguel E. Schultz 7 C, San Rafael, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro San Cosme

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-10pm, Sun 9am-9pm

Phone: +52 55 5592 0313

Internet: www.caminoacomala.com

Blend Station



Blend Station is the standard hangout place for laptop warriors and creative types. Fast WiFi and interesting people are what will make you come back here day after day. This stylish and modern espresso bar offers excellent fair-trade Mexican coffee and plenty of delicious breakfast and lunch options.

The original location in Condesa was so popular that there is now a second branch on calle Puebla. Blend Station also has collaborations with Chop Chop bicycle stores around CDMX.

Photo: Joshua Melo/unsplash.com

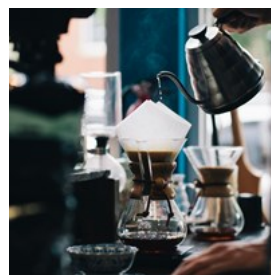
Address: Avenida Tamaulipas 60, Condesa, Hipódromo, CDMX

Opening hours: Daily 8am-8pm

Phone: +52 55 6868 5350

Internet: blendstation.com.mx

Cardinal Casa de Café



Cardinal Casa de Café consistently delivers a solidly good cup of coffee. Small place, good for a quick meet up or a long rest with a book. The baristas really know what they are doing. Their chocolate chip cookie, Nutella cookie, and orange cake are delicious as well.

Photo: Karl Fredrickson/unsplash.com

Address: Calle Córdoba 132, Roma Norte, CDMX

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-9pm, Sat 9am-9pm, Sun 10am-9pm

Phone: +52 55 6721 8874

Internet: www.instagram.com/casacardinal

More Info: Second location on calle Campeche 346, Hipódromo

Constela Café



Constela is a lovely coffee shop in the middle of Roma Norte. The design is very minimalistic and inviting, with creative lighting and unusual concrete wall panels. In the evening, the cafe seems to be taken straight out of Edward Hopper's *Nighthawks*.

Great coffee and fast WiFi make Constela popular with remote workers. While you're there, do yourself a favour and order a chocolate babka — the dark chocolate pastry is to die for.

Photo: Prophsee Journals/unsplash.com

Address: Calle Colima 209, Roma Norte, CDMX

Opening hours: Mon-Thu 8am-8pm, Fri-Sun 8am-9pm

Phone: +52 55 9136 1844

Internet: constelacafe.com

Hule



In the heart of Condesa, Hule offers a space that combines coffee and music. Enjoy simple but high quality products as well as a good vinyl selection. The space is not big, but extremely cosy. Come for coffee, listen to great music and stay for the service.

Photo: Lee Campbell/unsplash.com

Address: Avenida Michoacán 75, Condesa, CDMX

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-8pm, Sat & Sun 10am-8pm

Phone: +52 55 8986 3657

Internet: www.hulemx.com

More Info: Around the corner from Blend Station Condesa

Almanegra Cafe



Almanegra has a cult following in Mexico. They make a mean espresso, plus all the usual espresso-based drinks. Minimalist design, impeccable choice of music and great atmosphere. Order at the bar.

The first Almanegra opened in Narvarte, but now you can find them in Escandón.

Photo: Chase Eggenberger/unsplash

Address: Avenida Universidad 420-A, Narvarte Poniente, CDMX

Opening hours: Daily 7:30am-9pm

Phone: +52 55 4162 5899

Internet: almanegra.cafe

Email: info@almanegra.cafe

Tierra Garat



Tierra Garat is best known for their spicy hot chocolate, with or without coffee. Every location of this popular cafe chain is covered floor to ceiling in warm terracotta, creating a pleasant environment for long chats with friends or romantic dates. Relatively long opening hours help with that, too.

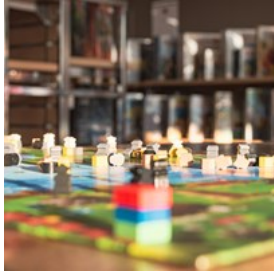
Photo: Fantastic Ordinary/unsplash.com

Address: Amsterdam 218, Hipódromo, Condesa, CDMX

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7am-10:30pm, Sun 8am-9pm

Internet: www.tierragarat.mx

Raven Folks



Raven Folks is a board game cafe with surprisingly great food. Come for a fun afternoon or evening with your friends and play board

games for hours. Great option for rainy days or whenever you want to socialise in a quiet environment.

They have an extensive collection of games you can play plus an even bigger selections of those you can buy.

Photo: Christopher Paul High/unsplash.com

Address: Chihuahua 142, Roma Norte, CDMX

Opening hours: Tue & Wed 3pm-10pm, Thu-Sat

3pm-11:30pm, Sun 1pm-10pm

Phone: +52 55 1334 4650

Internet: ravenfolks.com

Kiyo Café



Kiyo Café has friendly baristas who really know their craft and deeply care about their coffee. Excellent music, benches outside — in sun or

shade. Try the muffins with guava. Be sure to ask what's new when you visit since the selection of coffee beans is always changing.

Photo: Pavlo Syrnikov/ArrivalGuides

Address: Calle Marsella 59, Juárez, CDMX

Phone: +52 55 1299 7756

Internet: jr-kiyo.com

Churrería 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 as well.

Photo: Eduardo Lopez/Shutterstock.com

Address: Ejercito Central Lázaro Cárdenas 42, Centro Histórico, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro: San Juan de Letrán

Opening hours: Daily 7am-10pm

Phone: +52 55 5512 0896

Internet: www.elmoro.mx

Email: hola@elmoro.mx

More Info: El Moro is immensely popular and has locations all over the city

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.

Photo: Ali Inay/unsplash.com

Address: Calle Zacatecas 173, Roma Norte, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro: Hospital General

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 8am-5pm, Mon closed

Phone: +52 55 5564 3388

Internet: www.eat-lalo.com

Chiquitito Cafe



Chiquitito Cafe is a small chain of little coffee shops offering a delightful selection of espresso drinks as well as some breakfast items in a

homey setting. A great place to start your day or just grab your cup to go.

Photo: Rizky Subagja/unsplash.com

Address: Calle Alfonso Reyes 232, Hipódromo, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro: Chilpancingo

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7:30am-8:30pm, Sun 8:30am-7pm

Phone: +52 55 5211 6123

Internet: www.chiquititocafe.com

Email: info@chiquititocafe.com

More Info: The original location is in Condesa. Now there are also venues in Cuauhtémoc and Lomas de Chapultepec

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 dot com/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Shakespeare 78, Anzures, CDMX

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 7:30am-9:30pm, Sat 7am-4pm, Sun closed

Phone: +52 55 2624 3464

Internet: www.otrocafe.mx

Email: contacto@otrocafe.mx

Joe Gelato



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: Gtranquility/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Versalles 78, Juárez, CDMX

Internet: www.instagram.com/joegelatomx

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.

Photo: BestStockFoto/Shutterstock.com
Address: Avenida Independencia 26, Centro, CDMX
Public Transport: Metro Stop: San Juan de Letrán
Opening hours: Mon-Sat 11:30am-11pm, Sun closed
Phone: +52 55 8044 5884
Internet: www.instagram.com/cantinatiopepe

Handshake Speakeasy

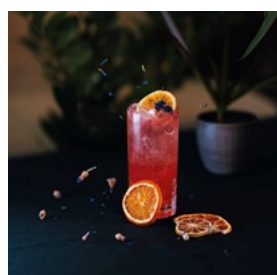


Lead by renowned Dutch bartender Eric Van Beek, Handshake Speakeasy has made it to the list of World's 50 Best Bars. Behind an unassuming door with the number 13 hides an Art Deco space with a mysterious Prohibition era vibe. The mixology principles of this speakeasy are flavour, aesthetics, and innovation — you'll never get bored. Old sophisticated classics find new life here.

Booking ahead is essential!

Photo: Ash Edmonds/unsplash.com
Address: Calle Amberes 65, Juárez, CDMX
Opening hours: Daily 6pm-late
Phone: +52 55 6413 1693
Internet: handshake.bar
Email: info@handshake.bar
More Info: www.worlds50bestbars.com/the-list/handshake-speakeasy.html

GinGin Cibeles



Step into GinGin bar and you're immediately transported to a world of class and flavour. Known for its inventive gin cocktails, this upscale bar also offers an enticing food menu, featuring

standard Mexican and international classics. Quality is key here, from top-shelf liquors to high-grade ingredients in the food.

Heads up: it can get quite busy and loud as the night progresses, so for a more subdued experience, arrive just as they open.

Photo: Adrian Infernus/unsplash
Address: Avenida Oaxaca 87, Roma Norte, CDMX
Opening hours: Daily 4pm-2am
Phone: +52 55 5248 0911
Internet: gingin.mx

SOM — restaurante, bar, tienda boutique



Hidden away from Condesa's bustling tourist scene, SOM offers a one-of-a-kind experience for spirit aficionados. This gem of a bar boasts an eclectic selection of traditional Mexican spirits, some rarely found elsewhere — pox, sotol, bacanora, raicilla, lechuguilla, and comiteco, just to name a few. Paired with delicious bistro-style Mexican fare, their unique cocktails reveal the depth and variety of Mexico's distilled treasures. Whether you're planning an intimate date night or simply wish to enjoy a quiet evening with a book, SOM provides the perfect backdrop.

Photo: Pavlo Syrnikov/ArrivalGuides
Address: Calle Pachuca 118, Colonia Condesa, CDMX
Opening hours: Tue & Wed 2:30pm-11pm, Thu-Fri 2:30pm-midnight, Sun 2pm-8pm, Mon closed
Phone: +52 55 9377 0029
Internet: www.instagram.com/som_condesa

La Bipo



A Mexican pop culture-themed cantina/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.

Photo: holbox/Shutterstock.com

Address: Malintzin 155, Del Carmen, CDMX

Opening hours: Sun-Wed 1pm-midnight, Thu-Sat 1pm-2am

Phone: +52 55 5484 8230

Internet: www.instagram.com/labipocoyoacan

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 on the weekends, and early booking ensures seating closer to the stage.

Photo: photobank dot ch/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle de Motolinia 20, Centro Histórico, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Allende

Opening hours: Wed-Sat 9pm-1am, Sun-Tue closed

Phone: +52 55 1131 7760

Internet: 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, CDMX

Opening hours: Thu 9pm-3am, Fri & Sat 9pm-4am, Sun-Wed closed

Phone: +52 55 5514 4920

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, CDMX

Opening hours: Sun-Tue 1pm-9pm, Wed 1pm-midnight, Thu-Sat 1pm-2am

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, CDMX

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 2pm-2am, Sat 6pm-midnight, Sun midnight-2pm

Phone: +52 55 5148 2525

Internet: www.instagram.com/blackdog_oficial

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, CDMX

Opening hours: Daily 7am-6pm

Internet: mexicocity.cdmx.gob.mx/venues/coyoacan-market

Dulcería de Celaya



Located in the heart of Mexico City and housed in 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: Avenida 5 de Mayo 39, Centro Histórico, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Allende

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun closed

Phone: +52 55 5521 1787

Internet: www.instagram.com/dulceriadecelaya

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: Avenida Paseo de la Reforma 116, Cuauhtémoc, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Cuauhtémoc

Opening hours: Mon–Fri 11am–7pm, Sat & Sun 11am–5pm

Phone: +52 55 5546 7163

Internet: www.gob.mx/fonart?tab=tienda

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. Its specialty is music, mostly rock and punk. Live music acts by upcoming local bands accompany the event.

Photo: Archer Hume/unsplash

Address: Calle Juan Aldama, Buenavista, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Buenavista

Opening hours: Sat 10am–5pm

Internet: www.instagram.com/tcchopo_rock

More Info: The market is right to the east of Biblioteca Vasconcelos.

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, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: San Juan de Letrán

Opening hours: Mon–Sat 8am–9pm, Sun 8am–8pm

Phone: +52 55 5518 7942

Internet: www.sanborns.com.mx

Email: sanborns@sanborns.com.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: ChameleonsEye/shutterstock

Address: Mercado Sonora, Fray Servando Teresa de Mier 419, Merced Balbuena, CDMX

Opening hours: Daily 8am–6pm

Internet: www.mercadosonora.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, CDMX

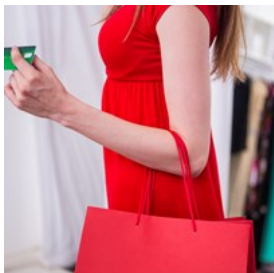
Public Transport: Metro Stop: Zócalo

Opening hours: Daily 11am-9pm

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, CDMX

Opening hours: Daily 11am-9pm

Phone: +52 55 3003 4330

Internet: 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: Mercado de Artesanías La Ciudadela, Balderas s/n, Centro Histórico, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Balderas

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 10am-7pm, Sun 10am-6pm

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.

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Address: Antonio Dovali Jaime 70, Santa Fe, Zedec Sta Fé, CDMX

Opening hours: Daily 9am-11pm

Phone: +52 55 4160 7140

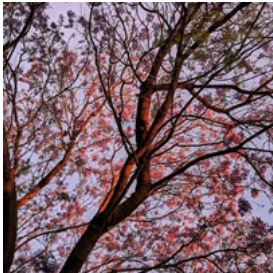
Internet: www.instagram.com/samarashops_mx

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Best Time To Visit

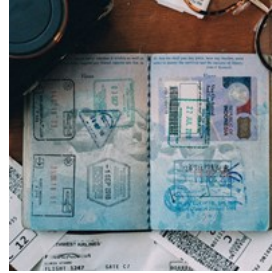


If you're looking for pleasant weather and don't mind the hotel prices and lots of tourists, then you should visit the city between March and May. Winter daytime temperatures can also be pleasant, it tends to cool down overnight. Summers are known for being rainy, so remember to pack an umbrella.

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 7,350 feet (2,240 meters) above sea level, so remember to drink plenty of water and wear sunscreen.

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Passport / Visa



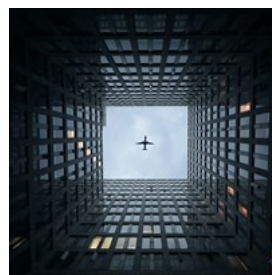
Visa exemption applies to citizens of all EU countries, most countries in the Americas, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, and more. Both tourists and business visitors from these countries may stay in Mexico for up to 180 days. For Russian, Turkish and Ukrainian passport holders, electronic 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 are almost always asked to demonstrate a return/onward ticket. Asking for hotel booking information is also common.

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Internet: www.mexicotouristcard.com

Mexico City International Airport (MEX)



The Benito Juárez International Airport is located in the eastern part of Mexico City, and it has two terminals connected by a bus and light rail system. Do check which terminal you are departing from — finding and taking said train takes time. 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

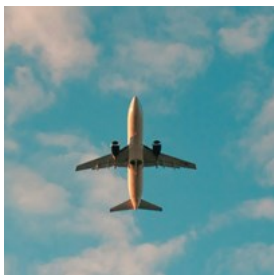
white and yellow (with black logos of an airplane) that transport you to and from the city. You can buy tickets inside the airport and cars are available at Terminals 1 and 2. Taking Uber or Didi is advisable.

While the metro might not be the best option if you are traveling 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 the city center and the airport, and stops at Puerta 7 at Terminal 1 and Puerta 2 at Terminal 2.

Photo: Jezael Melgoza/unsplash
Address: Aeropuerto Internacional Benito Juárez, Avenida Capitan Carlos León, CDMX
Phone: +52 55 2482 2400
Internet: www.aicm.com.mx

Felipe Ángeles International Airport (NLU)

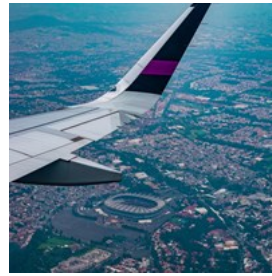


Some national flights will fly to AIFA airport in the State of Mexico. You can get to the airport by bus or car. Without traffic, your ride will take about an hour. A train line is under construction and is scheduled to open in April 2024.

Originally called Santa Lucía Airport and serving as Mexican Air Force base no. 1, the airport was renamed after Felipe Ángeles (a general in the Mexican Revolution) in early 2021. In Spanish, its initialism is AIFA.

Photo: Philip Myrtoorp/unsplash
Address: Aeropuerto Internacional Felipe Ángeles, Circuito Exterior Mexiquense km 33, Santa Lucia, Zumpango, Estado de Mexico
Phone: +52 55 5798 9800
Internet: aifa.aero

Licenciado 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: Jonathan Tesmayer Salvador/unsplash
Address: San Pedro Totoltepec, Toluca de Lerdo, Estado de Mexico
Phone: +52 722 279 2800
Internet: www.aeropuertodetoluca.com.mx

Metro



The Metro is a cheap way of transportation and will take you almost everywhere in Mexico City. The 12 lines operate until midnight. The first cars of each train are reserved for women and children.

It's smart to avoid the Metro during rush hour. The trains get very full, and pickpockets often take advantage of that.

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: Mariel Rodriguez /unsplash

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 5am-midnight, Sat 6am-midnight, Sun 7am-midnight

Internet: www.metro.cdmx.gob.mx

Bus



Along with the Metro, 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 — a modern and fast BRT system that will take you pretty far. For these buses you will need a rechargeable smartcard (may be purchased at vending machines).

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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 or Didi app.

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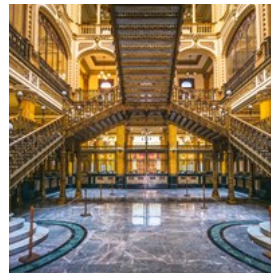
Time Zone



The time zone in Mexico City (CDMX) is Central Standard Time (CST), which is UTC-6. Since 2022, Mexico does not observe daylight saving time.

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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.

Photo: Richie Chan/shutterstock

Address: Palacio Postal, Calle de Tacuba 1, Centro Histórico, CDMX

Public Transport: Metro Stop: Bellas Artes

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-4pm, Sat 8am-noon, Sun closed

Phone: +52 55 5512 0091

Internet: www.gob.mx/correosdemexico

Pharmacy



Mexico has a thriving pharmaceutical industry, and generic drugs are a fraction of the price compared to their brand-name analogues in the US and Europe. Big chains like Farmacias del Ahorro, Farmacia San Pablo, Farmacias Similares (known for their dancing mascot Dr Simi) and Farmacias Guadalajara are open late or even around the clock. Some locations will have an on-duty doctor who can recommend and prescribe treatments, as well as take samples for lab tests.

Photo: Mika Baumeister/unsplash

Telephone



Country Code: +52 Area Code: 55

Photo: Mauricio Macedo/unsplash

Electricity



In Mexico, the power plugs and sockets are of type A (two flat prongs) and B. The standard voltage is 127 V and the standard frequency is 60

Hz.

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Population

The city: 9.2 million
Urban area: 21.8 million

Currency

1 Mexican peso (Mex\$, MXN) = 100 centavos

Opening hours

Opening hours are usually from 9am to 8pm. Big department stores or shopping centers might stay open until 9pm.

Internet

www.turismo.cdmx.gob.mx
mexicocity.cdmx.gob.mx

Newspapers

In English:
Mexico Today (by Reforma): mexicotoday.com
Mexico News Daily: mexiconewsdaily.com

In Spanish:

La Jornada: www.jornada.com.mx
Milenio: www.milenio.com/cdmx
Reforma: www.reforma.com
El Universal: www.eluniversal.com.mx
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