

## **MEXICO**

Mexico, officially United Mexican States, is a country located in the southern part of North America; It limits the north with the United States, southeast with Belize and Guatemala, the west by the Pacific Ocean and the east by the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea . Its territory, with a total area of 112 322 757 km<sup>2</sup>, hosts around 112 million people and is, as Peru, one of the most biologically diverse countries in the world.

The capital, Mexico City is the political and economic center of the country, and is one of the most populated cities in the world. Although the majority of the population speaks Spanish, there is also recognized 67 other languages , which are all considered national languages. It is a nation in its own constitution is declared as " multicultural and mestizo nation " because of its population are the descendants of the communities that lived in Mexico before the arrival of settlers. The main indigenous groups in Mexico are the Nahua, Maya, Zapotec , the Mixtec , Otomi , ...

In short, Mexico's constitution recognizes 65 indigenous groups on the basis of the linguistic criterion, which has been widely criticized by academics who do not believe that the language is the only criterion to recognize the ethnic group to which one belongs . As for the Mexican state religion despite being secular it is one of the most Catholic countries , but now are also increasing the number of Protestant believers , evangelists , New Age, ... . and ritual practice from before the arrival of Spanish settlers cultures.

While Mexico is one of the countries with the highest economic growth in the gross domestic product (along with Brazil), social inequalities are very patents and led to a large socioeconomic gap within the Mexican people. Within the Mexican economy, this giant live mainly from tourism, exports (mainly EEU) and petroleum products ( is one of the countries with the largest oil reserves )

Before traveling to Mexico, must be taken into account:

**Vaccination:**

There are no compulsory vaccinations for travel to Mexico ; however, there are other recommended vaccines such as Hepatitis A and B, typhoid and tetanus. Keep in mind that there is a risk of malaria in rural areas of the states of Oaxaca and Chiapas.

For more information, it is best to turn to your nearest international vaccination.

**Visa:**

As for the visa , for most citizens do not need to apply for a visa , you just have to present a passport valid for at least 6 months and the immigration form you can request at the airport . Once there, you will receive a visa valid for 180 days maximum (can get to ask you a document that you will certify that you are financially solvent and return ticket, although this is not usually the common) . Note that the entry into the country as tourists must fill out a form called a Multiple Migratory Form. It is a diptych. Part of the right of it is returned to the foreign citizen by the official who carried out passport control at the entrance and be presented with their passport to leave the country so it should be kept. Immigration Form loss should be reported on a form to the Public Ministry and entails the imposition of a fine.

- <http://www.inm.gob.mx/index.php/page/paises visa/en.html>

**Weather:**

There are several elements that come together in what is the weather in Mexico : one of them is the Tropic of Cancer , which gives rise to two distinct areas ( the temperate and other tropical ) and the other is the influence of the Pacific Ocean on one side and other Caribbean Sea . That is why in Mexico we get to find great deserts, high snow-capped mountains and dense rainforests where high temperatures and humidity predominate.

The dry weather is generally in the north and center of the country, characterized by temperatures that vary according to the season (may become very low or very high) and low rainfall ; in relation to the warm weather , this is subdivided in humid and sub humid . This differs mainly in mild temperatures throughout the year and abundant rainfall.

**Currency:**

Mexico 's currency is the Mexican peso ; today, the coins in circulation are 5 , 10, 20 and 50 cents , there are 1, 2 , 5, 10 , 20 and 100 pesos. As for tickets, there are 20, 50 , 100, 200, 500 and 1,000 pesos. The best option is to travel with euros and change once you get there either at the airport or in an exchange.

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