## **Country Profile: Mexico**

Mexico is a Spanish-speaking country about three times the size of Texas, consisting of 31 states and one federal district. The capital is Mexico City. Mexico has a rapidly developing economy, ranked by the World Bank as the twelfth largest in the world. The climate ranges from tropical to desert, and the terrain consists of coastal lowlands, central high plateaus, and mountains of up to 18,000 feet.

Many cities throughout Mexico are popular tourist destinations for U.S. citizens. Travelers should note that location-specific information contained below is not confined solely to those cities, but can reflect conditions throughout Mexico. Although the majority of visitors to Mexico thoroughly enjoy their stay, a small number experience difficulties and serious inconveniences. All U.S. citizens are encouraged to register at the U.S. Embassy or the nearest U.S. Consulate through the <a href="State Department's travel-registration-web-site">State Department's travel-registration web-site</a>.

Please read the State Department's background notes on Mexico for additional information.

## **COUNTRY OVERVIEW**

<b>Country Name:</b>	Mexico
Continent:	North America
Capital City:	Mexico City
Boundary Countries:	Belize, Guatemala, United States of America
Recommended Hospitals in Capital:	Due to the large number of Contracted and Referral providers throughout Mexico, please contact the Seven Corners Assistance Department for a complete listing.  American Medical Care Center (Cancun), Hospital Jardines (Jalisco, Guad), Centro de Especialidades Medicas del Sureste (Merida), Clinica de Merida, Hospital Santa Elena (Merida), Star Medica- Merida, Centro Medico de Toluca (Metepec), Hospiten Riviera Maya (Playa del Carmen), Cornerstone Hospital (Puerto Vallarta, Jal)
Main Cities:	Mexico, Monterrey, Puebla, Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Tampico, Cancun, Acapulco, Guadalajara, Veracruz, Oaxaca, Merida, Leon, Aguascalientes
Country Size:	1,972,550 sq km
Population:	108,700,891

## **COUNTRY GENERAL INFORMATION**

Language:	Spanish, various Mayan, Nahuatl, and other regional indigenous languages
Currency:	Mexican Peso (MXN)
Predominant Religions:	Roman Catholic 76.5%, Protestant 6.3% (Pentacostal 1.4%, Jehovah's Witness 1.1%, other 3.8%), other 0.3%, unspecified 13.8%, none 3.1%
National Holidays:	Independence Day, 16 September (1810)
Economic Status:	Mexico has a free market economy that recently entered the trillion dollar class. It contains a mixture of modern and outmoded industry and agriculture, increasingly dominated by the private sector.
Security:	Secretariat of National Defense (Secretaria de Defensa Nacional, Sedena): Army (Ejercito), Mexican Air Force (Fuerza Aerea Mexicana, FAM); Secretariat of the Navy (Secretaria de Marina, Semar): Mexican Navy (Armada de Mexico, ARM, includes Naval Air Force (FAN) and Marines)

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Airports: 1,839, Airports w/paved runways: 228

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