City Guide

Mexico City is the capital of Mexico and is one of the largest cities in the world. It is home to nearly nine million people. The city center is a UNESCO World Heritage Site and dates back to the time of the Aztecs (14th century A.D.). The city was originally built on an island on the western side of Lake Texcoco. As the city and population expanded, the lake was drained and built over, which has led to some of the sinking issues occurring across the city.

Airports

Benito Juarez International Airport (MEX)
- The airport is located in the eastern part of Mexico City.
- **Taxis** provide transportation to and from the city center. The airport provides a queue of safe and secure taxis that operate from first to last flight. Taxis to the city center cost between M$100-300 pesos (US$8-24).
- **Buses** provide transportation to long distance locations. The bus terminal is located outside Terminal 2. Cost of transportation varies depending on the destination.

Transportation

- **Taxi:** There are around 250,000 taxis in the city. It is important to only take registered taxis, and it is safest to use taxis from a taxi rank (*stilo*) rather than hailing one off the street. Taxis are easy to identify as they are painted maroon and gold and are commonly VW Beatles.
- **Bus:** The bus system in Mexico City is a rapid transit system with designated stops and bus lanes. Tickets cost M$6 (US$0.50) per trip, and payment is made with a smart card which can be purchased at stations for a one-time fee of M$16 (US$1.25). More information can be found online. [www.metrobus.df.gob.mx](http://www.metrobus.df.gob.mx)
- **Metro:** Mexico City's Metro is comprised of 12 lines and 195 stations. Lines are identified by color and by line number. Individual stops are represented by pictograms of a nearby point of interest as well as the station name. Tickets with unlimited transfers cost M$3 (US$0.25) and are often purchased in large batches in order to avoid standing in line. More information on tickets and maps can be found online. [www.mexicometro.org](http://www.mexicometro.org)
**Hotels**

**Price Key**
- $ 100-200 USD per night
- $$ 200-300 USD per night
- $$$ 300-400 USD per night

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Mexico City 05300, Mexico
[www.intercontinental.com/MexicoCity](http://www.intercontinental.com/MexicoCity)

**Pennsylvania Suites ($)**
Pennsylvania 127 | Colonia Nápoles
Mexico City 03810, Mexico
[www.pennsylvaniasuites.com](http://www.pennsylvaniasuites.com)

**The St. Regis Mexico City ($$$)**
Paseo de la Reforma 439 | Colonia Cuauhtemoc
Mexico City 06500, Mexico

**Galeria Plaza Reforma ($)**
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[www.galeriaplazareforma.com](http://www.galeriaplazareforma.com)

**Las Alcobas ($$$)**
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