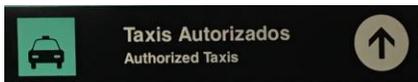


Travel and Tourism Information

1) Flights: Participants are responsible for their airline and lodging reservations. Participants should fly into the Benito Juarez International Airport (MEX), Mexico City, Mexico. **Book early for flights with shorter duration and lower price.**

2) Transportation from the airport to your hotel: We encourage you to pre-arrange your airport shuttle with your hotel before leaving your departure town. The Krystal Grand Reforma Uno offers airport shuttle service for its guests for approximately US \$45 each way and arrangement must be made in advance, directly with the hotel. Guests must provide the hotel with flight details in order to arrange a pick up.

Authorized Taxis are available at the airport and are recommended. Only use Authorized Taxis for public transportation. You should see a few taxi signs that look like the sign below. The cost of a taxi between the airport and hotel should be less than US \$18 (340 MXN).



3) Pre-Departure: Even if you have a pre-printed boarding pass, your departure airport will likely require you to check in with the ticket agent or at the gate prior to boarding, in order to verify your visa information. Please allow plenty of time for long lines.

4) Arriving in Mexico: For countries that don't need a visa, a Mexico Visitor's Permit (FMM) will need to be filled out in place of a visa. This is a simple form: pick one up from the check-in counter at the airport and fill it out on the airplane before you land. If the airline you are traveling with does not have any forms at the check-in desk or on-board the plane, you can get one when you land in Mexico and fill it out before you line up to have your documents checked and stamped by the officials at airport immigration.

Mexico charges a fee to all tourists and business visitors arriving in the country. The fee is approximately US\$22, and the money collected is passed to the Tourist Ministry to promote Mexican tourism. **Note: Airlines normally collect the permit fee on behalf of the Mexican government and include this cost within the total airfare (under 'taxes and surcharges'), so in the majority of cases, there will be no need for you to pay the fee separately.**

5) Departing Mexico: If you do not have your Mexico Visitor's Permit (the card they give you at immigration when you arrive) with you when you leave, you will need to undergo some Mexican Immigration red-tape and apply to get a replacement at one of the country's immigration offices or at the airport. The fee to replace the permit is about US\$30. A lost permit, especially if you only notice at the airport when you are ready to leave, will delay your exit and may cause you to miss your scheduled flight. So keep good track of this card!

6) Currency and money exchange: The national currency is the Mexican peso (MXN). We encourage having/exchanging foreign currency upon arriving. Foreign currency may be exchanged at the Currency Exchange House ("Casa de Cambio") at the airport, at a bank, or, if it's a small amount, at your hotel. There are many ATM machines at the airports, large hotels, and throughout the city for cash withdrawal. A rule of thumb is not to exchange too much money at one time so as not to be left with too much currency when leaving the country. Foreign bank notes should be in good condition without any pen marks for them to be accepted at the *casas de cambio*. To calculate live currency and foreign exchange rates visit <http://www.xe.com/currencyconverter/>

Currency exchanges are readily available. The Krystal Grand Reforma Uno has a currency exchange at the reception desk and an ATM in the hotel, as well as a *casa de cambio* nearby.

While in Mexico you may pay for everything in pesos. American dollars are commonly accepted in touristy areas of Mexico. While some shops may accept other currencies, many do not and those that do, do not usually offer a good rate of exchange.

Travelers should be advised to keep the receipts of currency exchange, as these may be required for the conversion of pesos back to foreign currency prior to departure and before you go through passport control.

It is advisable not to take travelers checks as it is very difficult to find a bank that will cash them and although some hotels may still cash these; the commission rates are high and are charged per check.

7): Credit and debit cards: Most hotels, restaurants, and reputable shops accept Visa and MasterCard.

American Express can be used in most restaurants and hotels, but not everywhere.

Upmarket restaurants, shops, and hotels in Mexico usually accept debit cards. Those that do are most likely to accept Visa or MasterCard, however there may be a surcharge to cover the cost of processing your transaction. Again, American Express is not as widely accepted.

Inform your ATM or credit card issuer that you intend to travel abroad so that they do not block the usage of your cards. It is recommended to give the issuer a phone number where you can be contacted abroad, just in case.

8) Immunizations: It is recommended that you consult with your General Practitioner or Travel Medicine Clinic by March 2017 and that travelers be up-to-date on routine vaccinations before every trip. For more information on recommended vaccines, consult Health Information for Travelers to Mexico https://wCDC Travel Immunization rel/destinations/traveler/none/mexico?s_cid=ncezid-dgmg-travel-single-001

9) Language: Spanish is the official language. Spanish and English are widely spoken in the tourism industry. English is spoken to a lesser degree in non-tourist areas.

10) Climate: The beginning of summer in Mexico City marks the beginning of the rainy season. June is a warm month with high rainfall (16 rainy days a month). Temperatures range from 12° C (54° F) at night to averages of 25° C (77° F) during the day.

11) Tourism: The Krystal Grand Reforma Uno has an in-house tourist information and ticket sale location in the lower lobby. We recommend contacting your hotel to make tour arrangements and visit tripadvisor.com for reviews on trustworthy tour options to the many exciting tourist destinations around Mexico City.

A list of tourism highlights in and around Mexico is provided below: Mexico City is one of the largest metropolitan areas in the world. Many of the main tourist attractions are concentrated in the historic downtown, or Zócalo, including the Plaza de la Constitución, the National Palace, Metropolitan Cathedral, Templo Mayor, Palace of Fine Arts and Alameda Park. A few blocks north of the Palace of Fine Arts, Plaza Garibaldi is one of the best places in Mexico City to hear live mariachi music. West of the historic center, the Plaza de la Republica is home to the newly refurbished Revolution Monument and National Museum. The largest in Mexico City, Chapultepec Park, is divided into three sections and home to Chapultepec Castle, the Modern Art Museum and the National Museum of Anthropology (which is amazing and well worth a visit!). A good option for getting around Mexico City is the Turibus, a double-decker bus service that makes a circuit from the historic center, down the Paseo de la Reforma to Chapultepec Park and into trendy neighborhoods like Condesa, Roma, and Polanco, allowing tourists to get on and off the buses when they wish to visit their chosen attractions. Private or small group tours can also be arranged at the Krystal Grand Reforma Uno tourist



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