

## About Mexico City

The greater Mexico City metropolitan area is one of the world's largest and the largest city by population in North America, with an estimated 26 million people living in the region.

The city is located 2,200m above mean sea level. Some people may have breathing difficulties at high altitudes and experience difficulty when breathing. The altitude is equivalent to more than 7,200 ft.

Mexico City weather is divided in two seasons, dry season from November to April, and the rainy season from May to October. Spring months are warm, while the summer months can vary from light to heavy rains especially in the late afternoon. Dawn in the Fall and winter get really cold, but with an amazingly clear sky. Temperatures range from 0°C in late October, November, December and January mornings, to 32°C in March, April and May during mid-day highs.

Bring and use sunscreen. Pack a light jacket and an umbrella.

## At the Airport

When you arrive on an international flight, you will go through Immigration, luggage retrieval and then Customs. The entire process, from when the plane arrives to when you are done with customs, usually takes about an hour. After completing customs, you will go through large doors to the waiting area for international arrivals.

## From the Airport

The airport offers a service of licensed and secure taxis. These cabs are white and yellow with black airplane logos on the doors. **You buy the ticket in the marked counters inside the airport.** You can ask one of the porters who will take you and your luggage to the Taxi counter for "Taxi Seguro" or "Boleto de Taxi". Be sure to get the detachable piece of the ticket back. Prices to the hotel will be around 250MXP

Join the queue of people carrying the same color card as yourself, or ask the taxi marshals which line to join.

The Terminal 1 taxi boarding area is outside Puerta (Door) 10, to the right of international the arrivals hall. In Terminal 2 is right outside in the taxi staging area.

You can also request Uber <https://www.uber.com/en-MX/airports/mex/>

## Shopping

During the first day of the workshop we'll go the Craft Market **Mercado Insurgentes** in the Zona Rosa Remember that haggling will bear results. If you are participating in the

extension you will also go to the **Mercado Artesanal de la Ciudadela** Centro, Calle Baldera 6 and. Semi-covered market offers wide variety of artisanal crafts at low prices.

### **Safety**

Mexico City is an immensely crowded place, and with any major metropolitan area, it is advised to be aware of your surroundings.

The legal drinking age is 18. It is illegal to consume alcohol in public ("open container"). This is strictly enforced and the penalty is at least 24 hours in jail.

Always carry an identification card such as a **copy** of your passport.

Don't hail taxis from the street, you can call a radio taxi or use Uber.

### **Water**

Stick to bottled water. As a rule you should not drink tap water in Mexico, brushing your teeth with bottled water is also recommended. The hotel will provide bottled water, or purified water for you to refill your bottle.

### **Contact Information**

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