

# Travel Guide for Wedding Guests in Mexico

## Welcome to Mexico!

We are so excited to welcome you as our guests for this special occasion. While you're here, there is so much to discover: from dreamy beaches and historic sites to unique culinary experiences. This guide is here to help you make the most of your time in Mexico.

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## 1. General Tips for Your Stay

- **Language:** The official language is Spanish, but many people also speak English, especially in tourist areas.
  - **Currency:** The national currency is the Mexican Peso (MXN). There are plenty of ATMs, but it's always good to have some cash on hand.
  - **Clothing:** Mexico can be hot and humid depending on the region, especially in coastal areas. Light, comfortable clothing is recommended. Don't forget sunscreen!
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## 2. The Best Places to Visit

### Cancún and Riviera Maya

- **Tulum:** This beautiful coastal town is known for its ancient Mayan ruins right by the sea. Perfect for a relaxing day combining culture and nature.
- **Playa del Carmen:** A lively destination with white sandy beaches, top-notch restaurants, and fantastic nightlife. Ideal for those seeking a bit more action.
- **Cozumel:** A tropical island known for its coral reefs, perfect for snorkeling or diving.

### Mexico City

- **Zócalo (Plaza Mayor):** The heart of the capital, this is Mexico's largest square and a great place to admire historical buildings such as the Cathedral and National Palace.
- **Chapultepec Park:** One of the largest urban parks in the world, home to an impressive castle and several museums.
- **Frida Kahlo Museum:** Visit Casa Azul, the birthplace and museum of Frida Kahlo. A fascinating place for art lovers.

### Oaxaca

- **Monte Albán:** One of the most significant archaeological sites in Mexico, once the center of the Zapotec civilization.
- **Oaxaca Markets:** Mercado 20 de Noviembre and Mercado de Artesanías feature colorful stands selling local crafts and typical Oaxacan specialties.

### Guadalajara

- **Tequila Tour:** Visit one of the many tequila distilleries in the area and learn all about Mexico's most famous liquor.

- **Centro Histórico:** The historic center of Guadalajara offers many colonial buildings and is a great place to experience Mexican heritage.

## Baja California

- **Ensenada:** A beautiful port town known for its wine region and the legendary “La Bufadora,” a giant sea cave that shoots water fountains into the air. Perfect for a relaxing day with a wine tasting or a beach stroll.
  - **Valle de Guadalupe:** Baja California's wine region, often called “Mexico’s Napa.” Here you can visit wineries, taste fine wines, and enjoy stunning landscapes. A must-visit for wine lovers!
  - **Bahía de los Ángeles:** A secluded and picturesque bay, perfect for peaceful days away from the crowds. It’s an excellent spot for snorkeling and observing local wildlife, like whales and sea turtles.
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## 3. Culinary Experiences

- **Tacos:** A must-try in Mexico! Options range from Tacos al Pastor (with pork) to Tacos de Pescado (with fish) – definitely try them all!
  - **Mole:** Oaxaca is home to the best mole, a thick, chocolaty sauce traditionally served with chicken.
  - **Ceviche:** Fresh fish marinated in lime juice and mixed with herbs and vegetables – perfect for hot days by the sea.
  - **Churros:** Sweet dough pastries fried and rolled in sugar – ideal for a quick snack.
  - **Baja-Mexican Cuisine:** In Baja California, you can try the famous “Baja-Med” cuisine, which combines fresh seafood with Mediterranean and Mexican influences. Fish tacos and fresh oysters from Ensenada are particularly delicious.
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## 4. Activities and Adventures

- **Beach Activities:** Mexico is known for its paradise beaches. Whether surfing, swimming, or just relaxing in the sun, the coastline offers something for everyone.
  - **Snorkeling and Diving:** Especially in the Riviera Maya and Baja California, there are countless snorkeling and diving spots, including the famous underwater cave “Cenote Dos Ojos” and the waters around the Baja California archipelago.
  - **Mayan Ruins:** Visit the impressive ruins of Chichen Itzá or Ek Balam. Both are UNESCO World Heritage sites and offer a fascinating insight into ancient history.
  - **Whale Watching:** Baja California is home to many whale-watching locations, particularly near Guerrero Negro and San Ignacio. The best months are from January to March.
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## 5. Souvenir Recommendations

- **Handmade Artworks:** From hand-painted Talavera tiles to colorful Mexican textiles, there are plenty of souvenirs that reflect Mexico’s culture.

- **Tequila and Mezcal:** For connoisseurs, high-quality tequilas and mezcals are often sold in unique bottles.
  - **Hammocks:** Mexico is famous for its comfortable and colorful hammocks, which make great keepsakes.
  - **Wines from Baja California:** A bottle of fine wine from Valle de Guadalupe is the perfect souvenir for wine lovers.
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**We hope you enjoy your time in Mexico!**

This guide is just a small taste of what this beautiful country has to offer. Let yourself be enchanted by the people, culture, and unforgettable experiences. And remember to take home the memories of this trip and our wedding!

Have fun and safe travels!  
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