

GUADALAJARA

(ENGLISH VERSION)



CULTURE, GASTRONOMY AND TRADITION IN THE HEART OF MEXICO

Guadalajara is the second largest city in Mexico and the capital of the state of Jalisco. It is a vibrant city where tradition, culture, historic architecture, gastronomy, and modern life come together.

Known as the [birthplace of mariachi and tequila](#), Guadalajara offers visitors a very complete experience: from its historic center full of history, to modern neighborhoods with excellent restaurants, galleries, and nightlife.

If you have time before or after the wedding, Guadalajara is a wonderful place to explore and learn more about Mexican culture.

THINGS TO DO AND SEE

Tlaquepaque

This colonial neighborhood is famous for its pedestrian streets, art galleries, craft shops, restaurants, terraces, and live mariachi music.

Recommendations:

- Visit El Parián de Tlaquepaque, where you can listen to live mariachi music in the central kiosk.
- Try the traditional nieves de garrafa (artisan ice cream).
- Have lunch at El Abajeño, a very traditional restaurant with live mariachi where it is common to order a cazuela (tequila mixed with citrus juices).
- Walk along Calle Independencia and visit Casa Luna.

Historic Center of Guadalajara

Some of the most iconic landmarks of the city are located here:

- Catedral Metropolitana
- Teatro Degollado
- Palacio de Gobierno (con mural de José Clemente Orozco)
- Plaza de Armas
- Hospicio Cabañas (Patrimonio de la Humanidad por la UNESCO)

You can also visit Arena Coliseo to watch Mexican wrestling (lucha libre), with shows usually held on Tuesdays.

Colonia Americana

Recognized as one of the coolest neighborhoods in the world, Colonia Americana is known for its art déco architecture, modern cafés and restaurants, galleries, and bars.

Places of interest:

- Museo de las Artes de la Universidad de Guadalajara (MUSA)
- Mercado México
- Glorieta de La Minerva
- Avenida Chapultepec
- Templo Expiatorio
- Casa ITESO Clavigero
- Casa Zuno

Zapopan and the Andares area

One of the most modern areas of the city. Here you will find:

- Plaza Andares
- Punto Sao Paulo
- Midtown Jalisco
- Museo de Arte de Zapopan (MAZ)
- Bosque Los Colomos
- Parque Metropolitano

DAYTRIP TO TEQUILA

One of the most recommended experiences from Guadalajara is visiting the **Magical Town of Tequila**, located about one hour from the city.

This region is home to the famous blue agave fields, which have been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

More information: <https://www.rutadeltequila.mx/home/tequila>



Recommended activities:

- Visit the agave fields
- Walk through the town of Tequila
- Tequila tastings
- Visit a tequila distillery

Experience Options:

- José Cuervo Express Train

<https://mundocuervo.com/jose-cuervo-express-1/>

This official tour includes transportation Guadalajara–Tequila–Guadalajara, tequila tastings, distillery visits, and culinary experiences.

Recommended distilleries:

La Rojeña (José Cuervo)
Casa Sauza
Tequila Fortaleza
Tequila Atanasio Experiences
Cascahuín

If you prefer to book private transportation for this excursion, feel free to contact us and we will be happy to help you find a reliable service.

WHERE TO STAY

Recommended Areas:

Providencia:

One of the best areas to stay in Guadalajara, with many restaurants, cafés, and a very pleasant atmosphere.

Andares / Puerta de Hierro Area

A modern area with luxury hotels, shopping centers, and restaurants.

Patria / Financial District / Punto Sao Paulo

A lively area with many restaurants, hotels, and bars.

Colonia Americana

A cultural neighborhood with boutique hotels, cafés, and bars.

Colonia Chapalita

A pleasant and well-connected area with many restaurants.

Recommended Hotels

Guadalajara offers a wide variety of high-quality hotels. These are just a few recommended options, but any hotel located in the areas mentioned above will be a good choice.

- Quinta Real Guadalajara
- JW Marriott Guadalajara
- Grand Fiesta Americana (Country Club o Glorieta Minerva)
- AC Hotel Guadalajara
- Hyatt Regency Andares
- Hotel RIU Plaza Guadalajara

Boutique Hotels:

- Casa Habita
- Villa Ganz Boutique Hotel
- Hotel Boutique Casa Eduvigis
- voco Guadalajara Neruda by IHG
- Bellwort Hotel
- Hotel Velvet Plaza

RESTAURANTS

Guadalajara is considered one of the most important gastronomic cities in Mexico.

For Breakfast:

Baudelaire fonda
Emuná Coffee House
Clandestino
Sinónimo
Culca Providencia café
Almaena
Roto Café-Bar
Inmaculado Café
Karmele (panecitos y café)
Jardín Cafeto Providencia
Zenguele
El Terrible Juan Café
Café Palreal
Madelina Cocina & Pan
Alonsito's Superdeli
Dreamer co.
La Baya Mágica Café
Pata de Elefante Providencia

For Lunch or Dinner:

La Tequila Cocina de Mexico
Restaurante Alcalde
Campomar
Hueso Restaurante
La Casa de los Platos
Xokol
Santo Coyote
El Sacromonte
Bruna
Loco Marino
El Habanero Negro
El Cokin Chapalita
Barbarella
Fatto
Patio Bonobo
La Madalena
Atomic Thai
Bocasada
Furtivo
El Abajeño
Cotidiano
Pimu restaurante
La Matera
Tortas Toño

Tacos:

Taquería los Alteños
Tacos El Güero Fermín
Tacos El Güero (Av. Patria)
Tacos Juan Barbacoa
Tacos de carnitas Don Chava
Tacos de Mundo
Taco Fish La Paz

B A R S

El Gallo Altanero
Mecenas
Gastón Wine Bar
Paolo Italodisco
Loco Wine
Serenio
Luperca
Amaro Records
Jamaica Gogo
Guepardo
Alexas
San Juan Records
Polifonic
Hibol
Axno
Zorra Bistro & Pub
Almacén de Botellas
Buscapié
Galgo Speakeasy
Pimu
Pare de Sufrir Mezcalería
Jacaranda Azotea Bar
Estereo Americana

WHAT TO EAT (TRADITIONAL FOOD)

Typical Food from Guadalajara:

Torta ahogada
Birria de res
Carne en su jugo
Jericallas (postre típico)
Tejuino con nieve de limón
Cantaritos y Cazuelas
Molcajetes
Micheladas
Tacos de barbacoa
Tacos de carnitas
Nieve de garrafa (Nieves de Garrafa Chapalita)

Other Typical Mexican Dishes:

Chilaquiles
Tacos al pastor
Quesadillas
Sopes y gorditas
Elotes y esquites
Tlacoyos
Mole poblano
Pozole
Tamales
Cochinita pibil
Enchiladas
Mariscos estilo Nayarit
Huevos a la mexicana
Carnitas estilo Michoacán
Menudo
Pan dulce mexicano
Agua fresca
Mezcal y tequila
Café de olla

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Climate

Guadalajara has a mild climate throughout the year.

In late February, temperatures are typically:

Daytime: 26–30 °C

Sunset: 20–24 °C

Night: 14–18 °C

Safety

Guadalajara is a large city, so we recommend:

- Using Uber to move around the city
- Avoiding poorly lit streets at night
- Staying within recommended areas

How to Get There

Guadalajara is served by Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla International Airport (GDL), located about 35 minutes from the city, depending on traffic.

From the airport, the easiest way to get around is Uber, which works very well in the city and is usually the most convenient and safest option. Authorized taxis and private transportation services are also available at the airport.

If you are coming from Ajijic or Chapala, the trip to Guadalajara takes approximately 45 minutes to 1 hour, depending on traffic. Again, Uber or private transportation are usually the most convenient options.

Currency

The currency in Mexico is the Mexican peso (MXN). Most restaurants, hotels, and shops accept credit cards, but it is always helpful to carry some cash.

Tipping

In Mexico it is customary to leave a tip in restaurants. 10–15% is standard.

Electrical Outlets

Mexico uses Type A and B plugs (the same as in the United States) with 127 V. Guests traveling from Europe will need a plug adapter.

Water

In Mexico it is recommended to drink bottled water.