

TRAVEL SAFETY

Mexico City Airport Security Guide

México

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Benito Juárez International Airport of Mexico City - MEX



Visitors

CDMX receives an average of 12 to 15 million visitors per year, especially:

- Easter Week (March or April)
- Summer vacations (July-August)
- Day of the Dead (late October and early November)
- Christmas
- New Year's Eve



General information

Mexico City (CDMX), the capital of Mexico and one of the most vibrant cities in Latin America, combines history, modern culture and dynamic urban life. Located in the Valley of Mexico, at an altitude of 2,240 meters above sea level. It has about 22 million inhabitants including its metropolitan area.

It is a mosaic of contrasts: from pre-Hispanic ruins such as the Templo Mayor and colonial jewels such as the Palacio de Bellas Artes, to avant-garde districts such as Polanco and Santa Fe.



The airport

1. Has two runways with a maximum length of 3,985 meters and two terminals (T1 and T2) for both domestic and international flights.
2. It has traditional immigration filters and Autonomous Migration Filters (FMA), which allow automated entry for certain travelers with electronic passports and specific requirements.
3. Customs control is carried out just before leaving the airport, with differentiated lanes for those who have something to declare and those who do not.
 - Random checks are carried out and restrictions are applied on food, animal products, vegetables, drugs and large amounts of money.
4. Security is provided by the Secretariat of the Navy and the Naval Airport Protection Unit (Unidad Naval de Protección Aeroportuaria).



Travels

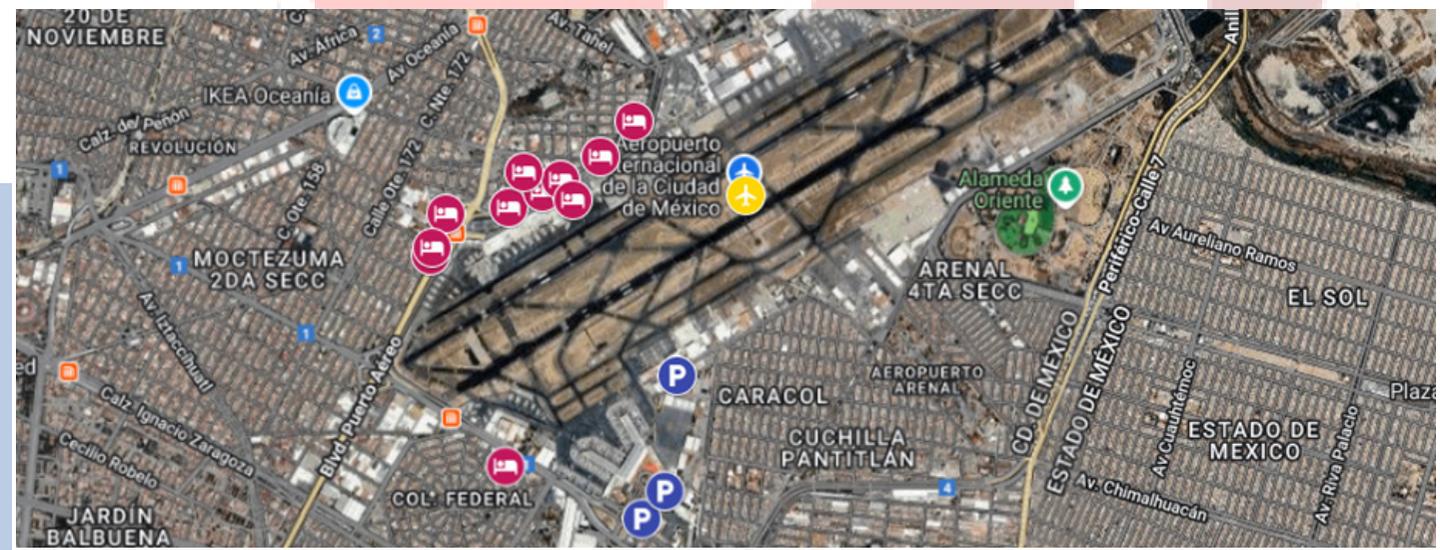
Routes and travel times from the airport to the main hotel and financial areas:

1. Zona Rosa / Reforma 10-12 km, exit via Circuito Interior Av. Chapultepec Paseo de la Reforma, 25-50 minutes depending on traffic.
2. Polanco 14-16 km, Eje 1 Norte (Av. Central) Av. Ejército Nacional Av. Presidente Masaryk, 30-60 minutes depending on traffic.
3. Santa Fe 25-30 km, Viaducto Miguel Alemán Periférico Poniente Av. Vasco de Quiroga, 45-90 minutes (heavy traffic during rush hour).
4. Historic center (Mexican Stock Exchange, central banks) 6-8 km, Eje 1 Oriente (Av. Congreso de la Unión) Eje Central Lázaro Cárdenas 20-40 minutes.



Traffic

Peak traffic hours in CDMX: 7-10 AM and 6-9 PM.



Weather conditions



Winter

12° (December-February).



summer 12° (June to September) with moderate rain



RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Avoid exchanging currency at the airport exit
2. Keep your luggage secure at all times.
3. Be wary of unauthorized vendors.
4. Avoid the airport during peak hours (10 PM-3 AM).
5. Plan your transfers to the airport in advance.
6. Use an eSIM with data, a VPN, or request access to the airport's or airline's Wi-Fi.
7. Check your luggage before leaving the baggage claim area.
8. Carefully review any documents you need to sign at immigration or airline check-in.
9. Do not do favors by watching luggage or packages for others at the airport.
10. Make sure you have packed your own luggage.



The emergency contacts you might need are:

Marines	56246500 ext. 8655
Ambulance	911
Emergencies	911
Firefighters	911



Some requirements Mexico has for travelers are:

- Valid passport is required for all international travelers.
- Multiple Migratory Form (FMM), a format that will be used to document up to 180 days of stay.
- Contract or invitation letter (if necessary).
- Return or onward ticket.
- Proof of lodging and, in some cases, economic solvency.