



# Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

## Mexico - Puebla

### Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Mexico City
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish + 68 indigenous (like Nahuatl / Yucatec Maya / Mixtec)
- ✓ **Population:** ± 14,000
- ✓ **Sq km:** ± 534.32
- ✓ **Currency:** Mexican Pesos (\$)
- ✓ **Country code:** +52 (222)
- ✓ **Visa:** Fore some countries, [check here!](#)
- ✓ **Alarm codes:** 066
- ✓ **Vaccinations:** Hep-A / Hep-B / Typhoid / Yellow fever / DTP / Rabies / Dengue / Malaria prevention (+ anti-mosquito).



### History Recap Over 1 Drink

AD 250-900: Mayas→mysterious collapse→10th-16th centuries: Revitalized Maya civilization in Yucatan (Chichen Itza/Uxmal). 1428-1521: Aztec Empire: Central Mex.'19: Start Spanish conquest. 1521-1820: Mex Spanish. 1810-21: War of Independence→ creation Mex Empire. '24: Federal republic→ formation of Guat/Honduras/ES/Nica/CR. '36: Texas secedes after war (US). '46-48: Mex-American War ends→ Mex forced to sell modern-day California/Nevada/New Mex/Arizona/Utah. '76-191: Dictatorship Diaz ("Porfiriato")→ '10-'20: Mex Revolution: Constitutional republic.'20: Pres Carranza murdered→Civil War.'42: Mex declares war on Japan&Germany '50s-60s: Tortures& killings of hundreds political activists by security forces. '68: Student demonstration in Tlatelolco→Killed too. '70s-'80s: Left-wing activists disappear. '85: Earthquake DF kills thousands.'93: Nafta (free trade) with Canada & US. '94: Guerrilla rebellion Chiapas (Zapatista/EZLN): Oppose Nafta, pro Indian rights. '95: Government&EZLN agreement on greater autonomy Mayans.'96: Popular Revolutionary Army (EPR) attacks government troops. '97: 45 Indians killed by paramilitary gunmen (Chiapas). '01: "Zapatour". '05: Gang violence in prisons.'06: Pres Calderon: "War on Drugs". '08/'09: Drug-related killings rise (Juarez)→'06-'12: 50,000+ people died. '14: Disappearance of 43 trainee teachers in Guerrero. '15: Druglord El Chapo prison escape.

### Travel Seasons

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Dry												
Wet (hot)												
High season												
Budget												

Altitude: 2147m. Climate: Tropical Savanna.

### Bucket List For Free

☺ Museums , free on Sundays: Museo Amparo, [Museo del Barocco](#), [Capilla del Arte \(UDLAP\)](#), [Museo de Ferrocarril](#), [Museo Jose Luis Bello](#), [Museo de Tavalera de la Reyna](#), Museo de Artes Populares, Fototeca Juan C. Mende, [Museo del TEC](#), [Museo de Arte San Pedro](#).

☺ Sights: Zocalo, Fuertes de Loreto, Casa del Alfenique, Casa de Lectura, Fuerte de Guadalupe, Palacio Municipal.

☺ Churches: Catedral, Capilla del Rosario, Iglesia de Tonantzintla, Iglesia de Santo Domingo.

### Worth The Extra \$€¥

👍 Paid museums / sights: Biblioteca Palafixiana, Museo de Revolución Mexicana, Museo Poblano de Arte Virreinal, Museo Taller Erasto Cortes.

👍 Nature: Piedras Encimadas, Cascadas Quetzalapan (waterfalls), Cascadas de San Agustin Ahuehuetla (waterfalls), Francisco Pelaez Ethnobotanical Garden, La Ruta de la Sal.

👍 Maya: Cantona Ruins & Cacaxtla-Xochitecatl.

## Festivals

- ☼ Cinco de Mayo: Folk, 5-May.
- ☼ Feria de Puebla: Culture, Apr-May.
- ☼ Día de Muertos: Culture, Oct-31-Nov-1.

## Budget Bites

- ⌘ Market: Mercado de la Acocota, Mercado Jardin Analco, Mercado La Victoria,
- ⌘ Cheap supermarket: Chedraui, Comercial Mexicana, Soriana, Costco, Walmart, Waldo's.
- ⌘ Mexico's options for streetfood & cheap *comedores* are endless: Guacamole, Tacos, Tamales, Marquesitas, Mollete, Churros, Cochinita Pibil, Camote, Flautas, Tostadas, Nachos, Fajitas, Volcancitos, Panuchos, Gringas, Gorditas, Tampiquenas, Salbutes, Empanadas, Quesedillas, Sincronizadas, Enchilladas, Burritos, Enfrijoladas, Empalmes, Chalupas / Huaraches / Tlacoyos, Elote, Esquites, Tortas / Cemitas / Molotes / Pambazos, fruit with chili, Carnita & MUCH more.

... everything served with the hottest chilisauce you ever ate in your life. Level 'bushfire'.

What is it? [Check this Mexican Food Glossary!](#)

## Nights Best Spent

For clubs, head down to Cholula.

- ◆ La Santa, Avenida Manuel Espinosa Y Glesias 31 Poniente 1703
- ◆ Rosarito, Plaza Los Amorosos, Avenida 25 Sur #2503
- ◆ Molly, Plaza Opera

## ...Seated Down

- ◆ Teatro de la Ciudad, Avenida Don Juan de Palafox y Mendoza 14.

## Sleep Cheap

- ❖ Hostal Casona Poblana, +522222460383, 16 de Septiembre 905.
- ❖ [Leonara Hostel](#), +522222322270, Calle 3 Oriente #216.
- ❖ Instead, go [Couchsurfing](#) or [house-sitting!](#) Also check [WorkAway](#). Paid work in hospitality is widely available.

## Free-Riding?

- Everything within the centre of Puebla is easily walkable. For the suburbs other means of transports are recommendable.
- It's easy to bike in Puebla, as traffic is mild. Get a rental!
- Taxis are relatively cheap, but a touristy place like Puebla can charge you tourist prices. Negotiate prices up front. An alternative is Uber.
- There's not really a clear system with city buses. They're privately owned and destinations are displayed on the front window and so is the price (cheap!). It works in your advantage if you speak Spanish. To get out of Puebla: There are 2 terminals, [Centro de Autobuses](#) (CAPU, bvd Norte 4222) and [4 Poniente](#). If you travel with 1<sup>st</sup> class ADO, pre-book tickets online with your credit card for a 50% discount.
- Hitch-hiking is common and doable, but there's always a risk. In order to pre-arrange a ride & share gas costs, try [BlaBlaCar](#). Also check the 'Comparte Tu Auto' Facebook-page.
- Puebla has an airport: Carretera Federal México-Puebla Km. 91.5.

Tip: Download the Triposo Mexico app for offline maps, landmark descriptions & more, or load Google Maps when you have Wi-Fi and leave it open, you will still be able to use it offline.

## Mama Said

- ☠ In Mexico there are many roadblocks. While mostly not dangerous, don't provoke.
- ☠ Watch your bag, buy a lock.
- ☠ Avoid walking around alone at night. Especially if you're drunk.
- ☠ Drug trafficking is big in Mexico and most violence is related to this. Puebla however isn't at the centre of narco-trafficking. Don't try to get involved, not here.

## Next?

- ➔ In Mexico: Tehuacan, Oaxaca, Veracruz, Mexico City.
- ➔ International destinations close by: US, Guatemala, Belize.

The Earth Becomes My Throne