



Steph's Quick Budget Fact Sheet

Mexico - valladolid

Quick Facts

- ✓ **Capital:** Mexico City (DF)
- ✓ **Language:** Spanish + 68 indigenous (like Nahuatl / Yucatec Maya / Mixtec)
- ✓ **Population:** ± 49,000
- ✓ **Sq km:** ± 1117
- ✓ **Currency:** Mexican Pesos (\$)
- ✓ **Country code:** +52
- ✓ **Visa:** Fore some countries, [check here!](#)
- ✓ **Alarm codes:** 066 (113 on mobile)
- ✓ **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												
High season												
Budget												

Altitude: 23m. Climate: Tropical wet and dry.

Bucket List For Free

- ☺ Museo de San Roque (displays only in Spanish).
- ☺ Sights: Parque Francisco Canton Rosado, Catedral de San Gervasio, ex-convent San Bernardino de Siena, Palacio Municipal de Valladolid, Iglesia de la Candelaria.
- ☺ Daytrip: Izamal.

Worth The Extra \$€¥

- 👍 Cenotes: Zací (in centre), Dzitnup, Xkeken, Cenote Maya Park, Samula, Suytun, Palomitas, Agua Dulce, Saamal.
- 👍 Maya sites: [Ek'Balam](#), [Chichén Itzá](#).
- 👍 Museum: [Casa de los Venados](#).
- 👍 Rent a bike to explore the green surroundings.

The Earth Becomes My Throne

Festivals

- ☼ Candelaria Festival: 26 Jan - 3 Feb.
- ☼ Carnaval: Feb.
- ☼ Semana Santa: Religious, Mar-Apr.

Budget Bites

- ⌘ Market: Mercado Municipal (Calle 32, between Calle 35 & 37)
- ⌘ Cheap supermarket: Super Willys, Bodega La Favorita, Súper Che.
- ⌘ 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!](#)

Next?

- ➔ In Mexico: Cancun (avoid!), Tulum, Cozumel, Merida.
- ➔ International destinations closeby: Belize, Guatemala, US.

Sleep Cheap

- ❖ [Hostel Candelaria](#), +529858562267, Calle 35 #201 F, between 42 & 44, Parque Candelaria.
- ❖ [Hostal Tunich Naj](#), +529858560873, Calle 38 #202A, between 43 & 45.
- ❖ Instead, go [Couchsurfing](#) or [house-sitting](#)! Also check [WorkAway](#). Paid work in hospitality is widely available.

Free-Riding?

- The centre of Valladolid is tiny and therefore everything is easily walkable.
- Taxi's are relatively cheap, but be sure to negotiate prices up front (ask a local how much it should cost).
- There's not really a clear system with city buses/colectivo's. 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 Valladolid... First class bus station: Calle 39 #221, between Calle 39 & 46. Second class bus station: Calle 37 x 54.
- 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.

Tip: Download the Triposo Mexico app for offline maps, landmark descriptions & more, or load Google Maps when you have wifi 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, take your precautions and 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. Don't get involved.