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HOT TOPIC

Is Mexico Safe?

YES! It is our fundamental and professional belief that the major tourist and resort areas of Mexico are safe and secure destinations given the facts.

KNOW THE FACTS

Due to its rich culture and history, Mexico is the 6th most visited country in the world and home to 39.3 million safe tourists annually. The country ranks first in the Americas and seventh in the world by the number of Unesco World Heritage sites, has the 11th largest economy in the world, and is a member of The United Nations, The World Trade Organization, the G8+5, the G20, The Uniting for Consensus, and The Pacific Alliance.

The truth is that Mexico is safer than many major U.S. cities. Some people are quick to judge Mexico based on isolated incidents they see on the news and thus form opinions that are based on stereotypes and overly sensationalized press that is often inaccurate. In actuality, the Mexican Government and tourism industry have long-standing, proactive programs in place that ensure all travelers enjoy a positive and safe experience during their visit.

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You are Safer in Mexico Than in Large U.S. Cities!

MOST TOURIST AREAS IN MEXICO ARE SAFER THAN MANY MAJOR U.S. CITIES.

Visitors from around the world enjoy traveling to popular and vibrant U.S. cities like Miami, Chicago, New Orleans, Washington, D.C., Atlanta, and Philadelphia, yet each of these cities is statistically less safe than popular Mexican destinations such as Cabo San Lucas, Cancun, and Puerto Vallarta.

As with anywhere you travel in the world, you should always travel smart and be aware of your surroundings. Every city and country across the world has areas that are safe and areas that are dangerous. The areas that are dangerous should be avoided and those that are safe, like secure tourist areas and resorts, should be enjoyed and celebrated!



DID YOU KNOW?

Mexico remains the number one travel destination for Americans. In one month alone, more Americans will visit Mexico than visit the UK in a year!

MEXICO & THE U.S. SAFETY CRIME INDEX

In Order from Safest to Most Dangerous

CITY	CRIME INDEX
<i>Cozumel, Mexico</i>	<i>17.71</i>
<i>Merida, Mexico</i>	<i>23.20</i>
<i>Puerto Vallarta, Mexico</i>	<i>31.06</i>
Boston, MA, USA	32.30
<i>Cabo San Lucas, Mexico</i>	<i>35.68</i>
<i>Playa Del Carmen, Mexico</i>	<i>36.34</i>
<i>Cancun, Mexico</i>	<i>43.42</i>
Dallas, TX, USA	44.15
New York, NY, USA	44.28
Seattle, WA, USA	44.41
San Francisco, CA, USA	48.67
Los Angeles, CA, USA	48.80
Miami, FL, USA	53.27
Orlando, FL, USA	55.60
Washington, DC, USA	57.27
Chicago, IL, USA	65.41
St. Louis, MO, USA	66.30
Atlanta, GA, USA	66.78
<i>Mexico City, Mexico</i>	<i>67.55</i>
Albuquerque, NM, USA	67.85
Baltimore, MD, USA	70.51
Detroit, MI, USA	71.89



Visit Numbeo for the latest statistics:
numbeo.com/crime/rankings

Travel Alert vs. Travel Warning

As of July 16, 2018, the U.S. Department of State confirmed that major international tourism destinations in Mexico are safe!

Travel alerts and warnings are regularly issued by the U.S. government for more than 100 countries around the world. Keep in mind the difference between an alert and a warning is significant. A **warning** is issued to describe a long-term, prolonged condition that makes a country unstable, whereas an **alert** is used to circulate information about short-term conditions. An **alert** is not intended to discourage US citizens from traveling, but rather to make them be more alert and aware of their surroundings. *It is not intended to inhibit travel.*

The U.S. State Department currently lists the primary tourist areas in Mexico in the same classification as a significant number of countries that are among the most common destinations for American travelers, including the UK, Denmark, Belgium, and Germany.

These tourist areas include Cancun, Los Cabos, Tulum, and Puerto Vallarta, among others. Each are listed as a level 2 on a four level scale.



Visit the U.S. State Department for current information:
travel.state.gov

- 1 - Exercise Normal Precautions
- 2 - Exercise Increased Caution**
- 3 - Reconsider Travel
- 4 - Do NOT Travel

NATURAL WORLD HERITAGE IN MEXICO

Issued by **UNESCO**, Natural World Heritage sites encompass monuments or natural sites with cultural or historic wealth for humanity. Mexico has 34 sites: 27 are cultural, six are natural, and one is mixed.



GULF OF CALIFORNIA ISLANDS And Protected Areas

Natural World Heritage since 2005

Islands and islets with endemic fauna, coral reefs and marine mammal mating zones.



EL VIZCAÍNO Biosphere Reserve

Natural World Heritage since 1988

Just North of Cabo, the gray whale comes here to mate. There are also whale sharks, sea lions, and seals.



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Natural World Heritage since 2016

Four islands in the Pacific Ocean with steep formations and marine animals. This includes the Marieta Islands outside of Puerto Vallarta, home to indigenous birds such as blue-footed boobies and red-billed tropical birds



MONARCH BUTTERFLY Biosphere Reserve

Natural World Heritage since 2008

Habitat of the monarch butterflies that migrate from Canada.

EL PINACATE ET LE GRAND DESERT D'ALTAR Biosphere Reserve

Natural World Heritage since 2013

Steep formations caused by volcanic activity, with such species as bighorn sheep and the Gila monster.



CALAKMUL

Mixed World Heritage since 2014

A scenic drive from Cancun and Riviera Maya, here the tropical rainforest and a Mayan city coexist.



SIAN KA'AN

Natural World Heritage since 1987

Famous for forested islands (petenes) and 100-foot-tall trees.



Learn more about tourism in Mexico: mexico.mx or visitmexico.com

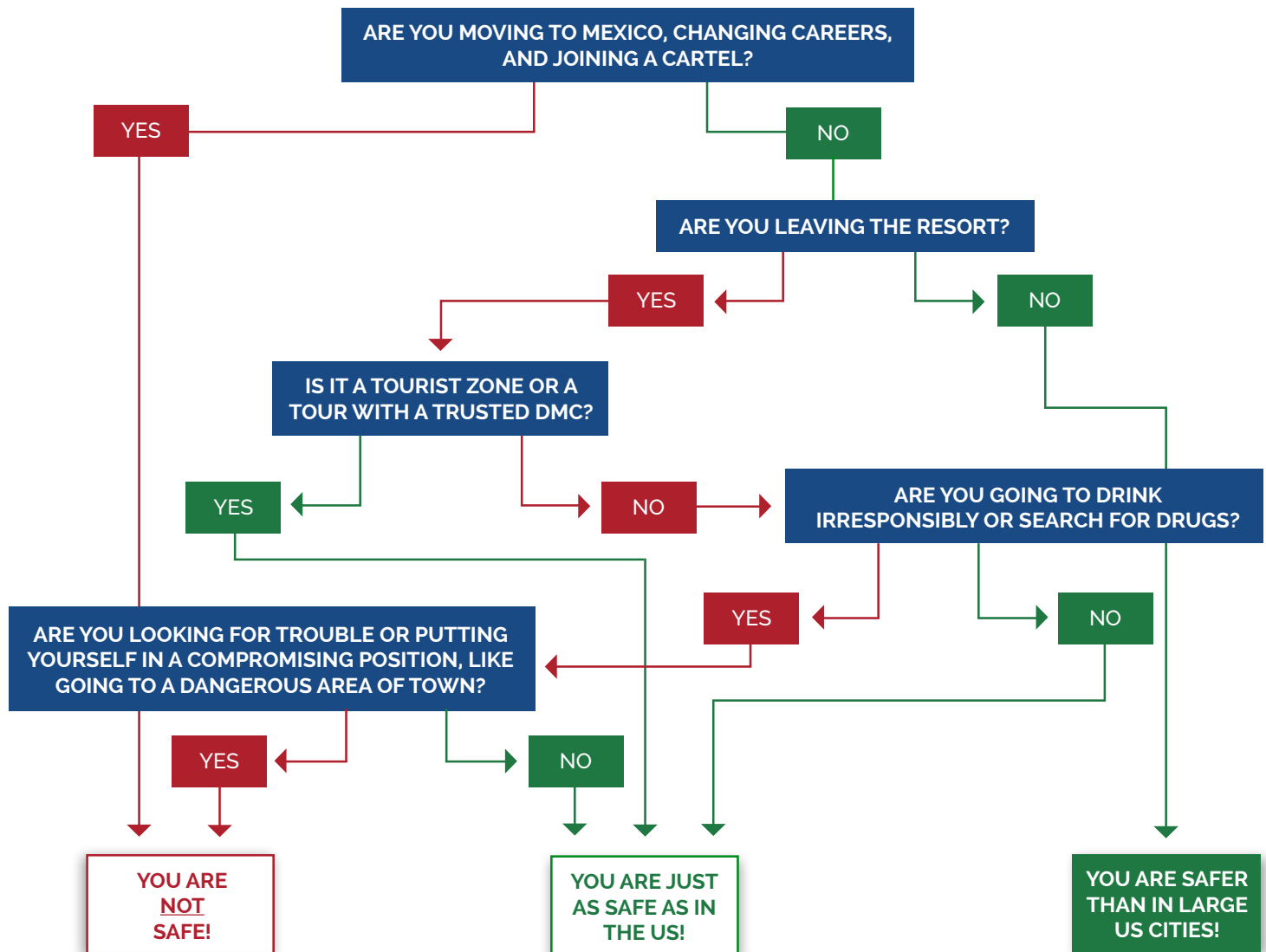


FUN FACTS ABOUT MEXICO

- With 31 states, Mexico is the fifth largest country in the Americas, covering almost two million square kilometers (760,000 square miles) and the 13th largest independent state in the world.
- With an estimated population of over 120 million, Mexico is the eleventh most populous and the most populous Spanish-speaking state in the world, as well as the second most populous nation in Latin America.

Mexico Safety in Perspective

Violence in Mexico occurs in isolated areas of the country and largely only affects the people involved in criminal activity. The violence does not affect U.S. citizens visiting Mexico as tourists.



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