

## Essential Travel Tips for Mexico

Mexico is a vibrant country with rich culture, stunning landscapes, and delicious cuisine. To ensure a smooth trip, here are some key travel tips covering **credit card acceptance, customs, electricity voltage, pharmacies, and more.**

- **Credit Card Acceptance**
  - While major cities and tourist areas accept **Visa and Mastercard**, cash is still widely used, especially in **small towns and local markets**. Always carry **Mexican pesos** for convenience and notify your bank before traveling to avoid card issues. You will be provided with 500 pesos upon arrival. This is approximately \$25 for small purchases.
- **Customs & Entry Requirements**
  - Visitors from the **U.S., Canada, and the EU** do not need a visa for stays under **180 days**. You must have 180 days remaining on your passport the day you enter.
- **Electricity Voltage & Plug Type**
  - Mexico uses **110V electricity**, the same as the **U.S. and Canada**, so travelers from these countries will not need a voltage converter. The plug type is **Type A and B**, similar to the U.S.
- **Pharmacies & Medications**
  - Pharmacies in Mexico are well-stocked, and many medications are available **without a prescription**. However, controlled substances require a doctor's prescription. If you need specific medications, bring a **copy of your prescription** to avoid issues.

### Additional Tips

- **Safety:** Stick to well-known areas, avoid flashing valuables, and use **rideshare apps** like Uber
- **Water: Do not drink tap water**—opt for bottled or purified water.
- **Language:** Spanish is the official language, but English is widely spoken in tourist areas.
- **Customs:** Always exchange greetings before engaging in conversation. Use Google translate or another language app if needed.
  - **Buenos dias before noon**
  - **Buenas tardes from noon to nightfall**
  - **Buenas noches in the evening**

With these tips, you will be well-prepared for an enjoyable trip to Mexico!

Listed below are some hotels in Mérida, Mexico, that offer safes for guests:

1. **Hyatt Regency Merida** – A luxury hotel located on **Paseo de Montejo**, offering safes in rooms and excellent amenities. [More info](#)
2. **Hotel Caribe Merida Yucatan** – A charming hotel in the **historic center**, featuring safes and a rooftop pool. [More info](#)
3. **Hotel Santa María Mérida** – A budget-friendly option with safes available for guests. [More info](#)
4. **Hotel Eclipse Mérida** – Located near **Parque Santa Lucia**, this boutique hotel provides safes in rooms. [More info](#)
5. **Viva Merida Hotel Boutique** – A stylish boutique hotel with safes and personalized service. [More info](#)
6. **Ontico Urban Design Hotel** – A modern hotel with safes and a sleek design. [More info](#)
7. **Hotel Merida** – A centrally located hotel with safes and comfortable accommodations. [More info](#)
8. **Gamma Merida El Castellano** – A well-rated hotel with safes and a convenient location near **Plaza Grande**. [More info](#)
9. **Hilton Garden Inn Altabrisa**

If you are traveling to Mexico and need to call home, here are some options to stay connected:

### 1. International Roaming Plans

Most U.S. carriers, including **Verizon, AT&T, and T-Mobile**, offer **international roaming** in Mexico. Some plans include **free calls, texts, and data**, while others charge per minute or per MB. Contact your provider for more information.

### 2. Wi-Fi Calling & Messaging Apps

Many hotels, cafes, and restaurants offer **free Wi-Fi**, allowing you to use apps like **WhatsApp, Skype, FaceTime, or Google Voice** to call home without extra charges.

### 3. eSIM Options (preferable)

Some newer smartphones support **eSIMs**, which allow you to activate a **Mexican data plan** without needing a physical SIM card. This is convenient for travelers who want seamless connectivity. See Airalo, Nomad, Saily, etc...

### 4. Prepaid Calling Cards

You can purchase **international calling cards** at convenience stores or online, which provide a set number of minutes for calls to the U.S.

Here are some great options for SIM cards and calling apps for American tourists in Mexico:

## Best SIM Cards for Tourists in Mexico

1. **Telcel Mexico Prepaid SIM Card** – Offers **4.5GB of data** and **unlimited calls and texts** within Mexico, the U.S., and Canada. Available on [Amazon](#).
2. **Travsim Mexico SIM Card** – Provides **5GB of mobile data** with **free roaming in the U.S. and Canada**. Available on [Amazon](#).

## Best Calling Apps for Staying Connected

- **WhatsApp** – Free calls and messaging over Wi-Fi or mobile data.
- **Google Voice** – Allows you to make calls to U.S. numbers at low rates.
- **Skype** – Great for international calls with affordable pricing.
- **FaceTime** – Ideal for Apple users to make video and audio calls.

## Helpful Links

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Dental Procedures Information:

<https://www.infodentis.com/index-eng.php>

International Travel Tips

[Checklist:](#)

<https://checklist.com/international-travel-checklist/>

[Power Adapters:](#)

<https://worldstandards.eu/electricity/plug-voltage-by-country/>

Global Travel Warnings:

<https://www.us-passport-service-guide.com/travel-warning.html>

Visa/Passport Assistance

[US Dept of State:](#)

[http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/first/first\\_830.html](http://travel.state.gov/passport/get/first/first_830.html)

[Expedited Passport- Trivisa:](#)

<https://www.trivisa.com/>

Currency Converter:

<https://www.xe.com/>

**Highly recommended phone apps:** Uber, **WhatsApp**, Google Translate or equivalent, and Google Maps or equivalent.

## Information about Embassies, Consulates or Consular Agencies for U.S. and Canadian citizens.

In case of emergency or general assistance to citizens traveling in Mexico please contact the nearest embassy, consulate or consular agency.

### [U.S. Consulate in Merida](#)

Calle 60 No. 338-K x 29 y 31 Col. Alcala Martin Merida, Yucatan, Mexico 97050

Assistance to U.S. citizen

From Mexico:  
Tel: 999-316-7168

From the United States:  
Tel: 1-844-528-6611

### [View website](#)

### [Consular Agency of Canada in Cancun](#)

Centro Empresarial Oficina E7 Blvd. Kukulcan Km. 12 Zona Hotelera 77599 Cancún, Quintana Roo - Mexico

Assistance to Canadian citizen

From Mexico:  
Tel: 998-883-3360

From Canada:  
Tel: 011-52-998-883-3360