

Mazatlan, Mexico

The port in Mazatlan is located in the heart of a bustling town.

History

Mazatlan is Aztec for “place of abundant deer”. It was settled by the Spanish in 1531, but was already home to native peoples. In the mid 1800s German settlers came and made a distinct influence on the local culture. The town became a bustling seaport, serving the nearby silver and gold mines. From the 1940s to present day the town has grown into a popular tourist destination, for its sportfishing and beaches.

Unique Foods

- Aguachile - a refreshing seafood dish made with shrimp marinated in lime juice and blended with spicy chilies, cucumber and cilantro.
- Mazatlán-Style Shrimp Tacos - fresh shrimp, grilled or fried, wrapped in soft corn tortillas and topped with shredded cabbage, salsa and crema.
- Chilorio - shredded pork cooked with chilies, garlic and spices, served with warm tortillas.
- Ceviche de Sierra - Mazatlán’s version of ceviche is made with fresh sierra (Spanish mackerel), lime juice and a medley of vegetables.
- Pescado zarandeado - grilled marinated fish, served with tortillas and fresh vegetables.
- Sinaloa-Style Tamales - filled with pork, chicken or vegetables and wrapped in corn husks.
- Tostadas de Camarón - crispy tostadas are topped with fresh shrimp, avocado and lime juice
- Tejuino - a traditional Mexican beverage made from fermented corn masa, lime and piloncillo.



Unique Animals

Mazatlan is still home to abundant white tailed deer as well as armadillos, raccoons, and a variety of marine life; whales, dolphins, turtles and colorful fish species.

Unique Plants

Plants most common in Mazatlan are tabachines, eucalyptus, laurels, and poplars.

Language

Spanish is the official language of Mexico. English is spoken exclusively in the port area.

Currency

Is the Peso. 1 US Dollar = \$20.39 in Pesos. Vendors near the port will take US dollars and handle the conversion math. Major credit cards accepted in many locations.

Cell Service

Widespread 4G coverage.

Internet

Free wifi in many public spaces and tourist beaches. Available at most cafes and pubs with your purchase.

Excursions

Mazatlan Sightseeing and Golden Zone

Take a guided tour of the Mazatlan region and find all its hidden gems and secret spots only locals know about. Visit Look Out Point for panoramic views of the bay and get some perfect photographs, and watch cliff divers leap 45' into the ocean. Travel to the Cathedral and learn about its architecture, and wander the Open Market like a local.

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Mazatlan Old Town Highlights with Salsa and Tortilla Making

Experience the best of Mazatlán on a fun and authentic journey through the city's most iconic sights and flavors.

Enjoy breathtaking panoramic views, visit the beautiful Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, explore a traditional local market, and watch the famous Cliff Divers leap into the Pacific Ocean. Then, enjoy a scenic ride along Paseo del Centenario, one of Mazatlán's most beautiful coastal roads.

Your experience ends in a charming Mexican countryside setting, where you'll discover the secrets of traditional Mexican cuisine. Learn how handmade tortillas and authentic Mexican salsas are prepared using time-honored techniques, and experience the warmth of genuine Mexican hospitality.

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Mazatlan Beach Resort Day Pass With Lunch Drinks

Turn your short stop in Mazatlán into a luxurious beach escape designed exclusively for cruise travelers. We will greet you directly at the Mazatlán Cruise Terminal and provide comfortable transportation to the beautiful Courtyard by Marriott Mazatlán Beach Resort, located in the heart of the famous Golden Zone, right in front of the Pacific Ocean.

This experience is perfect for cruise guests who want to relax in a safe, elegant and comfortable beachfront resort while enjoying the best of Mazatlán.

With your exclusive Day Pass, you'll enjoy full access to the resort's premium amenities while spending the day surrounded by ocean views and warm Mexican hospitality.

<https://www.viator.com/tours/Mazatlan/Courtyard-by-Marriot-Day-Pass-with-Lunch-Drinks-and-Transfers/d4151-200253P27?pid=P00002881&uid=U00204439&mcid=58086¤cy=USD>

Exploring on your own

- Though the port is in the heart of the city, it's largely a residential area and a fairly long walk to the sites.
- Walk the waterfront to Faro Lighthouse, approx 2 miles.



