



HELPFUL INFORMATION FOR TRAVEL TO COZUMEL

CLIMATE

Weather: Average temperatures range between 77° F to 86° F (25° C to 30° C). The hottest time of the year runs from May to September (especially on the coasts), and it gets cooler from October to April.

CURRENCY

Mexico's currency is the Mexican Peso. There are one hundred Mexican cents (centavos) to every Peso. The rate of exchange fluctuates daily against the Dollar. Most of Cozumel's Banks with ATM machines are found within the commercial centre of the main town. During business hours, they and the Casas de Cambio will buy traveler's checks and cash from you as well.

DEPARTURE TAX

Departure tax is normally included in the cost of your ticket. Please check with your airline or ticketing agent for details. If it is not included, it is payable at check in for your flight home. You may use Pesos, Visa or MasterCard.

DRINKING WATER

Generally, the tap water in Mexico is not safe for drinking; however, in tourist areas, many larger resorts purify their water for consumption. Most hotels and restaurants will provide bottled water in your room or upon your request.

DRIVERS LICENSE

U.S. drivers' licenses are valid in Mexico.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

U.S. Citizens are required to produce a valid passport and a return or ongoing ticket. There are special requirements concerning minors under the age of 18 years old. Please contact the Department of State for more information.

ELECTRICITY

120 V; 60 Hz. Any electrical equipment you carry with you that operates at the higher (240v) rate will need to be dual-voltage (e.g. hair dryers). A lot of electrical equipment (like video cameras, digital cameras, laptops) that operate on 12 volts via a product-specific adaptor should easily work with dual voltage - check the adaptor and the device instructions to be sure.

You may need a socket adaptor. Most plugs in Mexico are the same as in the US, ie. two flat prongs. Some have a third, circular prong for grounding, and adapters can be sought for these too if the plug you want to connect to doesn't have the third (grounding) prong socket.

MARINE PARK FEES

Cozumel charges an approximate of \$2 U.S. per day marine park fee.

TOURISM SEASONS

The climate in Cozumel is hot and humid, but the humidity is not as drenching as it can be in some other places in Mexico. August through October is hurricane season in this part of the world - and the weather becomes more changeable and less predictable during these months. The rainy season is May through October. November through February is the high season in Cancun, and quite hot. Evenings can be cooler, so a wool pullover may be a useful item to pack with you during these months.

VACCINATIONS

No vaccinations or preventative medications are required for travel to Cozumel. However, we always suggest that you speak to your family physician for a personal recommendation.

WATER TEMPERATURES AND WETSUITS

Water temperatures generally range between 78 – 82°F. Most people find wearing a 1mm – 3mm wetsuit keeps them comfortable.