

Mexico City cultural guide
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Mexico City...

Mexico has a great diversity of attractive destinations, with a rich cultural, traditional, gastronomic, historical and popular content. Some of the recommendations to have a closer contact with the cultural and identity plurality that shapes the country are the following places.

Coyoacán

🌀 Museo Frida Kahlo – La Casa Azul (Frida Kahlo Museum- The Blue House)



The Frida Kahlo Museum, also known as The Blue House (La Casa Azul), was the property belonged to the Kahlo family since 1904, where she was born and grew up. Converted into a museum in 1958, the house hosted important personalities, such as Leon Trotsky, Henry Moore, Remedios Varo and André Breton. The Blue House lets visitors discover more of the deep relationship between Kahlo and Rivera, how they perceived the times in which they lived and reflects the impact of Mexican art and culture on their daily life.

* The purchase of [tickets online](#) is highly recommended, due there is usually a high demand that sells out the tickets at the point sale. You can also have access to a variety of guided tours for an extra fee.

Entrance fee: \$250.00 MX per person

Schedules: Tuesday to Sunday, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. *Monday closed.*

Official website: <https://www.museofridakahlo.org.mx/>

Address: Londres 247, Col. Del Carmen, Coyoacán, CP. 04100, CDMX, México.

🌀 Museo Diego Rivera Anahuacalli (Anahuacalli Museum)



The Anahuacalli Museum is located in a building in the shape of a Mesoamerican pyramidal temple, built with black volcanic stone. The space was designed by Diego Rivera to house his collection of pre-Hispanic art. It is one of the most important collections in Mexico, with many artifacts from the Teotihuacan, Olmec, Toltec, Nahua, Zapotec and northwestern Mexican civilizations.

There are also 2,500 pieces of folk art from different regions of the country: Guanajuato, Oaxaca, Morelos, Zacatecas, Chiapas, Puebla and Veracruz. On one of the floors there are also 16 sketches of murals by Diego Rivera. The museum's terrace offers an interesting view of the Pedregal, a lava flow that gives the landscape a very special character.

Entrance fee: \$80.00 MXN for nationals; \$100.00 MXN for foreigners *for [online tickets](#)*

Schedules: Tuesday to Sunday, 11:00 am – 05:30 pm; *Monday closed.*

Official website: <https://museoanahuacalli.org.mx/>

Address: Museo 150, Col. San Pablo Tepetlapa, Coyoacán, CP. 04620, CDMX, México.

🌀 Museo Casa de León Trotsky (Leon Trotsky House Museum)



Trotsky went into exile from the Soviet Union in 1929. With help from Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera, the couple arrived in Mexico City in 1937 as refugees after escaping persecution by the Soviet regime. For a short time they lived at the Casa Azul, but they moved at 1939 to a house in the same neighborhood. This very house is today a fascinating museum that pays tribute to him and where Trotsky's ashes lie today. The house is preserved as it was when they lived there.

Entrance fee: \$70.00 MX per person

Schedules: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. *Monday and Friday closed.*

Official website: http://museotrotsky.org.mx/services_1.html

Address: AV Río Churubusco 410, Col del Carmen, CP. 04100, CDMX, México.

Museo Nacional de Culturas Populares (National Museum of Popular Cultures)



The National Museum of Popular Cultures is one of the highlights of a trip to the Coyoacán Center. During the 1920s and 30s, it was a private residence later converted to a boarding school, then a convent and today a museum that opened in 1982. Dedicated entirely to Mexico's popular cultures, the result is a museum of popular, indigenous, and urban works. Presentations cover works of visual art, music, theater, dance and literatura. The museum is part of the General Direction of Popular, Indigenous, and Urban Cultures under the Federal Secretary of Culture

Entrance fee: \$18.00 MX per person. *Sundays free access*

Schedules: Tuesday to Thursday, 11:00 am – 06:00 pm; Friday and Sunday, 11:00 am – 07:00 pm. *Monday closed.*

Official website: <https://mncp.cultura.gob.mx/>

Address: Av. Hidalgo 289, esquina con Allende, Col. Del Carmen, Coyoacán, CDMX, México

Museo Nacional de la Acuarela (National Watercolor Museum).



The Museo Nacional de la Acuarela Alfredo Guati Rojo, A.C. was the first museum in the world specifically dedicated to this technique. This museum offers a historical overview of the development of watercolor through its permanent halls and the various temporary exhibitions it hosts throughout the year, as it exhibits outstanding works by both the master Guati Rojo and many other outstanding Mexican and foreign watercolorists.

Entrance fee: Free access every day *Camera usage fee: 50.00 MX*
Schedules: Monday to Saturday, 10:00 am – 06:00 pm *Sunday closed.*
Official website: <https://acuarela.org.mx/prepara-tu-visita/grupos/>
Address: Salvador Novo No. 88 Col. Barrio de Santa Catarina C.P.: 04010, CDMX, México.

La Fonoteca Nacional.



The Fonoteca Nacional is located in a historic building where Octavio Paz, winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature, lived. It is a library aimed at preserving and disseminating the country's sound heritage: official speeches, interviews, folk music, etc. It is possible to discover the voices of famous people such as Gandhi or Einstein.

There is even a "sound garden", a space with trees and an audio system that allows you to enjoy the space with concert music, compositions and poetic works. The program changes every month.

Entrance fee: Free access every day

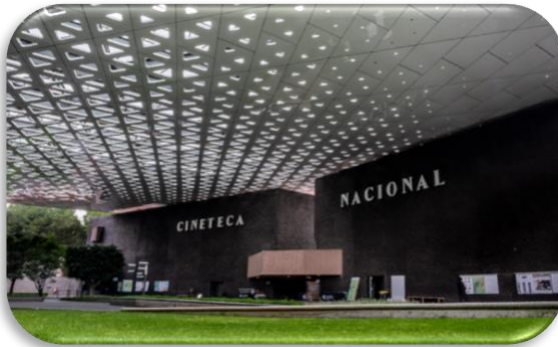
Schedules: Monday to Friday, 09:00 am – 07:00 pm; Friday, 09:00 am – 06:00 pm

Sunday closed.

Official website: <https://fonotecanacional.gob.mx/>

Adress: Francisco Sosa 383, Col. Barrio de Santa Catarina, Coyoacán, C.P. 04010, CDMX, México.

Cineteca Nacional.



The Cineteca Nacional is one of the Mexico City's great treasures. The Cineteca Nacional began a part of the National University (UNAM) way back in the 1940s. That's really at the beginning of Mexican Cinema's Golden Age.

Currently run by the Federal Secretary of Culture, it's dedicated to the preservation, cataloging, and exhibition of Mexican and World Film. It's a fantastic place to go to the movies.

Movie Ticket prices: \$70.00 MX; Tuesday and Wednesday - \$50.00 MXN

Schedules: Monday to Friday, 12:30 pm – 09:00 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 11:30:00 am – 09:00 pm

Official website: <https://www.cinetecanacional.net/#gsc.tab=0>

Adress: Av. México-Coyoacán, No. 389, Col. Xoco, CDMX.

Centro de Coyoacan (Coyoacan historic center)



The neighborhood has a bohemian atmosphere, with its alleys, small squares, beautiful historic houses and flowery spaces. Although it is quite quiet during the week, it is transformed by the weekends, when it becomes one of the favorite destinations for families in Mexico City and groups of friends looking to have fun in company.

In Coyoacan center you can tour the emblematic Jardín

Centenario (Centennial Park) that houses the famous **Fuente de los Coyotes** (Fountain of the Coyotes), and where you can immerse yourself in traditional gastronomy, popular and street food through the typical food destinations, such as:



- The **Café El Jarocho**, a traditional coffee shop founded in the 50's;
- The **Coyoacán food market**, where you can have an authentic approach to Mexican popular food, such as tostadas, blue corn tortillas, tlayudas, hueraches, quesadillas, etc;
- The traditional churros of the **Churrería General de la República**.

During the tour, a must-stop is the Mexican Handicraft Market (**Mercado Artesanal Mexicano**), where you will find stalls with a great offer of unique handicrafts that reflect a bit of Mexican culture. This market is a meeting point for a great variety of artists and artisans from various parts of the country such as Puebla, Oaxaca and Veracruz.



Official website: <https://centrodecoyoacan.mx/>

Address: Parque Centenario s/n, Coyoacán TNT, Del Carmen, Coyoacán, 04000 Ciudad de México, CDMX

Historic Center

🌀 **Zócalo - Plaza de la Constitución (Constitution Square)**



National Palace



Zócalo



Metropolitan Cathedral

The Plaza de la Constitución, also called Zócalo, has been declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO. It is the largest square in all of Latin America and a major tourist attraction in Mexico City, because it houses the main buildings of the capital. Among the sites of attraction of the Zócalo, the following stand out:

- The **Catedral Metropolitana** (Metropolitan Cathedral): It is the largest Cathedral in Latin America and one of the most important Catholic buildings in the world. An imposing building with fourteen chapels that was built on the ruins of the Templo Mayor of the Aztec city of Tenochtitlan. Admission is free, but you can visit the bell towers of the cathedral for \$30.00 MXN.
- **Palacio Nacional** (National Palace): It is the seat of government. Part of the building has been transformed into a museum and houses frescoes by Diego Rivera such as "The History of Mexico". Free admission, ID required

Entrance fee: Free Access.

Address: Plaza de la Constitución S/N, Centro, Cuauhtémoc, 06000 Ciudad de México, CDMX

🌀 **Templo Mayor (Archaeological Site & Museum)**



This archaeological site was the most important temple of Mexico Tenochtitlan. It was at the center of the political and religious life of the Mexica society. The temple itself consisted of four pyramids and ended in two shrines dedicated to, respectively, the gods of water (Tlaloc) and war (Huitzilopochtli).

The House of the Eagles, the Temple of the god Ehécatl, a ceremonial tree at the foot of the stairway, the Huey Tzompanli, the Ball Game court, and the Calmécac were also part of the larger complex. Today the museum presents more than 3,000 important artifacts of Mexica culture. These are presented within the archaeological zone

Entrance fee: \$95.00 MXN.

Schedules: Tuesday to Sunday, 09:00 am – 05:00 pm.

Official website: <https://lugares.inah.gob.mx/es/zonas-arqueologicas/zonas/1699-templo-mayor.html>

Address: Seminario 8, Centro Histórico de la Cdad. de México, Centro, Cuauhtémoc, 06060 Ciudad de México, CDMX

🌀 Palacio de Bellas Artes (Bellas Artes Palace)



Museum of Architecture



Bellas Artes Palace



Bellas Artes Museum

Today's Palacio de Bellas Artes stands on one side of the central avenue, a magnificent building built in the early 1900s. It was made of white Italian marble and houses paintings by Diego Rivera, David Alfaro Siqueiros, José Clemente Orozco and Rufino Tamayo. A true jewel to visit in Mexico City.

Inside the palace you can find the **Museo de Bellas Artes** (Bellas Artes Museum) - \$85.00 MXN, Sunday free), the **Museo de Arquitectura** (Museum of Architecture) - \$55.00 MXN, Sunday free) and the theater where the Ballet Folklórico de México performs.

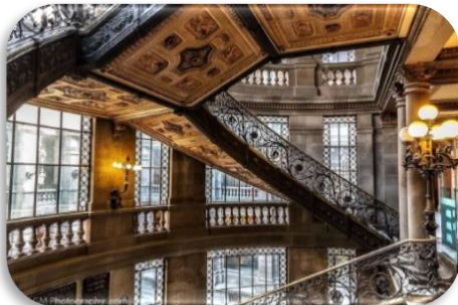
Entrance fee: \$85.00 - \$55.00 MXN per person. (Depends on the museum)

Schedule: Tuesday to Sunday, 10:00 am – 06:00 pm. *Monday closed.*

Official website: <https://palacio.inba.gob.mx/>

Address: Avenida Juárez esquina Eje Central Lázaro Cárdenas, Centro Histórico, C.P. 06050, CDMX, México.

🌀 Museo Nacional del Arte (National Art Museum)



A few steps from **Bellas Artes**, in front of **Plaza Manuel Tolsá**, you will see a building that is considered one of the most important architectural works of the early twentieth century in the country. With a very worthy collection to back up Mexico's place in the history of art, works are concentrated from the mid-16th century to the mid-20th century. A permanent collection contains more than 3,000 works and the building has some 5,500 square meters of exhibition space. The collection is subdivided into three distinct periods. A first covers the colonial period from 1550 to 1821. The second covers the first century after Mexican Independence and, a third covers the period after the Mexican Revolution through the 1950s.

Entrance fee: \$90.00 MXN per person. *Camera usage fee: \$5.00 MXN*
Schedule: Tuesday to Sunday, 10:00 am – 06:00 pm. *Monday closed.*
Official website: <https://www.munal.mx/en>
Address: Tacuba 8, Centro Histórico, Mexico City, C.P. 06010.

Museo Nacional de las Culturas del Mundo (*National Museum of Cultures*)



The National Museum of Cultures (Museo Nacional de las Culturas) is one of just five national museums run by the National Institute of Anthropology and History (INAH). It's Mexico's only museum dedicated to bringing visitors closer to the cultural diversity of the world. The museum is housed in the old National Mint, the Antigua Casa de Moneda.

The National Museum of Cultures was created to safeguard objects from cultures other than those of Mexico. 6 permanent galleries explore aspects of past and present cultures from all over the world. Three more galleries host temporary exhibits. The museum received donations from all over the world. Among these are textiles, glass objects, porcelain, photographs, arms, kimonos, masks, jewelry, and art objects.

Entrance fee: Free access
Schedule: Tuesday to Sunday, 10:00 am – 05:00 pm. *Monday closed.*
Official website: <https://www.museodelasculturas.mx/>

Address: Moneda 13, Centro Histórico, Cuauhtémoc, C.P. 6010, CDMX, México.

Museo Kaluz (Kaluz Museum)



One of the city's newest art museums, the Museo Kaluz is at home in a striking 18th-century palace. The Museo Kaluz collection includes more than 1,000 works of art from the 18th to the 21st centuries, including many internationally recognized artists. Among them Diego Rivera, José Clemente Orozco, Angel Zárraga, Gerardo Murillo "Dr. Atl," and Rufino Tamayo, among others.

The museum has focused in some large sense on Spanish artists exiled in Mexico during the early 20th century. Aply located at the corner of Paseo de la Reforma, a trip to the museum can be comfortably combined with trips to any number of nearby attractions. You can go up to the rooftop terrace for a drink, a coffee or a bite to eat. You can even see the Torre Latinoamericana from the terrace.

Entrance fee: \$60.00 MXN for nationals; \$90.00 MXN for foreigners.

Schedule: Tuesday to Sunday, 10:00 am – 06:00 pm. *Monday closed.*

Official website: <https://museokaluz.org>

Address: Av. Hidalgo 85, Centro Histórico, Ciudad de México, CP. 06300, CDMX, México

Museo Franz Maye (Franz Maye Museum)



Nestled in the historic heart of Mexico City, the museum is housed in an 18th century building. Franz Mayer, after whom the museum was named, assembled an eclectic mix of artworks, books, furniture and more, primarily from Mexico, but also from Europe and Asia, spanning from the 15th to the 20th century.

The collection highlights unique pieces, including textiles and Talavera ceramics, often overlooked in historic preservation. It also features a charming café in the courtyard.

<p>Entrance fee: \$100.00 MXN *Tuesdays free*</p> <p>Schedule: Tuesday to Friday, 10:00 am – 05:00 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 11:00 am – 06:00 pm. *Monday closed.*</p> <p>Official website: https://franzmayer.org.mx/</p> <p>Address: Av. Hidalgo 45, Centro Histórico, CDMX, México.</p>
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La Alameda Central (The Central Alameda)



In front of the Bellas Artes is the Alameda Central, one of the oldest public parks in Mexico, with its benches, fountains and impressive sculptures.

Nearby is the Diego Rivera Mural Museum, with his work entitled "Sueño de una Tarde Dominical en la Alameda Central" (Dream of a Sunday Afternoon in the Central Alameda).

<p>Entrance fee: Free access</p> <p>Address: Av. Hidalgo s/n, Centro Histórico de la Cdad. de México, Centro, Cuauhtémoc, CP. 06010, CDMX, México.</p>
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🌀 Museo Mural Diego Rivera (Diego Rivera Mural Museum)



Inaugurated in February 1988, on the anniversary of Diego Rivera's death, the museum houses the iconic mural "Sueño de una tarde dominical en la Alameda Central" (Dream of a Sunday Afternoon in the Central Alameda, 1947). Its vocation is to guard, investigate and disseminate this monumental work, positioning itself as a space for reflection on multiple critical discourses and taking as a starting point the artistic production of Diego Rivera and his contemporaries, as well as a space designed to disseminate and promote the rescue and preservation of artistic heritage.

Entrance fee: \$45.00 MXN *Sundays free*

Schedule: Tuesday to Sunday, 10:00 am – 06:00 pm. *Monday closed.*

Official website: <https://inba.gob.mx/recinto/46/museo-mural-diego-rivera>

Address: Balderas s/n Esq. Colón, Colonia Centro, Alcaldía Cuauhtémoc, C.P. 06000, CDMX, México.

🌀 Ángel de la Independencia – Monumento a la Independencia (Angel of Independence- Independence Monument)



More officially known as the Monumento a la Independencia, the Independence Monument has guarded its own glorieta on Paseo de la Reforma since the centennial celebrations of Mexican Independence in 1910. The monument was designed and built by architect, Antonio Rivas Mercado.

Entrance fee: Free access

Address: Av. P.º de la Reforma, Juárez, Cuauhtémoc, 06600 Ciudad de México, CDMX

🌀 **Monumento a la Revolución – Museo Nacional de la Revolución**
(Monument to the Revolution – National Museum of the Revolution)



Among the most iconic symbols of Mexico City, the Monument to the Mexican Revolution is an unfinished architectural work. Architect Carlos Obregón Santacilia, proposed and won support for the idea of converting the abandoned structure into a monument to the heroes of the Mexican Revolution. Work began only in 1933.

The monument and the subterranean museum also serve as a mausoleum for the fallen heroes of the Revolution. The Monument is the final resting place for Francisco “Pancho” Villa, Francisco I. Madero, Plutarco Elías Calles, Venustiano Carranza, and Lázaro Cárdenas. From within the Museum, guests can appreciate some of the construction stages of what was to be the Legislative Palace and ended up being the Monument. A permanent exhibition includes more than 400 artifacts related to the Reformation through the Revolutionary periods.

Entrance fee: \$40.00 MXN *Sundays free*

Schedule: Tuesday to Friday, 09:00 am – 05:00 pm; Saturday and Sunday, 09:00 am – 07:00 pm. *Monday closed.*

Official website: <https://www.cultura.cdmx.gob.mx/recintos/mnr>

Address: Plaza de la República s/n, subterráneo del Monumento a la Revolución, colonia Tabacalera, alcaldía Cuauhtémoc.

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🌀 Bosque de Chapultepec (Chapultepec Park)



Considered the largest urban park in the Americas, Chapultepec Forest is one of the most important spaces in Mexico City, not only for its size, but also for its history and cultural relevance.

Chapultepec Forest is divided into three sections and houses some of the city's most important museums and public spaces. The Chapultepec Castle and the National Museum of History, the Zoo, the Digital Culture Center, the Museum of Modern Art, the National Museum of Anthropology and the Tamayo Museum of Contemporary Art are some of the most visited spaces within this park.

Entrance fee: Free access

Schedule:

- First section: Tuesday to Sunday, 06:00 am – 07:00 pm
- Second section: Monday to Sunday, 24 hrs.

Official website: <https://www.chapultepec.org.mx/>

Address: Av. Juventud Heroica, Puerta de los Leones, Bosque de Chapultepec I Secc, Miguel Hidalgo, C.P. 11100, CDMX, México.

🌀 Castillo de Chapultepec / Museo Nacional de Historia (Chapultepec Castle / National History Museum)



One of the city's major museums, Chapultepec Castle is the site of as much history as the museum contains inside. It was the residence of an emperor and a series of presidents. As one of the highest points in the Valley of Mexico, it is also a place with many beautiful views of the city and much to see and learn.

The historic castle hosts the **Museo Nacional de Historia** (National History Museum). The Castle, although adapted to serve as the museum we know today is mostly in the form it was given under the rule of Maximiliano and Carlota in the latter part of the 1860s.

Entrance fee: \$95.00 MXN. *Sundays free*

Schedule: Tuesday to Sunday, 09:00 am – 05:00 pm *Monday closed*

Official website: <https://mnh.inah.gob.mx/>

Address: Primera Sección del Bosque de Chapultepec s/n, San Miguel Chapultepec, C.P. 11580, Delegación Miguel Hidalgo, Ciudad de México

Museo Soumaya (Soumaya Museum)



The Soumaya Museum is a private museum and a non-profit cultural institution. The Soumaya includes two museum buildings in Mexico City – at Plaza Carso and Plaza Loreto. The institute also operates a house museum dedicated to the collection of Guillermo Tovar de Teresa in the colonia Roma.

The museum collection includes some 66,000 works. Among the collection are sculpture from Pre-Hispanic Mesoamerica, 19th- and 20th-century Mexican art, and an extensive collection of European old masters. Masters of modern Western art include Auguste Rodin, Salvador Dalí, Bartolomé Esteban Murillo, and Tintoretto.

Entrance fee: Free access

Schedule: Monday to Saunday, 10:30 am – 06:30 pm.

Official website: <http://www.museosoumaya.org/>

Address: Blvd. Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra, Granada, Miguel Hidalgo, 11529 Ciudad de México, CDMX