



## Mexico is one of the world's safest, friendliest and most popular places to visit.

*The information below is intended to help travelers make informed decisions based on facts and the real experience of visitors in Mexico, not sensational news headlines.*

### FACT

**There are no travel warnings against visiting Mexico's world-famous international tourist destinations.**

- The U.S. government has not said that Americans should avoid Mexico's top tourist destinations. The U.S. State Department Travel Advisory webpage that ranks countries safety levels ranks Mexico as a Level 2 nation (one where you should exercise increased caution), the same level given to France, Germany, Italy, and the United Kingdom.
- There are no travel warnings recommending against travel any of Mexico's international tourist destinations from Canada's ministry of foreign affairs or any other country who issues travel advisories.
- Even in some Mexican states where crime rates are higher, the U.S. State Department travel advisory for Mexico specifically calls attention to the fact that the tourist destinations in those states are safe and have no travel restrictions.

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**Tourists are safe in Mexico**

- More than 39 million international tourists came to Mexico in 2017, 12% more than 2016. Visitor surveys showed that more than 86% said they "would like to come back to Mexico in the next six months."
- It is true that crime rates have increased in Mexico in 2017, but tourists have not been and will continue to not be targets
- Let's put the numbers in proper perspective:
  - Cancun's homicide rate per 100,000 people was 31 in 2017. Many U.S. cities have higher rates than this. And despite this rate, there were 0 cases of international tourist homicides in Cancun in 2017. The same is true for Los Cabos.
- In the last 12 months, international tourist homicides were recorded due to acts of violence and terrorism in major U.S. cities including New York, Las Vegas, as well as in Egypt, Spain, and Turkey to name a few. Unfortunately in today's world, tourists must remain vigilant everywhere.
- When thinking about safety in Mexico, tourists should take common sense actions to avoid risks like not engaging in illegal activities and always following the advice of their travel agent, tour operator, or hotel in terms of places to visit and activities to participate in.

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**There is zero evidence of tainted alcohol being served to tourists in Mexico. Instead, excessive drinking has caused accidents.**

- Investigations have found zero evidence of tainted alcohol, including blood analysis of those who sought medical treatment. Instead, very high blood-alcohol levels where mental and physical impairment are common, were found.
- Alcohol available at Mexico's resorts, bars and restaurants, many of which are owned and operated by international companies, follow strict global standards for where it is purchased, verified, handled and served.
- The CDC calls binge drinking an epidemic, responsible for more than 44,000 American deaths annually. Mexico's tourism industry is committed to ensuring that visitors enjoy themselves to the fullest, and at the same time make sure they are served responsibly and are also reminded to drink responsibly.