



Introduction

Mexico is geographically located in the American continent, and is one of the three countries which together form North America. Large in size, and rich in natural resources, Mexico is a country of highlands and lowlands, volcanoes and sandy beaches.

The landscape is a contrast of mountains, deserts, open plains and tropical forests. Climate and temperature are mainly warm, determined by altitude.

Within Mexico, industries and big cities exist alongside rural villages and agricultural farms.

Today, the Mexican way of life is a mixture of many traditions, a product of a long and diverse history. Mexico is a land combining ancient traditions, great urban spaces, amazing natural resources and a thriving economy.



Mexican Flag



BASIC INFORMATION

AREA	1,953,162 km² - 761,733 sq. mi
POPULATION (2010)	112 million
CAPITAL	Mexico City (Federal District, D.F.)
GOVERNMENT	Federal Republic
NUMBER OF STATES	31
MAIN CITIES	Mexico City, Guadalajara, Monterrey, Puebla
LANGUAGE	The main language is Spanish and at least 52 native languages are spoken in different regions of the country.
RELIGION	Predominantly Roman Catholic
UNIT OF CURRENCY	Peso, MXN (\$)
INDEPENDENCE DAY	September 16th
NATIONAL FLOWER	Dahlia
BIODIVERSITY	30000 plant species, nearly 1000 bird species, 1500 mammals, reptiles and amphibians.
PRODUCTS WHICH MEXICO HAS GIVEN TO THE WORLD	Avocado, beans, vanilla, cacao (chocolate), maize (corn), tomato, cactus (<i>nopal</i>), chilli, tobacco, peanuts, turkey, squash, chewing gum, rubber, amaranth, poinsettia
MAIN EXPORTS	Machinery and transport, equipment, silver, petroleum, animals for food, coffee, cocoa, tea, clothing, footwear, scientific instruments.
MAIN IMPORTS	Vehicles, oil derivatives, chemicals, machinery, equipment, tools for industry, agricultural products, mining products, paper and books, pharmaceutical supplies.