

Acapulco

Guerrero · Mexico

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Acapulco is a Pacific resort city on a deep bay in Guerrero. It was Mexico's first major beach destination and still draws many Mexican visitors. The city has a historic fort, a busy old town, famous cliff divers and a long curve of beaches.

It suits two to four nights, mostly for beach time and nightlife. Check the local situation and the condition of hotels and beaches before you travel, because the city is still recovering from Hurricane Otis in 2023.

When to visit

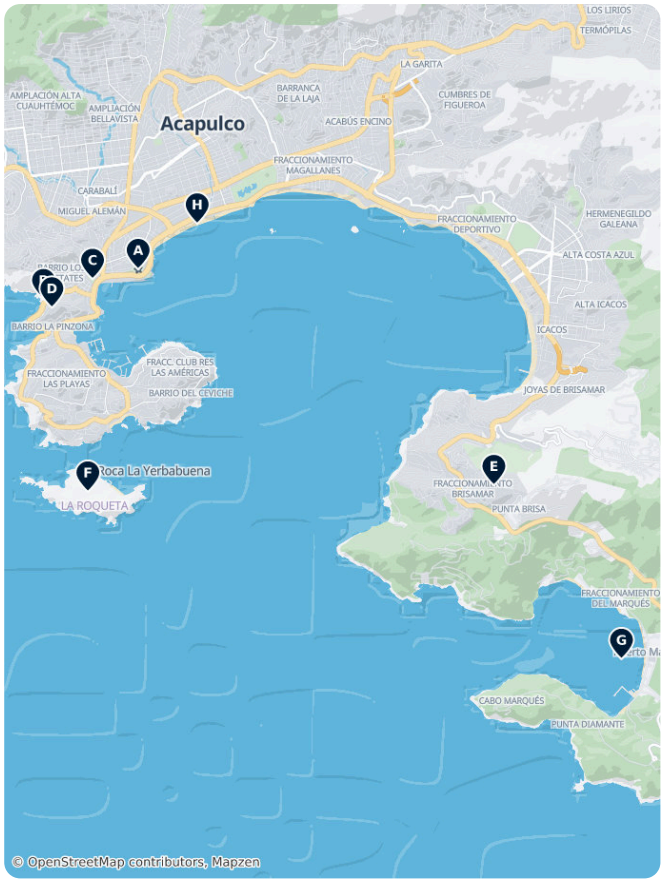
November to May is dry and warm. Summer is hot and humid, with rain and hurricanes from about June to November. Hurricane Otis hit the city in October 2023.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Great Great for the beach	31° / 33°	22° / 19°	26 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · Calm winds · UV 8 (Very high)
February	Great Great for the beach	31° / 33°	22° / 19°	26 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · Calm winds · UV 10 (Very high)
March	Great Great for the beach	31° / 33°	22° / 19°	29 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · Calm winds · UV 12 (Extreme)
April	Great Great for the beach	32° / 34°	23° / 20°	28 sunny days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 12 (Extreme)
May	Great Great for watersports	32° / 34° Feels like 36°	25° / 22°	20 sunny days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 11 (Extreme)
June	Fair Fair for watersports	31° / 33° Feels like 35°	25° / 23°	22 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 10 (Very high)
July	Poor Poor for watersports	31° / 33° Feels like 36°	25° / 23°	23 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 11 (Extreme)
August	Poor Poor for watersports	30° / 32° Feels like 35°	24° / 23°	25 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 11 (Extreme)
September	Poor Poor for watersports	29° / 31° Feels like 34°	24° / 23°	26 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 10 (Very high)
October	Fair Fair for watersports	30° / 31° Feels like 34°	24° / 22°	22 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high)
November	Great Great for watersports	30° / 32° Feels like 34°	23° / 22°	26 sunny days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high)
December	Great Great for the beach	31° / 33° Feels like 34°	22° / 20°	27 sunny days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds

Climate data: NASA POWER + Copernicus ERA5-Land and ERA5 · 1996–2025

Top sights

- A Fuerte de San Diego is a 17th-century star-shaped fort over the bay, with a history museum.
- B La Quebrada is the cliff where divers jump into a narrow channel from about 35 m.
- C Zócalo is the main square in the old town, with cafes and a cathedral.
- D Diego Rivera Mural Mosaico is a mosaic by Diego Rivera, on the wall of a former house.
- E La Capilla de la Paz is a modern chapel on a hill, with a large cross and views of the bay.
- F Isla de la Roqueta is a small island with a beach and snorkelling, reached by glass-bottom boat.
- G Bahia de Puerto Marques is a calm bay south of the city, with beaches and watersports.
- H Playa Tamarindos is a beach on the north side of the old town.



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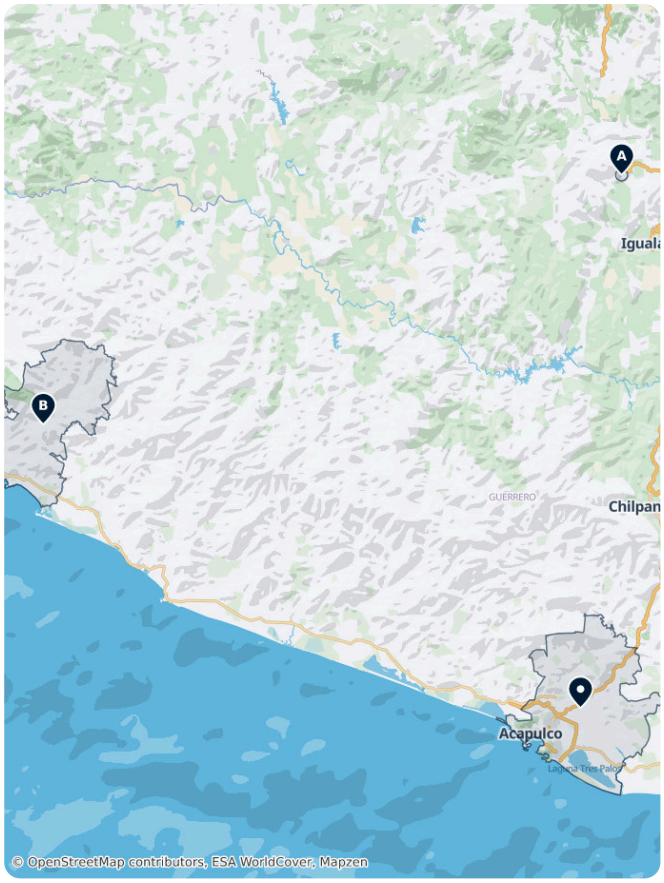
What to experience

- Watch the cliff divers at La Quebrada in the evening.
- Take a boat to Roqueta Island and snorkel.
- Eat fresh seafood at a beach restaurant.
- Walk the old town and visit the fort.

Day trips

- A Taxco: about 3 hours by car. A silver town with steep streets and a baroque church.
- B Zihuatanejo de Azueta: about 4 hours by car. A quieter bay town.
- Pie de la Cuesta: about 30 minutes by car. A sandbar beach between the sea and a lagoon.



Where to explore

- Taxco for a silver town in the mountains.
- Zihuatanejo de Azueta for a quieter beach town.

Getting there

- **By air**: Acapulco International Airport (ACA) is about 30 minutes east of the old town. It has flights from Mexico City and other cities in Mexico.
- **By bus**: Coaches run from Mexico City (about 5 hours) to the bus stations.
- **By road**: The toll road from Mexico City, the Autopista del Sol, is fast and in good condition.

Getting around

- **Taxi and app**: Taxis are common. Agree the fare first.
- **Bus**: City buses run along the seafront and are cheap.
- **On foot**: The old town and beach strips are walkable, but distances along the bay are long.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

Moderate

The old town and the seafront are walkable. Beaches and sights are spread along a long bay.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Low

Hills, heat and traffic make cycling less practical.

Driving

- **Is a car worth it?**: Useful for Pie de la Cuesta and beaches away from the bay. Not needed for the old town.
- **Roads**: The toll road is fast. City traffic is heavy at rush hour.
- **Parking**: Hotels have parking. Use paid lots in the old town.

Food & drink

Guerrero cuisine includes pozole verde (a green pork and hominy stew, especially on Thursdays), ceviche and grilled fish. Local seafood is the main attraction.

Beach restaurants on the bay offer fresh fish, and markets sell cheap meals.

What to eat & drink

LUNCH

Cochinita Pibil
Slow-roasted, citrus- and achiote-marinated pork, a Yucatán specialty traditionally cooked in an underground pit.

DINNER

Mole
A complex sauce, often built from chiles, spices, and sometimes chocolate; mole poblano and Oaxaca's several moles are the best known versions.

Chiles en Nogada
A Puebla dish of stuffed poblano chiles topped with a walnut cream sauce and pomegranate seeds, in the colors of the Mexican flag.

Pozole
A hominy stew with pork or chicken, topped with shredded cabbage, radish, and chile, traditionally eaten on special occasions.

SNACKS & STREET FOOD

Tacos
Corn or flour tortillas filled with meat, fish, or vegetables, with endless regional and stall-to-stall variation.

Tamales
Corn dough filled with meat, cheese, or vegetables, wrapped in a corn husk or banana leaf and steamed.

Elote/Esquites · Elote / Esquites
Grilled or boiled corn on the cob (elote) or served off the cob in a cup (esquites), topped with mayonnaise, cheese, chile, and lime.

DRINKS

Mezcal
A smoky agave spirit from Oaxaca and several other states, distinct from tequila, traditionally sipped neat.

Tequila
An agave spirit from the region around the town of Tequila in Jalisco, Mexico's best-known export spirit.

Horchata
A sweet, cinnamon-spiced rice-based drink, popular as a non-alcoholic accompaniment to spicy food.

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Safety & health

Check current travel advice before you go, and stay in busy tourist areas. Take usual care with bags and phones at night. Avoid isolated areas and do not travel on rural roads at night.

- Swim only at beaches that are marked as safe. Currents can be strong.
- The sun is strong. Use sun protection and drink water.
- Hurricane season is June to November. Follow weather news.
- Drink purified or bottled water.

History

Acapulco was a key Spanish port. From the 16th century, Manila galleons brought goods from Asia here. In the 1950s and 1960s, it became a glamorous resort for film stars and the wealthy. Hurricane Otis in 2023 caused severe damage, and reconstruction continues.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Mexico at a glance:

CURRENCY
MXN $

EMERGENCY
911

ELECTRICITY



Type A / Type B
127 V · 60 Hz

LANGUAGES
Spanish

TAP WATER
Not safe to drink

Acapulco de Juárez Unmissables

Acapulco de Juárez combines historic landmarks with dramatic coastal scenery. The city is home to the 17th-century Fuerte de San Diego, a star-shaped fortress, and the Diego Rivera Mosaic Mural featuring Quetzalcoatl. Natural highlights include the high-altitude cliff divers at La Quebrada and the sunset views from Sinfonía del Mar. Visitors can explore various waterfronts, from the calm waters of Caleta and Hornos beaches to the boat-filled Tlacopanocha Beach and the secluded Pie de la Cuesta. The open-air Chapel of Peace offers panoramic views over the bay.





A La Quebrada

La Quebrada is one of the most famous tourist attractions in Acapulco, Mexico.

88 Calle de la Quebrada, Acapulco de Juárez 39300, Mexico
(16.84613, -99.91483)



B Fuerte de San Diego

The Fort of San Diego, formerly also known as the Fort of San Carlos is a star fort in Acapulco, Guerrero, Mexico.

Calle Hornitos, 39300 Acapulco, México
(16.84990, -99.90244)

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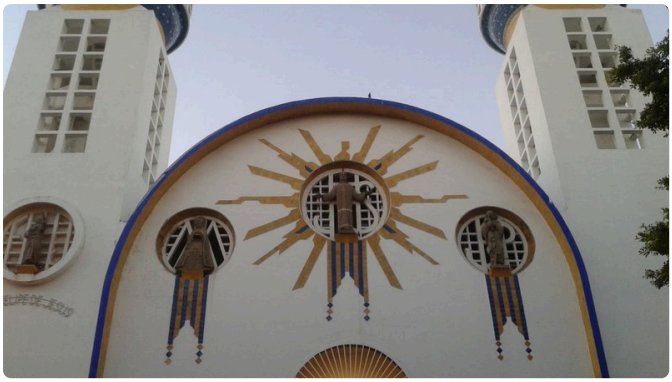


C Zócalo

Acapulco's central square. The place to meet the locals, people-watch at the cafés or buy something at the local market.

29-A Calle Juan N. Álvarez, Acapulco de Juárez 39480, Mexico (16.84867, -99.90841)



D Diego Rivera Mosaic Mural

One of the final artworks of the famous artist. It depicts Quetzalcoatl and is made of seashells and other materials.

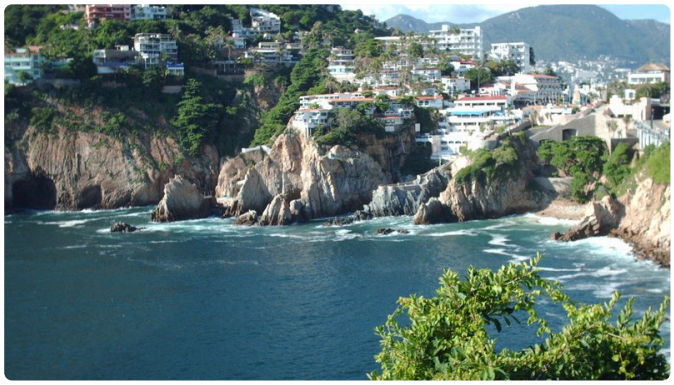
117 Calle Inalámbrica, Acapulco de Juárez, Mexico (16.84510, -99.91373)



E Chapel of Peace

A stunning open-air chapel featuring modern architecture, wonderful views and tranquil atmosphere. Well worth the visit.

13 Calle Vientos Cardinales, Acapulco de Juárez, Mexico (16.82281, -99.85587)



F Sinfonía del Mar Plaza

This plaza offers the most stunning views in Acapulco. Come here on sunset, you won't regret it.

150 Avenida Adolfo López Mateos, Acapulco de Juárez 39300, Mexico (16.84322, -99.91722)



G Condesa Beach

One of Acapulco's most loved beaches. Features a friendly crowd, several water sports for you to try and of course, the amazing ocean.

Acapulco de Juárez 39690, Mexico (16.85378, -99.85928)



H Hornos Beach

A fabulous beach loved by the locals. There are trees that provide shade, the water is calm and the atmosphere peaceful.

12-5 Avenida Costera Miguel Alemán, Acapulco de Juárez, Mexico (16.85286, -99.90018)



I Caleta Beaches

Acapulco's traditional beach loved even by Hollywood stars. Calm water, lots of facilities and entertainment for the whole day.

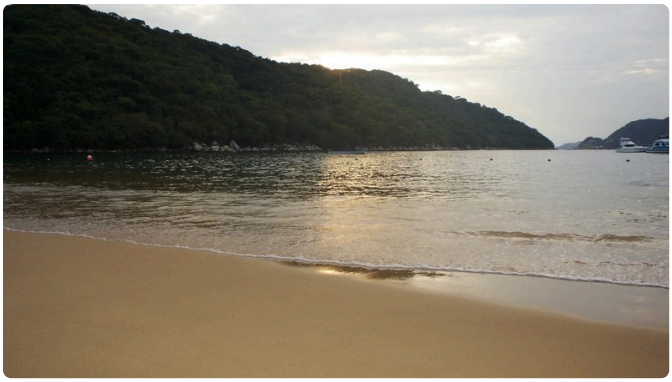
Camino Viejo 4 Caleta, Acapulco de Juárez 39390, Mexico (16.83161, -99.90375)



J Roqueta Island

Just a short boatride away, this picturesque island is the perfect swimming and diving spot and there is a lot to see.

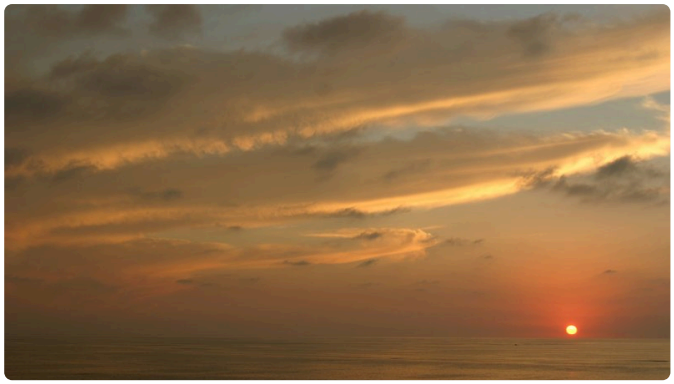
Mexico (16.82200, -99.90902)



K Puerto Marques Bay

A breath-taking bay and the perfect spot for any water activities. The restaurants here are great, too.

Mexico (16.80101, -99.83918)



L Pie de la Cuesta

Pie de la Cuesta is a small beach resort town in the Mexican state of Guerrero, approximately 5 miles north-west of Acapulco, and it is the...

39407, Mexico (16.90422, -99.96692)



M Revolcadero Beach

A facilitated beach that doesn't get very crowded. The waves can get rough here, so be careful.

Mexico (16.78780, -99.81537)



N La Angosta Beach

A quiet and secluded beach. Often, nobody is around and you can enjoy the amazing sunsets that can be seen here.

89 Avenida Adolfo López Mateos, Acapulco de Juárez 39300, Mexico (16.84202, -99.91457)



Tlacopanocha Beach

A smaller beach favoured by the locals. Fishing boats gather here and make for interesting scenery.

402 Avenida Costera Miguel Alemán, Acapulco de Juárez 39390, Mexico (16.84530, -99.90782)

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