

Puebla

Mexico

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Puebla is a large colonial city between Mexico City and the Gulf coast, in view of the Popocatépetl volcano. It is known for baroque churches, tile-covered buildings, Talavera pottery and for dishes such as mole poblano. The historic centre is a World Heritage Site.

It suits a two to three night stay, or a long day trip from Mexico City. The centre is compact and walkable, with museums, markets and many restaurants.

When to visit

The city is at about 2,100 m. Spring and autumn are mild. Summer brings afternoon rain, and winter nights are cool.

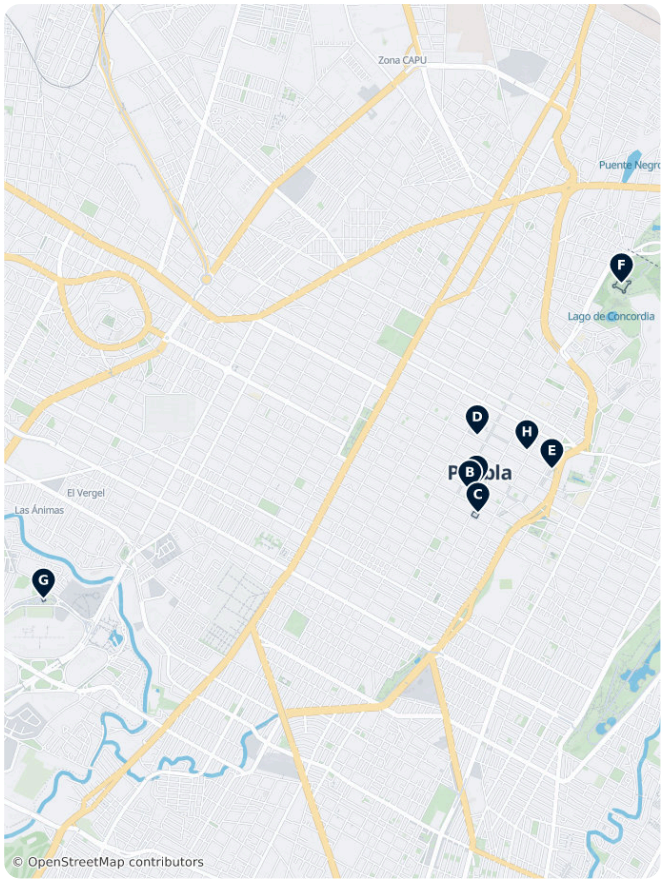
Chiles en nogada are served in August and September, which is a good reason to visit. The Battle of Puebla on 5 May is a local holiday with parades.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 26° Feels like 19°	7° / 4°	22 sunny days · Dry air · Calm winds
February	Great Great for sightseeing	25° / 28° Feels like 21°	8° / 4°	22 sunny days · Dry air · Calm winds · UV 10 (Very high)
March	Great Great for sightseeing	27° / 30° Feels like 24°	10° / 6°	24 sunny days · Dry air · Calm winds · UV 12 (Extreme)
April	Great Great for sightseeing	29° / 32°	12° / 9°	Dry air · Calm winds · UV 12 (Extreme)
May	Good Good for sightseeing	28° / 33°	13° / 10°	17 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds · UV 11 (Extreme)
June	Fair Fair for sightseeing	26° / 31°	13° / 10°	24 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds · UV 10 (Very high)
July	Fair Fair for sightseeing	24° / 28°	12° / 9°	25 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds · UV 11 (Extreme)
August	Fair Fair for sightseeing	24° / 27°	12° / 10°	26 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds · UV 11 (Extreme)
September	Fair Fair for sightseeing	23° / 25°	12° / 9°	26 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high)
October	Good Good for sightseeing	23° / 26°	10° / 5°	17 rainy days · Dry air · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high)
November	Great Great for sightseeing	23° / 26°	9° / 4°	20 sunny days · Dry air · Calm winds · UV 8 (Very high)
December	Great Great for sightseeing	22° / 25°	8° / 4°	24 sunny days · Dry air · Calm winds

Best months: January, February, March, April, November, December

Climate data: NASA POWER (MERRA-2) · 1996–2025

Top sights



- A Catedral Basílica de Puebla is a huge cathedral from the 16th and 17th centuries with the tallest towers in Mexico.
- B Biblioteca Palafoxiana is the oldest library in the Americas, with thousands of old books in carved wood shelves.
- C Museo Amparo shows pre-Hispanic and modern Mexican art in a restored colonial building.
- D Capilla del Rosario is a chapel inside the Santo Domingo church. Its gold-covered walls are the best baroque interior in the city.
- E El Barrio del Artista is a small district where artists work and sell paintings and crafts.
- F Fuerte de Loreto is a hilltop fort where Mexican troops defeated a French army in 1862. It has a museum and city views.
- G La Estrella de Puebla is a large Ferris wheel with views over the city and the volcanoes.
- H Templo de San Cristóbal is a small church on the Paseo de San Francisco, near the artists' district.

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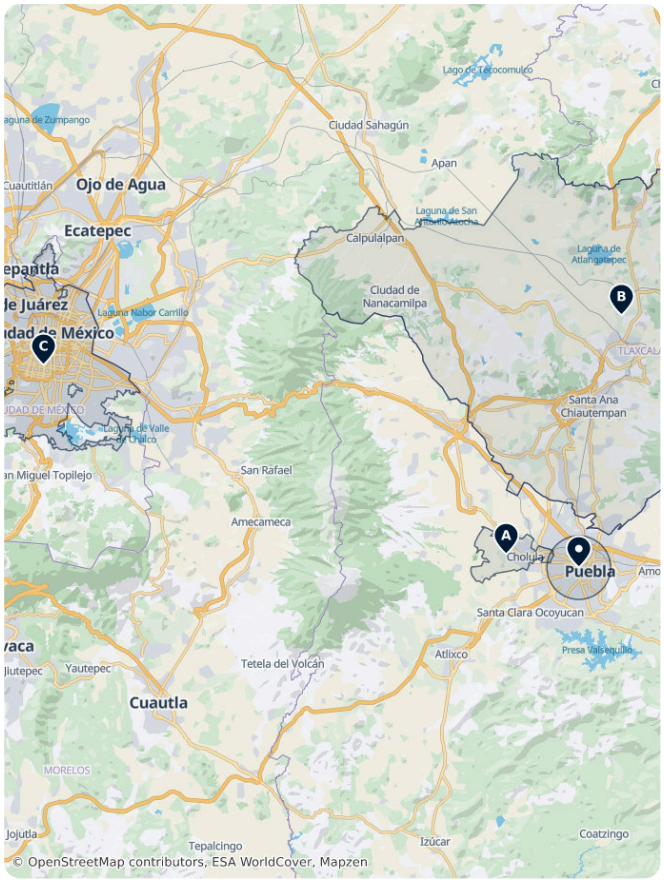
What to experience

- Watch a Talavera pottery workshop and buy tiles or plates.
- Try a candy tasting on Calle de los Dulces, a street of sweet shops.
- Ride the Ferris wheel in the evening for views of the volcanoes.
- Join a cooking class that teaches mole poblano.

Day trips

- A Cholula: about 20 minutes by car or bus. A pyramid with a church on top and a view of the volcanoes.
- Atlixco: about 45 minutes by car. A flower town at the foot of a mountain.
- B Tlaxcala: about 40 minutes by car. A small city with colourful frescoes and a historic centre.
- C Mexico City: about 2 hours by bus. Mexico's capital.



Where to explore

- Cholula for the largest pyramid base in the world.
- Tlaxcala for a smaller historic city nearby.
- Mexico City for Mexico's capital.

Getting there

- **By air**: Puebla has a small airport (PBC) with limited flights. Most visitors fly to Mexico City and take a direct ADO bus from the airport to Puebla, about 2 hours.
- **By bus**: The main bus station (CAPU) is northwest of the centre. Coaches run to Mexico City, Oaxaca (about 4.5 hours) and Veracruz.

Getting around

- **On foot**: The historic centre is flat and compact. Most sights are within a 20-minute walk.
- **Taxi**: Taxis are cheap. Agree the fare first.
- **Local buses**: City buses serve outer areas. A tourist bus or the tram-style tour train goes around the centre.

Getting around on foot & by bike

WALKABILITY

High

The historic centre is flat, compact and easy to walk.

CYCLING INFRASTRUCTURE

Low

Traffic makes cycling less practical outside the centre.

Food & drink

Puebla is known for mole poblano, chiles en nogada (served in August and September), cemitas (sesame rolls with meat and cheese) and tacos árabes. Sweets include camote (sweet potato candy).

Look for small family restaurants in the streets around the Zócalo and Calle 6 Oriente. Several markets near the centre sell cemitas and tacos at low prices.

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

The historic centre is generally safe and well policed. Take usual care with bags and phones at night.

- The city is at 2,100 m. Drink water and take it easy on the first day.
- Popocatépetl is an active volcano. Ash can fall in the city. Follow local news if you plan hikes nearby.
- Drink purified or bottled water.

History

The Spanish founded Puebla in 1531 as a Spanish city on the road to Mexico City. It grew rich on pottery, textiles and the church.

On 5 May 1862 Mexican troops beat a French army at Fuerte de Loreto. The date is still celebrated across Mexico and the US as Cinco de Mayo.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Mexico at a glance:

CURRENCY
MXN $

EMERGENCY
911

ELECTRICITY



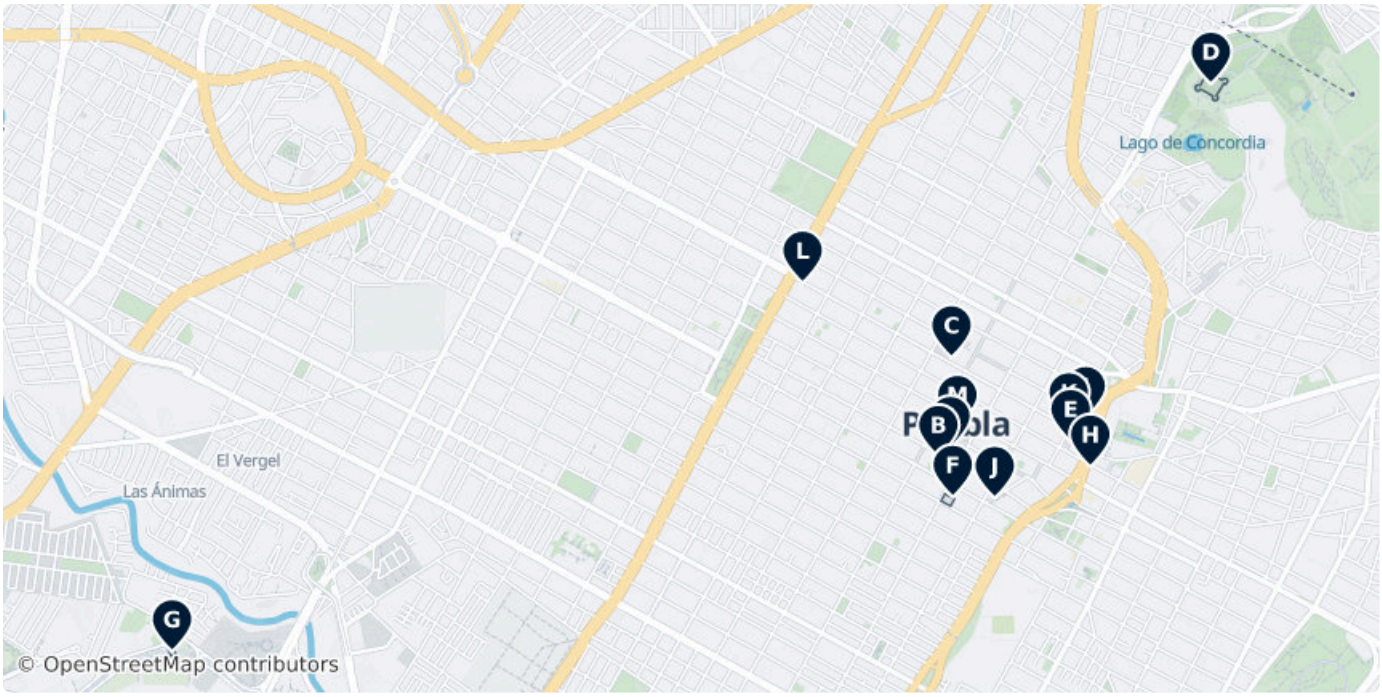
Type A / Type B
127 V · 60 Hz

LANGUAGES
Spanish

TAP WATER
Not safe to drink

Puebla City Essentials

Puebla City's historic center is defined by its Spanish colonial layout and the vibrant colors of Talavera tiles. This collection features the 16th-century Cathedral with Mexico's tallest bell towers and the Biblioteca Palafoxiana, the first public library in the Americas. Explore the 18th-century Rosary Chapel's gold-leaf interior, the defensive Fort Loreto from the Battle of Puebla, and the hidden colonial tunnels of Puente de Bubas. Traditional markets like El Parián and the Artist Quarter showcase the city's enduring craft heritage and regional Baroque architecture.





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B Palafoxiana Library

The Biblioteca Palafoxiana is a library in Puebla City's historic centre, in the Mexican state of Puebla.

3 Avenida 5 Ote, Heróica Puebla de Zaragoza 72000, Mexico (19.04244, -98.19892)

+52 222 246 3186



C Rosary Chapel

This chapel of Santo Domingo church is a must-see of Puebla. Its decorated interior is striking and splendid.

101-E Avenida 4 P, Heróica Puebla de Zaragoza 72080, Mexico (19.04654, -98.19834)



D Fort Loreto

This fort played an important role during the Puebla Battle in 1862. It offers magnificent views of the countryside.

(Unnamed Road), Heróica Puebla de Zaragoza 72260, Mexico (19.05780, -98.18704)

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E El Parián Market

A lively market takes place on this cobblestoned street. Local artisans sell their original products for fair prices here.

14 Calle 6 N, Heróica Puebla de Zaragoza 72000, Mexico (19.04310, -98.19316)



F Amparo Museum

The Museo Amparo, located in the historic center of Puebla City, is one of the most important historical museums in Mexico.

2 Sur 708, 72000 Puebla, Mexico (19.04080, -98.19829)

Mo–Su	10:00–18:00

museoamparo.com/en/, +52 222 229 3850



G La Estrella de Puebla

An 80-meter-high transportable observation wheel located in the Angelópolis district. It features 54 gondolas providing panoramic views of the city skyline and the surrounding Popocatépetl and Iztaccíhuatl volcanoes.

Calle Osa Mayor, Heróica Puebla de Zaragoza 72193, Mexico (19.03444, -98.23231)



H Los Secretos de Puebla - Puenta de Bubas

An 18th-century stone bridge rediscovered during urban excavations. It forms part of an underground tunnel network and museum detailing the city's ancient colonial water systems and the history of the nearby San Roque hospital.

1004 Avenida 2 Ote, Heróica Puebla de Zaragoza 72377, Mexico (19.04204, -98.19230)



I Artist Quarter

Take a walk in this small neighbourhood and admire the works of artists displayed on every corner. The atmosphere here is lively.

22 Calle 8 N, Heróica Puebla de Zaragoza 72080, Mexico (19.04405, -98.19250)

barriodelartista.org, +52 222 242 4029



J Alley of Frogs

Despite its strange name, this street is worth visiting for markets taking place here. Go buy hadicrafts and antiquities.

1 Calle 6 S, Heróica Puebla de Zaragoza 72000, Mexico (19.04075, -98.19647)



K Casa de Alfeñique

Seated in a beautiful building, this museum was founded in 1926 as the first regional museum in the area. It presents the history of Puebla.

6 sur y 4 oriente, No. 416, 72000 Puebla, Mexico (19.04379, -98.19324)

+52 222 232 0458



L Uriarte Talavera

Uriarte Talavera is a traditional Talavera enterprise in the city of Puebla, Mexico, which has been in existence since 1824.

Av 4 Poniente 911, 72090 Puebla, Mexico (19.04961, -98.20483)

uriartetalavera.com.mx, +52 222 232 1598



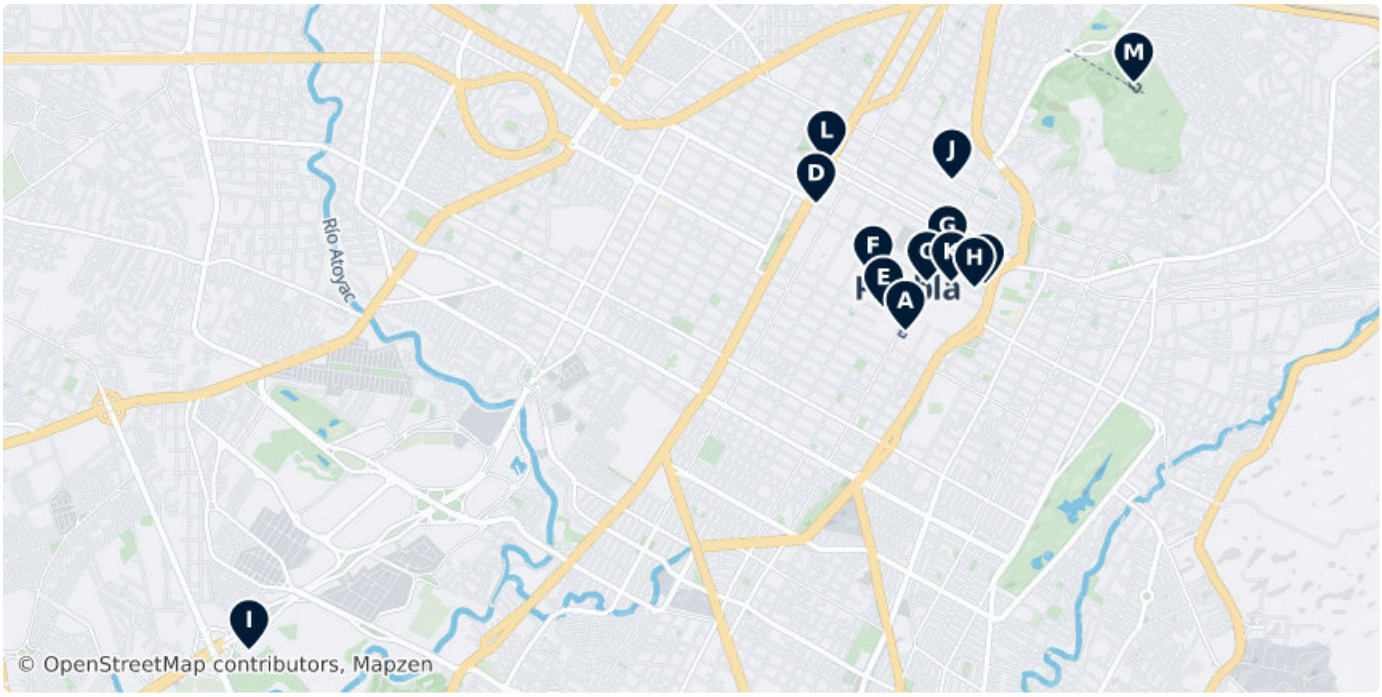
M Plaza de la Constitución

The city's central square, also known as the Zócalo, dates back to 1531. It is surrounded by historic portals, the municipal palace, and the Cathedral, featuring the 18th-century fountain of San Miguel at its center.

Avenida Don Juan de Palafox y Mendoza, Centro Histórico de Puebla, 72000 Puebla, PUE, Mexico (19.04368, -98.19809)

Art & Museums in Puebla

Puebla's cultural landscape spans centuries, from the pre-Hispanic and colonial collections at the Amparo Museum to the 16th-century frescoes within the Casa del Deán. The city's history is preserved in the former home of the Serdán brothers, where the Mexican Revolution began, and the 19th-century Uriarte Talavera workshop. Modern additions include the International Museum of the Baroque, designed by Toyo Ito, and the National Museum of Mexican Railways, which showcases vintage locomotives in a historic station.





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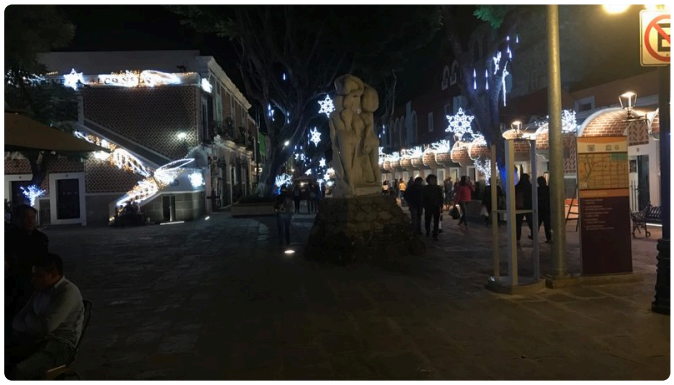

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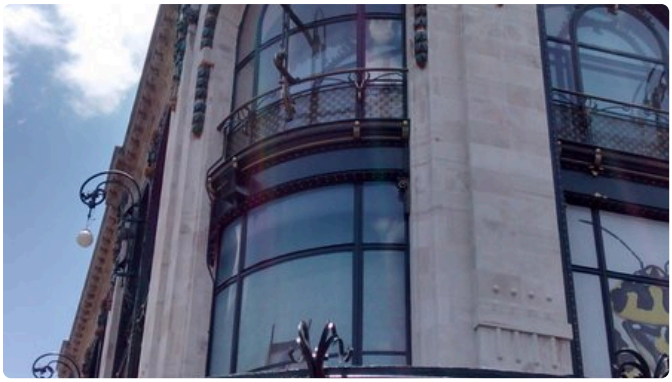

C Capilla del Arte

A contemporary art gallery and cultural center managed by the University of the Americas Puebla (UDLAP), housed in a restored early 20th-century department store building featuring Art Nouveau architecture.

Calle 2 Norte 6, 72000 Puebla (19.04419, -98.19673)

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E Casa del Deán

Built in the 16th century, this mansion has amazingly painted and frescoed walls. Actually, it is one of the oldest houses in the city.

504 Calle 16 de Septiembre, Heróica Puebla de Zaragoza 72080, Mexico (19.04241, -98.19989)



F Museum of José Luis Bello y González

A must-see museum for art lovers and connoisseurs. There are many significant Mexican and foreign artworks on display.

3 Poniente 302, 72000 Puebla, Mexico (19.04459, -98.20066)

+52 222 232 9475



G Museo de la Revolución Mexicana, Casa de los Hermanos Serdán

The former home of the Serdán family and the site where the first shots of the 1910 Mexican Revolution were fired. The building still displays original bullet holes and contains historical artifacts and period furniture.

Avenida 6 Oriente 206, 72000 Puebla (19.04597, -98.19521)

Mo–Su 10:00–17:00



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I Museo del Barroco

Designed by Pritzker Prize-winning architect Toyo Ito, this contemporary museum explores the Baroque period through interactive digital installations, sculpture, and painting housed within a striking white concrete structure.

(19.01871, -98.24636)

J Secret Convent of Santa Monica

The former monastery now serves as a museum of religious art. Many masterpieces are on display here.

101 Avenida 18 P, Heróica Puebla de Zaragoza 72000, Mexico (19.05127, -98.19489)

santamonicapuebla.wix.com/inicio, +52 222 232 0178

K San Pedro Museum of Art

Covering a thousand square meters, this museum displays various kinds of art from different eras of mankind.

4 Norte 203, 72000 Puebla, Mexico (19.04418, -98.19495)

+52 222 246 0431

L Railway Museum

Explore the history of Mexican railways in this interesting museum. You can see trains and their components, photos and documents here.

Calle 11 Norte, 72000 Puebla, Mexico (19.05258, -98.20406)

museoferrocarrilesmexicanos.gob.mx, +52 222 774 0105

Imagine Interactive Museum

Nobody will get bored in this museum. You can visit various interactive exhibitions about nature, technology and a lot more.

Avenida Cazadores de Morelia, Heróica Puebla de Zaragoza 72260, Mexico (19.05797, -98.18156)

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Historic Churches of Puebla

Puebla's historic center is home to some of Mexico's most significant religious landmarks. The Cathedral of Puebla features the tallest bell towers in the country, while the Church of Santo Domingo houses the gold-leafed Rosary Chapel, often cited as a masterpiece of Mexican Baroque art. The 16th-century Church of San Francisco preserves the remains of Blessed Sebastián de Aparicio, and the Jesuit Church of La Compañía stands as a testament to colonial craftsmanship. Together, these sites showcase the intricate tilework and spiritual heritage central to the city's identity.





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B Church of Santo Domingo

The Convent Church of Santo Domingo de Guzmán is a Roman Catholic church within the jurisdiction of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of...

148 Avenida 4 P, Heróica Puebla de Zaragoza 72080, Mexico (19.04662, -98.19814)

+52 222 242 3643



C Church of San Cristóbal, Puebla

Church of San Cristóbal is a church in the city of Puebla's historic centre, in the Mexican state of Puebla.

240 Avenida 6 Ote, Heróica Puebla de Zaragoza 72080, Mexico (19.04545, -98.19450)



D Church of La Compañía, Puebla

The Church of La Compañía is a church in the city of Puebla's historic centre, in the Mexican state of Puebla.

403 Avenida Don Juan de Palafox y Mendoza, Heróica Puebla de Zaragoza 72000, Mexico (19.04257, -98.19539)

E Church of San Francisco

Dating back to the 16th century, this church belongs to the oldest in Puebla. The remains of Sebastián de Aparicio, a holy man, lie here.

Heroes 5 de Mayo y 14 Oriente, 72290 Puebla, Mexico (19.04474, -98.18952)

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