

Puerto Escondido

Oaxaca · Mexico

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Puerto Escondido is a laid-back coastal town on the Pacific coast of Oaxaca. It is famous for Zicatela, one of the best surf waves in the world, and has quieter beaches for swimming. The town mixes fishermen, surfers and travellers.

It suits two to four nights. Visitors come to surf, swim, relax and visit lagoons and small beach villages nearby.

When to visit

November to April is dry and sunny. The biggest waves arrive from about May to August. Summer is hot and humid, with rain and some storms. Hurricane season runs from about June to November.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Great Great for the beach	30° / 32°	21° / 20°	28 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high)
February	Great Great for the beach	30° / 32°	21° / 20°	27 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · Calm winds · UV 11 (Extreme)
March	Great Great for the beach	31° / 33°	22° / 20°	30 sunny days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 12 (Extreme)
April	Great Great for watersports	31° / 33° Feels like 35°	23° / 21°	28 sunny days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 12 (Extreme)
May	Good Good for watersports	31° / 33° Feels like 35°	24° / 22°	Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 11 (Extreme)
June	Poor Poor for wildlife watching	29° / 31° Feels like 33°	24° / 22°	27 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 10 (Very high)
July	Poor Poor for wildlife watching	29° / 31° Feels like 34°	24° / 22°	26 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 11 (Extreme)
August	Poor Poor for wildlife watching	29° / 31° Feels like 34°	24° / 22°	28 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 11 (Extreme)
September	Poor Poor for wildlife watching	28° / 30° Feels like 33°	23° / 22°	28 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 10 (Very high)
October	Fair Fair for wildlife watching	28° / 30° Feels like 33°	23° / 22°	22 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high)
November	Great Great for watersports	29° / 31° Feels like 33°	23° / 21°	26 sunny days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high)
December	Great Great for the beach	29° / 32° Feels like 33°	22° / 20°	27 sunny days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 8 (Very high)

Best months: January, February

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

Top sights

- Zicatela is a long surf beach with powerful waves, for experts. Swimmers should stay away.
- Playa Carrizalillo is a small, sheltered cove, with calm water and good swimming.
- Playa Puerto Angelito is a sheltered bay for swimming and snorkelling.
- Playa Marinero is a beach with a mix of surfers and swimmers.
- Boat trips go to see turtles, dolphins and whales, and to Chacahua Lagoons.

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Getting there

- **By air**: Puerto Escondido has a small airport (PXM) with flights from Mexico City and Oaxaca.
- **By bus**: Coaches run from Oaxaca City (about 10 hours by road, or less by small van) and from Huatulco and Acapulco. The mountain road from Oaxaca is winding.
- **By road**: Highway 200 follows the coast. Check road conditions after heavy rain.

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

DATA SOURCES

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