

Sayulita

Nayarit · Mexico

TRAVEL GUIDE

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Overview

Sayulita is a small beach town on the Nayarit coast, about 40 minutes north of Puerto Vallarta. It has cobbled streets, colourful shops, cafes and a surfing beach. The mood is relaxed, and it draws surfers, couples and many foreign visitors.

It suits two to four nights, for surf, beach time and a quiet base. Nearby beaches and hiking trails offer more space.

When to visit

November to May is dry and warm, and surf is best from about October to March for beginners. Summer is hot and humid, with rain and some hurricane risk from about June to November. Whales visit nearby waters from December to March.

MONTH	CONDITIONS	DAY °C avg / max	NIGHT °C avg / min	
January	Great Great for watersports	26° / 28°	21° / 18°	21 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · Calm winds
February	Great Great for watersports	26° / 28°	21° / 18°	22 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · Calm winds · UV 8 (Very high)
March	Great Great for the beach	26° / 28°	21° / 18°	28 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · Calm winds · UV 10 (Very high)
April	Great Great for the beach	28° / 29°	22° / 20°	26 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · Calm winds · UV 11 (Extreme)
May	Great Great for the beach	29° / 31°	24° / 21°	26 sunny days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 11 (Extreme)
June	Good Good for watersports	30° / 32° Feels like 34°	25° / 24°	Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 10 (Very high)
July	Fair Fair for watersports	30° / 32° Feels like 35°	26° / 24°	22 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 11 (Extreme)
August	Poor Poor for watersports	30° / 31° Feels like 35°	26° / 24°	25 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 10 (Very high)
September	Poor Poor for watersports	29° / 31° Feels like 34°	26° / 24°	26 rainy days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 9 (Very high)
October	Good Good for watersports	30° / 31° Feels like 34°	25° / 23°	Oppressive humidity · Calm winds · UV 8 (Very high)
November	Great Great for watersports	29° / 31° Feels like 32°	24° / 21°	23 sunny days · Oppressive humidity · Calm winds
December	Great Great for the beach	27° / 29°	22° / 19°	21 sunny days · Muggy, humid air · Calm winds

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

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

Top sights

- Playa Sayulita is the main beach at the village, with gentle waves for learners.
- Playa de los Muertos is a small beach and cemetery area, reached on foot from the village.
- Playa Escondida is a quieter beach, reached on a short trail.
- Boat trips go to the Islas Marietas, with a hidden beach, subject to local access rules.
- The village square and its streets offer craft shops, cafes and galleries.

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Getting there

- **By air**: Puerto Vallarta International Airport (PVR) is about 45 minutes south. Taxis and shuttles run to the village.
- **By bus**: Local buses run along the highway from Puerto Vallarta to the turn-off for Sayulita.
- **By road**: Highway 200 north of Puerto Vallarta leads to a short road to the village.

Country facts

Quick practical facts for Mexico at a glance:

CURRENCY
MXN $

EMERGENCY
911

ELECTRICITY



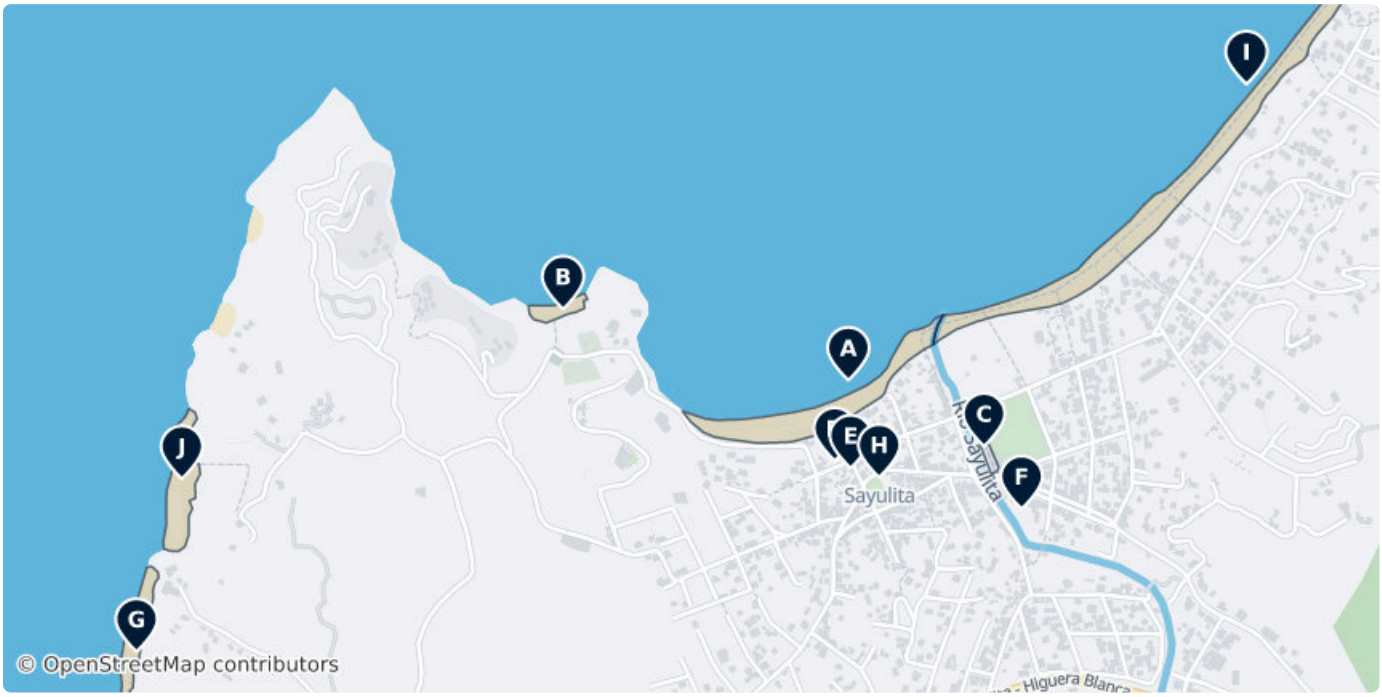
Type A / Type B
127 V · 60 Hz

LANGUAGES
Spanish

TAP WATER
Not safe to drink

Sayulita Essentials

Sayulita's landscape ranges from the central surf breaks of Playa Sayulita to the secluded, jungle-fringed shores of Playa Carricitos and Playa Escondida. Cultural landmarks include the Santuario de la Iguana and the Hippie Market, showcasing local wildlife and traditional Huichol craftsmanship. The town's social hub centers on the main plaza, home to long-standing establishments like Choco Banana, while seasonal markets like Mercado del Pueblo highlight regional organic produce and artisanal goods.



A Playa Sayulita

The town's primary beach and main surfing hub, characterized by consistent breaks and a central location near the main plaza.

(20.87100, -105.44129)

B Playa los Muertos

A sheltered cove accessible via a colorful cemetery, offering calmer waters suitable for swimming compared to the main surf beach.

Mexico (20.87226, -105.44672)

C Hippie Market

An open-air market featuring handmade jewelry, traditional textiles, and intricate Huichol beadwork created by local artisans.

(20.86982, -105.43872)

D Santuario de la Iguana

A community-run conservation area dedicated to the protection and breeding of green iguanas within their natural habitat.

(20.86957, -105.44155)

E Evoke The Spirit

A gallery and boutique featuring contemporary Huichol yarn paintings, hand-painted ceramic skulls, and locally crafted home textiles.

(20.86943, -105.44125)

F Mercado del Pueblo

A seasonal Friday market focusing on organic produce, natural beauty products, and artisanal foods from local farmers and producers.

(20.86871, -105.43800)

G Playa Escondida

A secluded beach south of the main town, reached through a jungle trail, offering a quiet environment away from the central crowds.

(20.86617, -105.45483)

H Choco Banana

A long-standing cafe on the main square known for its signature frozen chocolate-dipped bananas and traditional breakfast menu.

(20.86927, -105.44071)

I Playa Sayulita Norte (North Beach)

The northern extension of the main beach, providing a wider expanse of sand and fewer crowds than the central area.

(20.87625, -105.43373)

J Playa Carricitos

A remote, west-facing beach reached by a hike through the forest, known for its powerful surf and sunset views.

Mexico (20.86924, -105.45397)

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