

Alliance for Integrity's Global Integrity Week

Welcome to Mexico! The purpose of this document is to provide relevant and practical information to the participants of the global event of the Alliance for Integrity's Global Integrity Week, which may be useful during their stay in Mexico City, Mexico. Following the recommendations will ensure that your visit has a successful result. Important information is divided into the following sections.



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A. ABOUT MEXICO

Mexico is the second largest country in Latin America and represents approximately 5.5 times the size of Germany. It has a population of more than 126 million inhabitants. The main city is Mexico City (CDMX), which, together with the metropolitan area, has a population of more than 20 million inhabitants. The time zone of Mexico City is UTC -6: Mountain Time Zone or Pacific Zone.

B. VISITOR VISA

Nationals of the following countries or regions must obtain a visa to travel to Mexico. For recreational purposes, business or any unpaid activity in Mexico that does not exceed 180 days, you must apply to a Mexican consulate for a visitor's visa without permission to perform paid activities.

A	Afganistan, Albania, Angola, Antigua y Barbuda, Saudi Arabia, Argelia, Armenia, Azerbaijan
B	Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Benin, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brunei, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Bhutan
C	Cape Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Chad, China, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, North Korea, Ivory Coast, Cuba, Central African Republic
D	Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic
E	Egipt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Equatorial Guinea
F	Russian Federation, Fiji Islands, Philippines
G	Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana
H	Haiti, Honduras
I	India, Indonesia, Iraq, Iran
J	Jordan
K	Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Kiribati, Kuwait
L	Laos, Lesotho, Lebanon, Liberia, Libya
M	Macedonia, Madagascar, Malawi, Maldives, Mali, Morocco, Mauritius, Mauritania, Myanmar, Moldova, Mongolia, Montenegro, Mozambique
N	Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria
O	Oman
P	Pakistan, Palestine, Papua New Guinea
Q	Qatar
R	Ruanda
S	Solomon Islands, St. Kitts & Nevis, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saint Lucia, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles Islands, Sierra Leone, Syria, Somalia, Sri Lanka, South Africa, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sahrawi Arab Democratic Republic
T	Thailand, Taiwan, Tanzania, Tajikistan, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Turkey, Tuvalu
U	Ukraine, Uganda, Uzbekistan
V	Vanuatu, Vietnam, Vatican City
W	Western Samoa
Y	Yemen
Z	Zambia, Zimbabwe

The foreigners from the aforementioned countries who submit any of the following documents will not require a Mexican visa:

- a. Document accrediting permanent residence in Canada, the United States of America, Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, any of the countries that make up the Schengen Area, as well as in the member countries of the Pacific Alliance (Chile, Colombia and Peru). Valid Visa of Canada, the United States of America, Japan, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland or any of the countries that make up the Schengen Area.
- b. Traveller card of business of APEC (ABTC) that is approved by Mexico.
- c. Certificate stating you are a member of the crew of the aircraft in that above.
Sea notebook, if you are a member of the crew of the vessel that arrives at the Mexican port on an international voyage. If the crew member arrives via the area to enlist on a ship in the national port, he must also present the ship's book and the Mexican port in which it is located.

C. ENTRY TO MEXICO

Upon arrival at the International Airport of Mexico City, the passport must be shown, which must have at least 6 months of validity. You will receive an immigration form, which you must complete and keep for returning it upon your departure. At the time of your entry or departure, you must not pay any airport taxes. To take a taxi at the airport, refer to the places you can find when getting off the plane, do not take taxis from the street. Make sure you have complete information on the address you are going to (Street, number, neighborhood, delegation and zip code, e.g. the Alliance for Integrity office is on Avenida Paseo de la Reforma 373, Col. Juárez, Del. Cuauhtémoc, 06500, CDMX, Mexico).

For a pleasant and safe trip, you can check the route in *googlemaps*. Have the information of your host at hand in case you require any questions or information on your arrival.



D. MONEY



The official currency is the Mexican Peso (MXN) that has the symbol \$ (1 EUR = 22.0979 MXN, 10.01.19); you can check the current exchange rate on the [Bank of Mexico](#). Cash in Mexican pesos can be obtained directly from ATMs. Keep in mind that the most dangerous places in large cities are the ATMs on the streets; it is advisable to use ATMs inside shopping centers or buildings. In case you lose your card, give an immediate notice to the bank

in order to block it; it is advisable to have this number saved in your cell phone. Avoid changing more than 200 EUR at the airport, you can draw attention. Credit card payments are accepted at most stores and shopping centers in cities.

E. TELEPHONE

For calls from a mobile phone or fixed telephone in Mexico, see the following example:

National Dial-Up form:		Example
from a mobile to a mobile within the city	dial the 10 digits of the mobile	55.1238.4424
from a mobile to a mobile outside the city	dial the 10 digits of the mobile	55.1238.4424
from a mobile to a landline phone outside the city	dial the 10 digits	55.5536.2344
from a landline phone to a mobile within the city	dial 044 plus 10 digits	044.55.1238.4424
From a landline phone to a mobile outside the city	dial 045 plus 10 digits	044.55.1238.4424
from a landline phone to another landline phone in the city	dial 8 digits	5536.2344
from a landline phone to a landline phone outside the city	dial 01 plus 10 digits	01.55.5536.2344
International Dial-Up form:		Example
from a mobile to an international number	dial 00 plus the country code plus 10 digits	00.49.6196.797978
from an international mobile to a national mobile	dial 00 plus the country code plus 1 plus 10 digits	00.52.1.55.1238.4424
from a landline phone to an international mobile	dial 00 plus the country code plus 10 digits	00.49.6196.797978
from an international landline phone to a national mobile	dial 00 plus the country code plus 1 plus 10 digits	00.52.1.55.1238.4424

You can get local SIM cards in customer service centres at AT&T, Movistar and Telcel (leader in signal). (Don't forget to bring your passport).

F. WEATHER

The month of April is spring in Mexico, which tends to be the warmest and driest station, where temperatures can reach up to 30° C in the afternoon. However, April is the transition to the rainy season, so it is good to be prepared with an umbrella. The temperatures that are predicted for the days in which the event will take place are the following:

DO. 31/03	LU. 01/04	MA. 02/04	MI. 03/04	JU. 04/04	VI. 05/04	SÁ. 06/04
						
28° /12°	28° /13°	28° /12°	26° /12°	26° /11°	26° /11°	26° /11°
Algunos chubascos en la tarde	Unos pocos chubascos	Algunos chubascos más tarde	Algunos chubascos	Algunos chubascos en la tarde	Nublado, chubascos más tarde	Algunos chubascos
Media histórica 24°/9°	Media histórica 24°/9°	Media histórica 24°/9°	Media histórica 24°/9°	Media histórica 24°/9°	Media histórica 24°/9°	Media histórica 24°/9°

Source: AccuWeather

G. ELECTRICITY

The voltage is 110V, 60Hz. The plugs are type A and B. If an adapter is necessary, they can be found in many electrical stores, hardware stores or department stores. The variations and cuts of light occur frequently.



H. ACCOMMODATION

Alliance for Integrity has a signed contract with the NH Collection Mexico City Reforma Hotel. This hotel has provided a discount code so that attendees can validate it at the time of making their reservation. The details of the hotel are:



Hotel NH Collection Mexico City Reforma

Address: Liverpool 155, Juárez, 06600 Ciudad de México, México.
6 km away from the place where the Global Conference will be held (25 min. in car).
Web page: www.nh-hotels.com.mx/

Group name: GIZ/JS

Key or reference number: 65409669

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Price

Group rate in superior room single or double occupancy (without food):

1,790.00 MXN (80.00 USD)

General Terms and Conditions

- Each attendee is responsible for making their own reservation.
- Prices per room per night
- Rate quoted in local currency
- Please add 16% of IVA and 3% ISH
- The discount is made for the days of April 1 to 4, with 2 days of flexibility before and after those dates. That is, from March 30 to April 6, 2019.
- The discount offered is subject to availability
- The deadline to do make a reservation with the discount code is: **20/03/2019**

Reservation

Reservations can be made by phone or by email.

- Phone for calls from any other state excluding Mexico City and the Metropolitan Area: 55 30 98 76 46
- Phone for local calls (metropolitan area): 30 98 76 46
- Phone for international calls: 01 800 903 33 00
- Email: reservas.ame@nh-hotels.com

Other options:

In case you want to stay in another hotel, it is recommended that attendees stay in the areas of Polanco or Reforma. Some suggestions are (prices per night):

1. Hotel Presidente InterContinental Polanco: 220 USD
2. Hotel Camino Real Polanco: 210 USD
3. City Express Suites Anzures: 190 USD

I. DRESS CODE FOR THE EVENTS

The dress code for the events of Alliance for Integrity's "Global Integrity Week" is **Business Casual**.

J. TRANSPORTATION

***Alliance for Integrity will not offer transportation service at any time. ***

It is recommended that all trips should be done mainly by 3 means (in order of preference): 1) applications for mobile phones such as Uber or Cabify, 2) taxi requested by phone, 3) taxi requested by the hotel. This is for reasons of safety and comfort. All these services cost approximately the same. For example, a taxi, an Uber or a Cabify will charge approximately 400.00 MXN (the equivalent of 20.00 USD) from the airport to the area where the Global Conference will be held.

Applications such as **Uber or Cabify** must be downloaded to the mobile phone and **paid by debit or credit card**. In contrast, **taxis only accept payments in cash**, that is, with bills and coins.



On the other hand, it should be taken into account that in Mexico City the distances are long and there is too much traffic most of the time, so it is important to leave with enough time in advance if you want to arrive on time at the different events.

In general, the following recommendations should be taken into account:

Taxis

Given the danger that it implies, it is not recommended under any circumstances to stop a taxi in the streets of Mexico City. For security reasons it is advisable to use Taxi applications such as Cabify and Uber. Another option is to use the taxi service of the hotel where you are staying or if necessary use the taxis suggested for Mexico City with the following numbers:

- Radiomex: (55) 5264 5812
- Radiotaxi: (55) 5679 1572
- Servitaxi: (55) 5516 6020
- Taximex: (55) 5634 9912

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The taxis requested within the hotels are relatively more expensive. The site taxis use the taximeter, which must be activated by the driver, when boarding. If that is not the case, you should ask then for the cost of the trip that you are requesting and set a price. (For example: Polanco - Santa Fe aprox. \$200.00 MXN).

Metro and Metrobús

The main mean of transport within Mexico City is the Metro and, in some areas, the Metrobús. Both offer the service from 05:00 hours until 23:59 hours (price/Metro ticket \$5.00 MXN, Metrobús \$6.00 MXN). Generally, the first wagon is reserved for women and children. It is recommended to be careful with the theft of your belongings (bags, cell phones or wallets). It is not advisable to use these means of transport late at night, regardless of the area where you are.



The only form of payment to enter the Metrobús System is through the City Card or MB, while to use the Metro you can buy single-use tickets or pay with the card. This card has a cost of \$ 16.00 MXN and includes the first trip; afterwards you can buy more credit for the future trips.

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y MB

¡Cuidalas!



The City Card or MB can be purchased at the vending and card reloading machines, located at all Metro and Metrobus stations. Likewise, they can also be obtained in stores such as 7-Eleven or Circle K. The card is personal and non-transferable. In addition, it is important to consider that the maximum balance on the card is \$ 120.00 M / N, otherwise it will be invalid.



K. TRAVELING TO THE INTERIOR OF MEXICO

Depending on the state of the country you are traveling to and if the trip on the road is longer than 4 hours, it is advisable for your safety to opt for air transportation. All ground trips must be during the day and using only the highways. Non-mandatory trips to the state of Tamaulipas are strongly discouraged, as well as the rural areas of the states of Guerrero, Michoacán, Colima and Jalisco. It is advisable that when you travel to the interior of the country, you always carry your migration permit.

L. VACCINES AND HEALTH

The recommended vaccines for foreign visitors in Mexico are the following:

Mandatory: so far there are no mandatory vaccination requirements to enter Mexico, however, there are diseases that can be serious or cause temporary or permanent disability that can be prevented by vaccination.

Highly recommended: varicella vaccines (two doses), mumps (two doses), hepatitis A, enteric fever (last dose not older than 3 years), tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough (last dose not older than 5 years).

Recommended: seasonal influenza for the northern hemisphere (season in Mexico from November to April), hepatitis b, measles and rubella (complete schemes), meningococcus (only in case of staying in university residences or having close contact with international students), rabies (only if you are staying in a State with reported cases and / or perform a high-risk activity -biology, veterinary, ecological conservation, volunteering, ecotourism-), dengue (only if the scheme -3 doses- is completed and you stay for more 30 days in a region with high risk).

Also, **it is recommended to only drink bottled water**, that is, not from the tap. It is also important to mention that April is a very sunny month, so it is recommended to wear sunscreen, especially if you will spend a lot of time outdoors.

M. EARTHQUAKES AND VOLCANOES

In all of Mexico there is a high risk of earthquakes; in some places the probability of intense earthquakes is higher. If you are inside a building and the earthquake alarm is triggered or an earthquake occurs, follow these actions: stay calm and seek shelter in a safe place (below the desk or in the designated lower risk area) until it passes. Remember, stairs or elevators should not be used, and you should stay away from windows. After the event, please follow the instructions of the security brigade and evacuate the building. Once outside, you need to stay away from trees, poles and power lines and not return until the members of the brigade indicate it; or in serious cases, when the authorities determine it safe. Replications can happen hours and/or days later.

The Popocatepetl volcano has been active since 1994. There is a restricted zone of 12 km around the crater. The codes of conduct and warning levels can be found on the website of the Ministry of the Interior.

The "[National Atlas of Risks](#)" provides an overview of the dangers caused by natural disasters

N. SAFETY AND RISKS

Due to widespread crime and the security situation in several states, the recommended standards of conduct must be followed and, if necessary, additional precautionary measures taken. It is more likely to find high risks in the north of the country and in neighborhoods of low-income areas. Violence is by no means limited to these places, and organized crime activities are also in the Riviera Maya.

The main risks you are exposed to are: theft of people, virtual kidnappings or telephone extortion, cloning of credit cards, abuse and sexual harassment, which has increased in tourist areas.

In the last 10 years the security situation has become more complicated, however, **the risks in Mexico are manageable** and by implementing mitigation measures it is possible to travel and work without problems.

Good practices of personal safety and awareness of the environment helps to reduce the chances of becoming a victim, the main ones will be to **ensure a low profile**, that is, to present yourself similar to the surroundings and to **stay alert** when being outside.

EMERGENCY PHONE NUMBERS	
GIZ Emergency number	(044) 5512384424
GIZ Agency in Mexico	(55) 5536 2344
Emergencies nationwide	911
Locatel CDMX(General Information)	(55) 5658 1111

Security Recommendations for International Visits

It is recommended to have planned in advance the means of land transportation. It is important to be connected and guarantee you can take a call through your mobile phone throughout the day by keeping it charged. If you consider that you are at risk in any area, notify your entries and exits.

Personal Safety

The security profile is the way in which a person conducts and is perceived by others. This can directly or indirectly affect personal safety. The following recommendations act as a guide to increase the security profile and lower the probabilities of becoming affected by the crime:

Similar to the Environment

It is convenient to ask ourselves how our environment perceives us. Looking wealthy or distracted raises the probability of being selected as a target. Criminals select victims based on the benefit they can obtain and the ease of obtaining it. The solution is to use low profile clothing, avoid accessories or expensive electronic equipment. Adapt our alert level depending on the area where you are and provide a low profile in general. It is important to remember that being foreigners and / or employees of an international company can be perceived as high income.

Carrying Objects of Significant Value

If you carry objects of significant value, it is recommended to decrease their exposure in public. Preferably use the phone only in safe places (not in public transport or when walking the streets). We recommend not showing more than 500.00 MXN when paying in public places. In places where you think your profile may be high or isolated, consider keeping a separate amount of money in a separate bag for easy access and use; distribute money and cards in different bags; Always be aware of your valuables (for example, by putting your hands in your pockets).

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Safety in Vehicles

The crime usually seeks vehicles pickups, luxury SUVs or premium cars. It is important to keep doors and windows closed at all times and not to buy from street vendors; be kind and say "no thanks" when they offer to sell you something. Valuable items inside the vehicle (portfolios, suitcases, laptop cases, etc.) raise the probability of an assault. These objects should go in the trunk. It is important to keep in mind the risk areas.

Public transport safety

On the bus, metro and / or metrobus, consider the following: Plan your route in advance (you can use *googlemaps*) and stay alert to identify possible suspects or risk situations (reduce the use of the phone to the maximum). Avoid being alone and preferably only move from locations during the day.

Hotel Security

When arriving at a hotel it is important to verify that: a) the doors, windows, telephone and safe work; b) the door of the room has a peephole (always use it); c) the level of risk of the city you are visiting. We recommend that you consider: if you detect that someone is following you inside the hotel, or you have unexpected visits in the room: communicate as quickly as possible with the hotel staff by calling the reception. If you get a call from someone you do not identify demanding doing something (extortion call), hang up immediately and request a room change.

Alcohol Consumption

The consumption of alcoholic beverages in public (for example, in the street) is forbidden in Mexico and will result in a fine or a jail sentence.

In case of de Theft or Assault

In case of being a victim of a robbery, you should not defend yourself, since the criminals use weapons immediately.

Safety in the city

Being connected is very important. Consider informing co-workers or family members about the time of your departure and return.

Use ATMs in shopping malls or secure perimeters. Do not lose sight of the debit / credit cards and do not throw away the receipts and / or vouchers in order to avoid fraud and cloning. Whenever you arrive at a place, evaluate if it is safe, if you think it may not be safe, try somewhere else. Conversations about money or trips in public can raise the profile. Organized crime has activities on exclusive sites for adults. It is strongly advisable not to go to casinos, sportsbooks and other betting establishments. It is important to have an official ID all the time.

Applications to be safer



There are applications like "APP 911" that allows to communicate an emergency and request help, and "Mi Policia" that allows you to communicate immediately with the policeman who patrols the area with the advantage of having his name. To have more security in general, share a location with your friend or trusted colleague with mobile applications (Find Friends, Companion) or inform them about your movements if you think you could be at risk. "Companion" shares your location only when you open the app and allows you to

send a message with your location if you feel unsafe or if you have a problem.

Keeping in mind all the above allows you to be more secure and make better decisions in situation of risk.

Being alert is the best way to mitigate the risk.



O. ALLIANCE FOR INTEGRITY'S CONTACT DETAILS IN MEXICO CITY

If you have any questions or comments or require additional information, we provide you with the address in Mexico of Alliance for Integrity's office, and the telephone numbers and emails of the team in Mexico City.

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