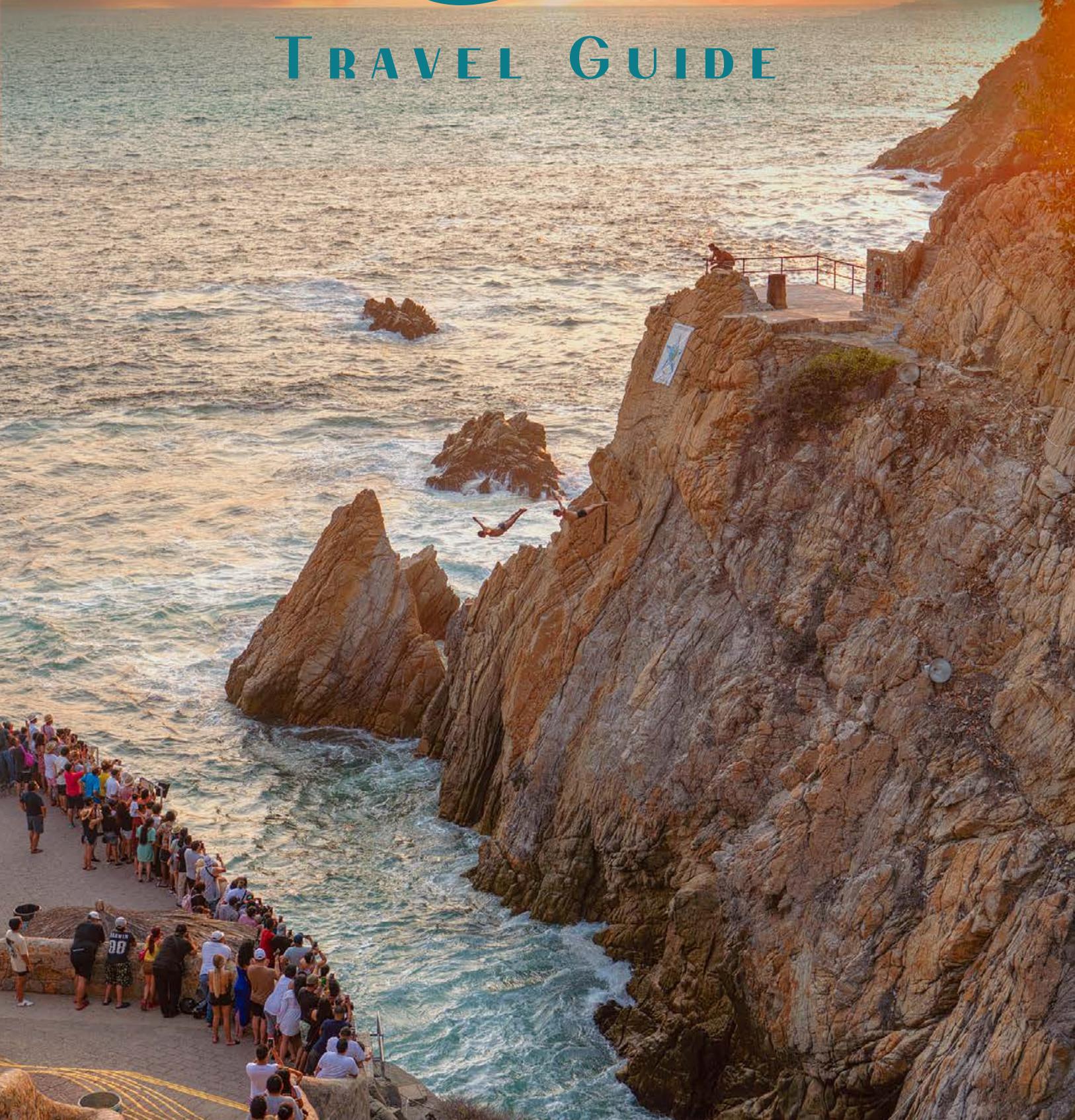


# Acapulco

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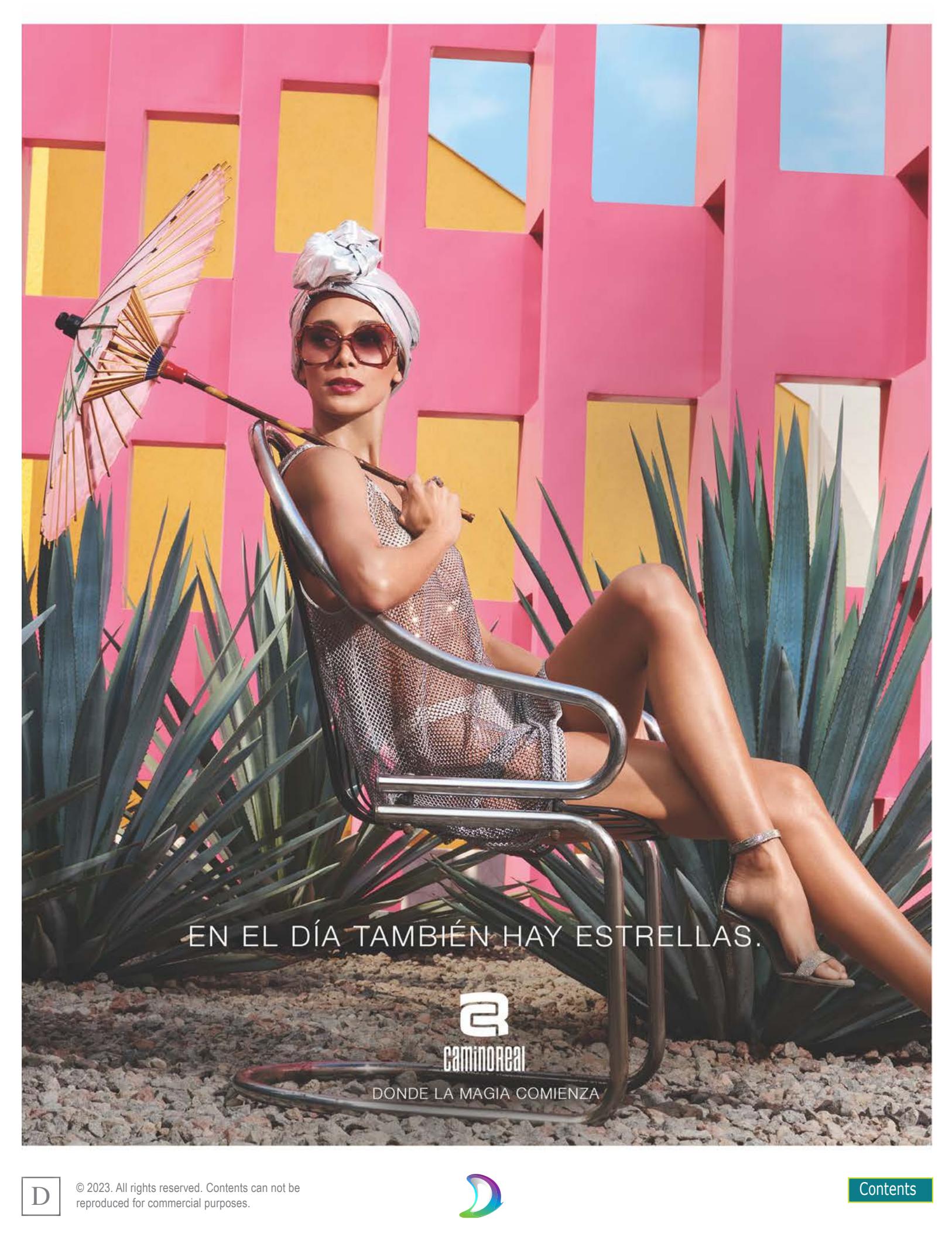
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# How to get to Acapulco



The beautiful destination has an international airport that is located a few minutes from the Diamond Zone and about 20 minutes from the Golden Zone. There are flights from some of the main cities in the country such as Mexico City, Monterrey and Guadalajara, as well as cities in the United States and Canada such as Los Angeles, Chicago, Sacramento, Oakland, Seattle and Toronto.



In addition, Acapulco is connected to Mexico City through a toll highway. The distance is around 324 km and takes approximately four hours by car and five hours by bus.



Finally, you can enjoy this attractive port if you are traveling in one of the many cruise ships

## Weather Forecast

Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dic	Annual
Average temperature (°C)	26.8	27.0	26.9	27.4	28.4	28.5	28.7	28.7	28.2	28.4	28.2	27.5	27.9
Average Maximum Temperature (°C)	30.4	30.5	30.4	30.8	31.8	31.9	32.9	32.3	31.3	31.7	31.5	31.0	31.3
Average Minimum Temperature (°C)	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	24.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	25.0	23.0	22.0	23.0
Average Precipitation (mm)	17	17	19	19	17	19	17	17	17	17	17	16	17

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Current weather conditions





# 10 Top things to do in Acapulco



Enjoy an unforgettable sunset



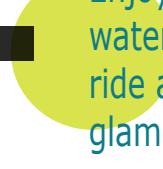
Indulge in mouthwatering gastronomic experience on one of its terraces with incomparable views of the bay



If you are looking for bigger and challenging waves, Pie de la Cuesta will not be disappointed you



Take a trip back in time at Fort San Diego, the most important fortress along the Pacific coast



Enjoy Acapulco's scenic bay from the water with a private sightseeing boat ride and learn about the town's glamorous history





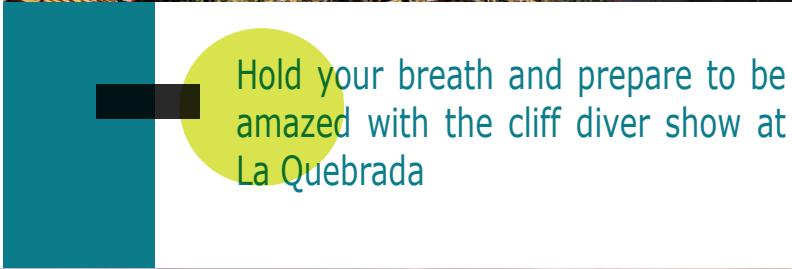
Dance the night away in one of its famous clubs



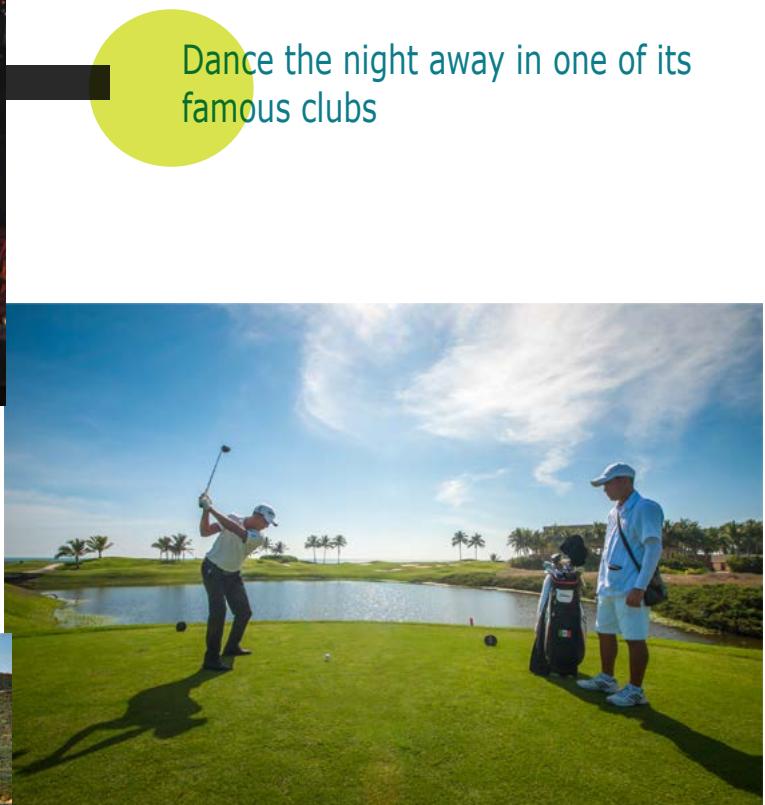
Play golf in some of its wonderful courses



Enjoy breathtaking views and fun circuits in a unique rope park in Acapulco



Hold your breath and prepare to be amazed with the cliff diver show at La Quebrada



Cruise through the mangroves in the Tres Palos Lagoon



Blessed by warm waters and sunshine 365 days a year, gorgeous beaches, unforgettable sunsets, a scenery of unrivaled beauty, and hospitable, friendly people, Acapulco offers a casual, relaxed atmosphere. It has one of the most stunning bay views offered by any coastal resort.

In Traditional Acapulco, you can stroll along the Malecón and the Zócalo. Visit the cathedral, gazebo, bookstands, street vendors and sidewalk cafés surrounded by barnyard trees. This area is for those who are in search of nostalgia and an authentic encounter with the classic beach destination that was booming in the golden age of Mexican cinema and Hollywood.

In contrast, Zona Dorada features a multitude of hotels, exotic nightclubs, glitzy restaurants, art galleries, jewelry stores, boutiques, shopping malls and traditional markets with all sorts of handicrafts.

The newer Acapulco Diamante area situated from Puerto Marques Bay to Revolcadero Beach offers first-class resorts, residential developments, modern shopping malls, 4 spectacular 18-holes golf courses, and one of kind tourist complex offering relaxation, business, entertainment and wellbeing, all in a single destination with a luxurious hotel, an spa, an avant-garde performance and entertainment venue, and a modern Convention and Exposition Center.

Today this beach destination is experiencing a renaissance like no other because private investments include opening hotels, spas, restaurants, malls and new attractions, improving infrastructure and tourism services.

There is also a new public transit system known as Acabus. It is efficient, safe, comfortable and fast and connects the resort's many tourism attractions and facilities. The main central axis is a 16-km (10 miles) long route with 18 stops along the Costera.



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The climate is tropical and humid with sun the greater part of the year, the rainy goes from June to October. The average temperature is 33°C and the minimum is 22°C.

# Acapulco Attractions & Sightseeing



## Mural Diego Rivera (Mosaic Mural)

The Dolores Olmedo House is noted for the murals by Diego Rivera. It is also known as “La Casa de los Vientos” (The House of Winds) and was created in 1956, made with colored mosaics, stones and seashells.

You can appreciate the mural located on the outside wall called Ezequielkalli, a sculpture-painting where the Gods Quetzalcoatl and Tlaloc, important deities of the Aztec culture, can be appreciated.

## San Diego Fort

In the present times, the star-shaped fort serves as museum (Acapulco's History Museum), illustrating Acapulco's past, and is the most important historical monument of the Port. The 12 exhibit room displays objects that relate not only to the history of San Diego Fort but also to the city and its cultural influences. Among the most notable pieces are: a luxurious carriage, several 18th century masks, a Chinese porcelain tibor also from the 18th century, an old silk kimono and Chinese coins from old dynasties and the 18th century model of the galleon San Pedro de Cardeña that measures more than two meters high.  
Open daily from 9:30 to 6:00. Closed Mondays.

Originally built in 1616 to protect the city from pirate attacks, since the luxury items brought from Asia attracted the attention of English and Dutch pirates.

## Traditional Acapulco



The Old Acapulco district is a particularly historic part of the city and filled with character. It is also known as the “Acapulco Náutico” (Nautic Acapulco). Many of the main attractions lie within Acapulco's Traditional Zone, such as: La Quebrada, the Yacht club, the San Diego Fort, and many restaurants where you can enjoy the typical dishes of Acapulco. Additionally, in this area, there are some other attractions like the beautiful Isla de la Roqueta, the famous beaches of Caleta and Caletilla, ideal places to enjoy with the whole family and Sinfonía del Mar, a unique place to admire the famous sunsets of this destination.

You can visit the Catedral de Nuestra Señora de la Soledad (Cathedral). It dominates the Zócalo with its imposing architecture, twin towers and white facade. It was built in 1930 decorated in a simple Byzantine style.



## Roqueta Island

Located just 10 minutes from Playa Caleta or Caletilla by boat. Take the glass bottom boat and admire the rich marine life and the underwater shrine of the Patron Saint of Fishermen, the Virgin of Guadalupe submerged in the bottom at just 7 m (23 ft.). On the island, the trail leads to the lighthouse, and then to the restaurants.



This tropical paradise has quiet beaches where you can practice kayak and paddleboard, and 9 small coves teeming with colorful tropical fish, ideal for scuba diving and snorkeling. It is also a nice place for trekking.



## Santa Lucía Bay

Better known as Acapulco Bay is ringed with high-rise hotels and surrounded by mountains covered in tropical vegetation. The bay has incomparable scenic beauty and it is compared to Rio de Janeiro and Hong Kong.

Along the Costera Miguel Alemán, surrounding Acapulco Bay, you can take a calandria tour. These popular carriages are decorated with multi-colored balloons.

## La Quebrada

The popular show, features spectacular dives from a high cliff where divers, sometimes in pairs, plunge 135 feet into an inlet that is only 22 feet wide and 13 feet deep. The tradition started in 1934. The plunge performance lasts about 30 minutes and occurs several times day at 13:00, 19:30, 20:30, 21:30 and 22:30 365 days a year. In the last dive, they carry flaming torches.

Divers travel at a speed of approximately 90 km per hour during their jumps and landing from 135 ft. in the rough, narrow ocean cove below, requires perfect jump timing with the tide since the water below is only 12 feet deep.





## El Rollo (Water Park)

At this water wonderland and fun-filled park, children will go wild over the water slides, big wave pool, giant water slide, and live show with seals and dolphins, and swim with dolphins.  
Open Tuesday to Sunday from 12:00 to 20:00 hrs.

Another attraction is the Skycoaster, diving from more than 100 feet and falling to the earth at 130 kilometers per hour.

## Papagayo Park

It is a protected natural area with more than 218 thousand square meters. Papagayo Adventure Park, offers new experiences as climbing wall, free jump, aqua splash, euro bungee, spider zone and xtreme course, among others.

Open Tuesday to Sunday from 12:00 to 20:00 hrs.

It has rides, skating rink, auditorium, and three artificial lakes, paddle boats and bicycle path.



## The Chapel of Peace

Perched atop a cliff overlooking the bay of Acapulco is a very picturesque site and well worth a visit. It offers visitors beautiful seaside views and a peaceful atmosphere.

Many travelers are drawn to the highest point in Acapulco by the 138-foot-tall (42 meter-tall) white cross, which is visible from almost anywhere in the city. The chapel itself is pretty minimalistic and is surrounded by the beautiful lush tropical trees and plants.

The chapel is one of the favorite places for weddings in Acapulco, since especially at sunset it has an incomparable view of the bay.



## Puerto Marqués

It is a haven for water sports enthusiasts. Exuberant vegetation and tropical birds surround the bay.

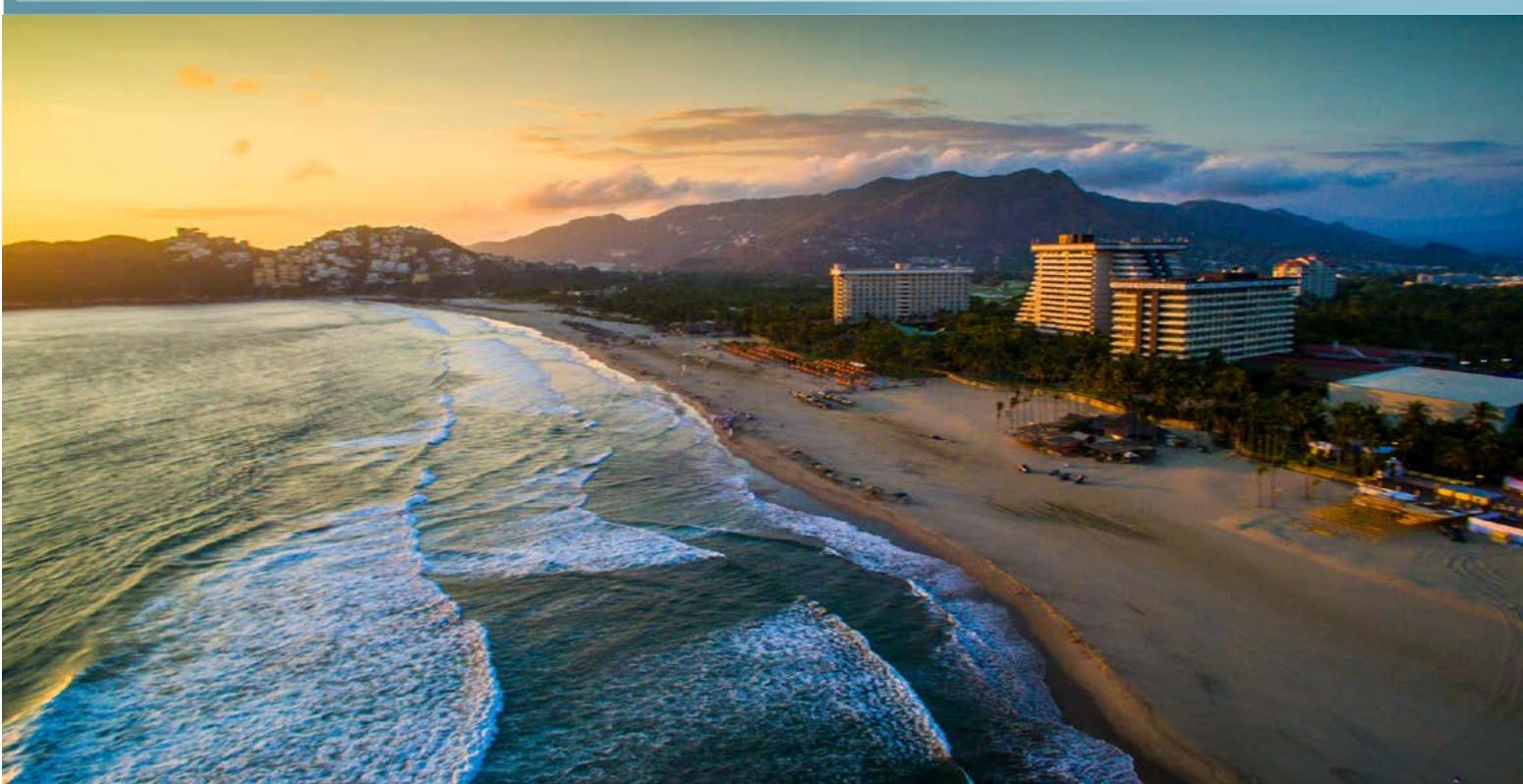
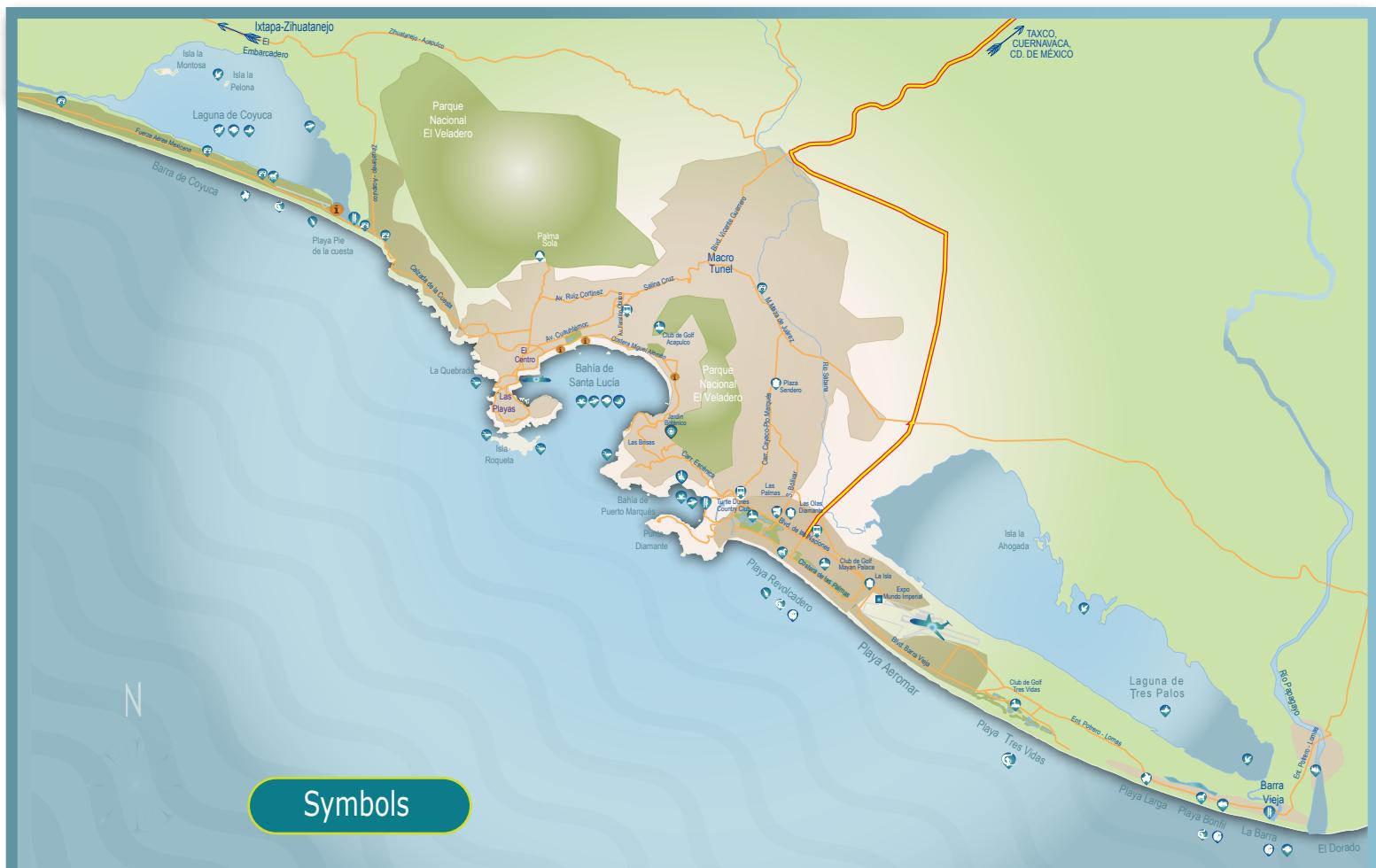
Among the best beaches along the bay are: Majahua and Pichilingue where you can enjoy the calm waters  
Ideal for a wide variety of water sports.



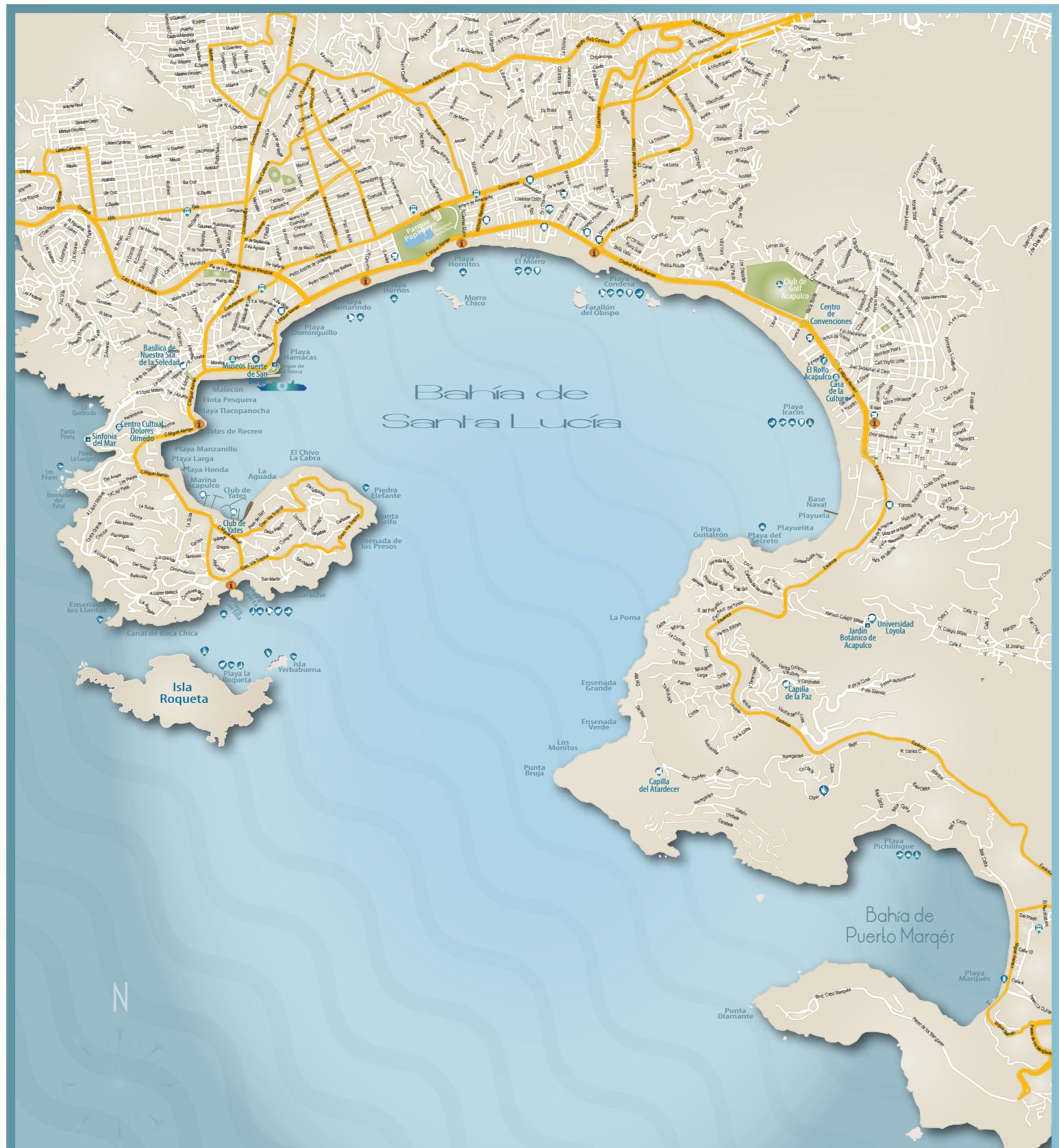
Here you will find a number of colorful restaurants serving regional specialties.



# Map of Acapulco



# Santa Lucia Bay Map



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# Natural Wonders in Acapulco

## Coyuca Lagoon

Located only 10 kilometers from the Bay of Acapulco the lagoon is 17 kilometers long and a maximum width of 5 kilometers. This jewel hides two little islands: Los Pájaros and La Montosa. The exuberant tropical vegetation and mangroves are home to over 250 bird species and 14 species of edible fish. It is an excellent place for water sports like water ski, wakeboard or fishing. You can take a trip through the mangroves with a native boat and catch a glimpse of tropical birds and turtles, a unique experience.

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While visiting the Coyuca Lagoon, you can enjoy a ride along the beautiful coast and walk along the beach, where you may spot nesting turtles and enjoy the region's mesmerizing wildlife.



## Tres Palos Lagoon

It is located between Puerto Marqués and the international Airport, across from Barra Vieja beach. This huge freshwater lagoon (9 miles long and 3.6 miles wide) is surrounded by an impressive mangrove and is home to several species of fish as well as a diverse species of tropical birds, in fact this is one of the best places for bird watching in Acapulco. Several small boats are at hand to take a tour of the lagoon with a guide who will show you the unspoiled nature of the area. In case you are more adventurous, you can rent your own jet ski and explore the canals around the lagoon. There is also horseback riding in the surrounding area.

This huge lagoon was used as a set in the first Tarzan movie for its intact nature.

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Try on this tour, a deeper cleansing experience with a facial mud exfoliator, the mud is taken from deep within the lagoon and it will not only exfoliate, it also helps in eliminating toxins and restoring moisture to your skin.

# Culture & Leisure in Acapulco

## Acapulco Philharmonic Orchestra



The orchestra is one of the port city's most enjoyable assets and one of the best orchestras in the country. The orchestra relies on 90 talented and experienced professional musicians. The Philharmonic Orchestra performs approximately 25 concerts each year in the Juan Ruiz de Alarcón Theater located in the International Convention Center of Acapulco, in addition to sixty or more concerts for children and performances in other venues.

To find out about the concert schedule: <http://www.ofa.org.mx>

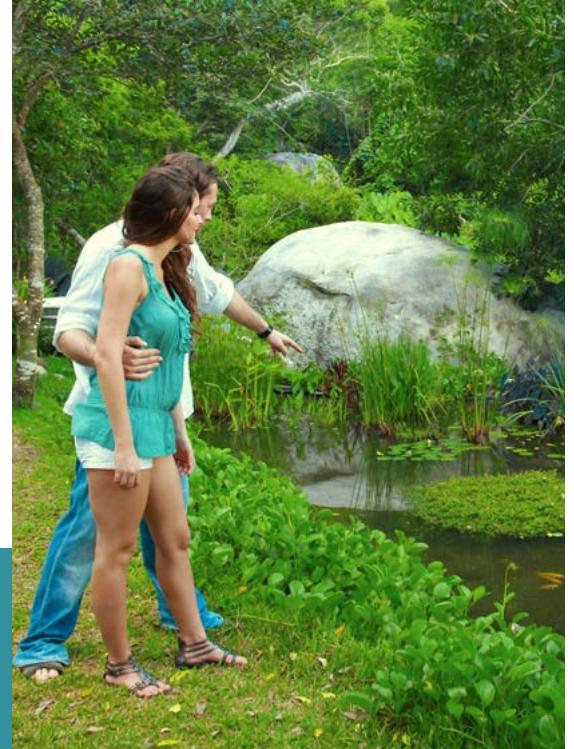
It has shared the stage with world-class artists such as Plácido Domingo, José Carreras, Vadim Brodsky, Eugene Fodor, Fernando de la Mora and Tania Libertad, among others.

## Acapulco Botanical Garden

It is located in the Southern Sierra Madre Mountains, which surround Acapulco at an altitude of between 660 and 1300 feet (200 and 400 meters) above sea level. The garden includes 6 hectares of subtropical deciduous forest. It has very comfortable trails where you can observe the two creeks, a collection of palms and cycads, desert plants, hardwoods as well as flowering and fruit trees, shrubs, heliconias and gingers, bromeliads, aeroids, ferns and vines among others. Along the trails you can also watch the regional fauna. There is a souvenir shop and an amphitheater used for concerts and conferences. It has an elevator for all people with mobility restrictions.

Open daily from 9:00 to 18:00 hrs. Entrance is free on Sundays!

There is a 13 meter high platform where you can enjoy some of the best views of the bay. It has an elevator for all people with mobility restrictions.



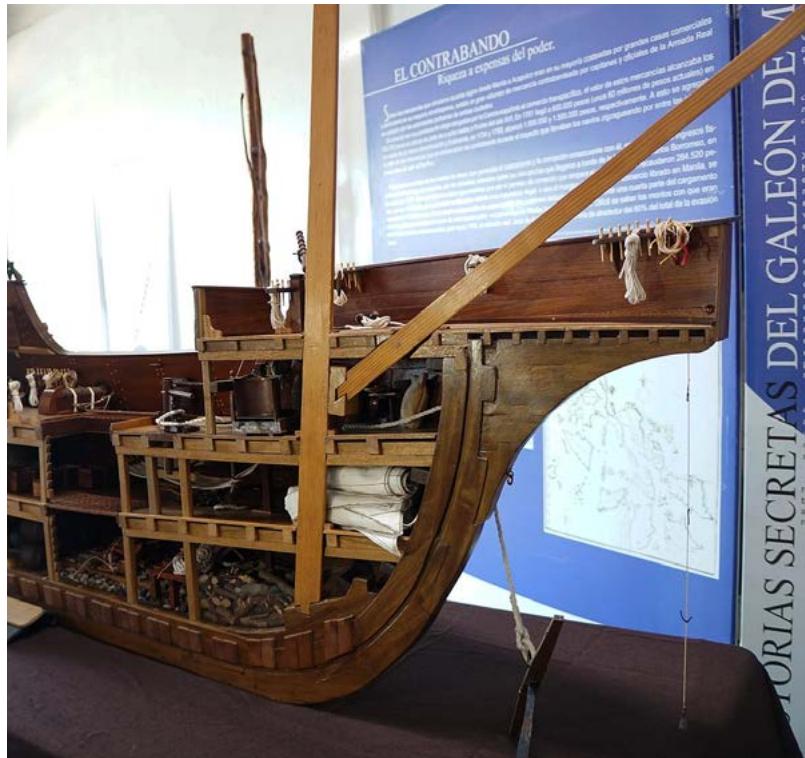
## Acapulco Cultural Center

Features cultural exhibits, paintings and photographs, as well as collections of artifacts and relics of ancient cultures of the State of Guerrero.

Conferences and book presentations are also held here, as well as other cultural activities.



# Museums in Acapulco



Acapulco is a port with a rich and vibrant cultural history and a lovely corridor has been created with wide and attractive spaces to promote the cultural, artisanal and tourist development of the entity, offering a new product for residents and visitors.

## Naval Museum

The Naval History Museum is a site created with the purpose of disseminating the heritage of the maritime history of Acapulco and the Mexican Pacific. It exhibits Colonial-era Spanish galleon replica and scale models; the museum also has a library with hundreds of documents and specialized books tracing the history of the port, as well as various ship plans. Another area of this museum is the model workshop where you can learn about the process of building a galleon.



## Masks Museum

The museum is designed to introduce into the richness of the mask tradition of the State of Guerrero, and offer a perspective of other masks from Mexico and the world. This site shows the diversity of artistic and artisan manifestations of diverse cultures that reflect their identity on the mask. With a collection of more than 500 masks, the museum exhibits 285 pieces from various regions of the State of Guerrero and other states of Mexico, as well as other countries such as Egypt, United States, Indonesia, Italy, Thailand , China, Japan, Ceylon, India, Portugal, Spain, Germany and Canada.

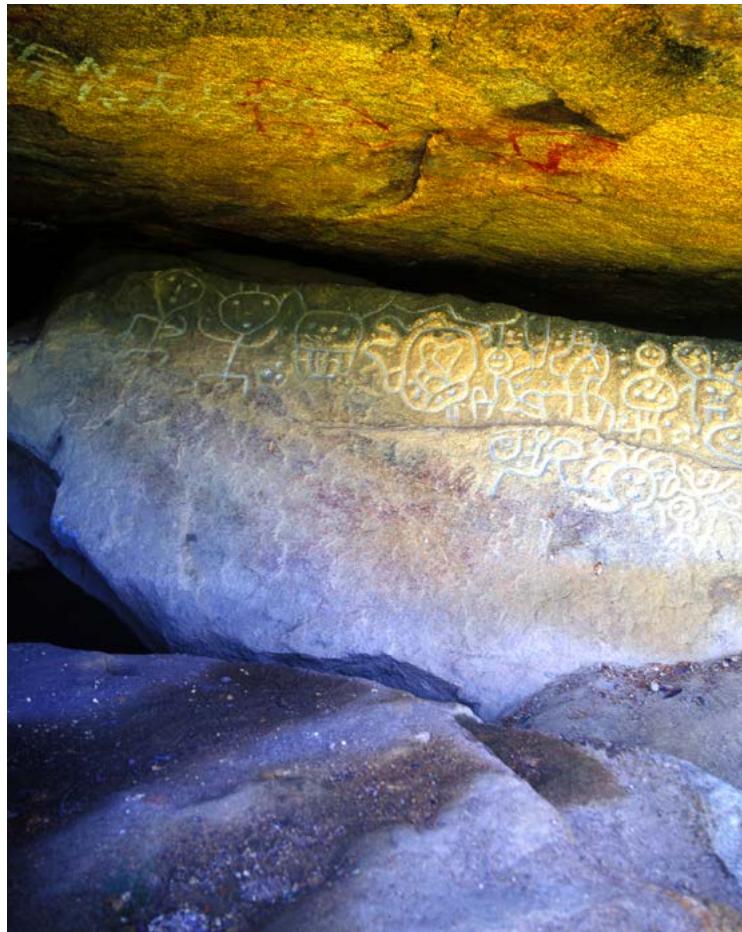


## Museum of the Seven Regions

The museum has been created to promote and disseminate the culture of the State of Guerrero. It has a nice space where painters, sculptors, writers, artisans and artists in general of this entity could exhibit their works.

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## Palma Sola Archaeological Site

The archaeological site is located in El Veladero National Park on a mountainside high above Acapulco. There are a total of eighteen carved rocks in the area dating from 800 BC to 750 AD. You will spot dozens of designs ranging from anthromorphological to zoomorphological images created by the first settlers in the area. A steep, sturdy trail winds 400m uphill past the petroglyphs, all marked by Spanish and English signs, and ending with wonderful city views at 1200-to-1300 feet above sea level, definitely worth the visit. It's about a 25-minute taxi ride from Old Acapulco.

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## Tehuacalco Archaeological Site

Located a short distance from the state of Guerrero's capital city of Chilpancingo, and about an hour from Acapulco, this ancient site is on a hill surrounded by taller mountains. It was occupied from about 650 and 1300CE. The site was a ceremonial center with a plaza surrounded by various pyramid bases and other structures with a distinct construction style, which consists of boulders with spaces between them filled in with layers of flat rock and red clay. The site has four aspects, areas with rock etchings, the surrounding mountain terrain, pyramidal structures and caves in the hills with offerings. There are various tours and scheduled trips. Open daily from 9:00 to 17:00 hrs.

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# Beaches in Acapulco

Acapulco has plenty of unique beautiful beaches, along the bayside, in the Traditional or Nautical area, the Golden Zone, the exclusivity of Pichilingue, the comfort of Punta Diamante, or the secluded beaches in Barra Vieja. Acapulco's beaches are world renowned for their beauty and their services. Beside four beaches have been recognized by the Foundation for Environmental Education's (FEE) Blue Flag program.

## Pie de la Cuesta

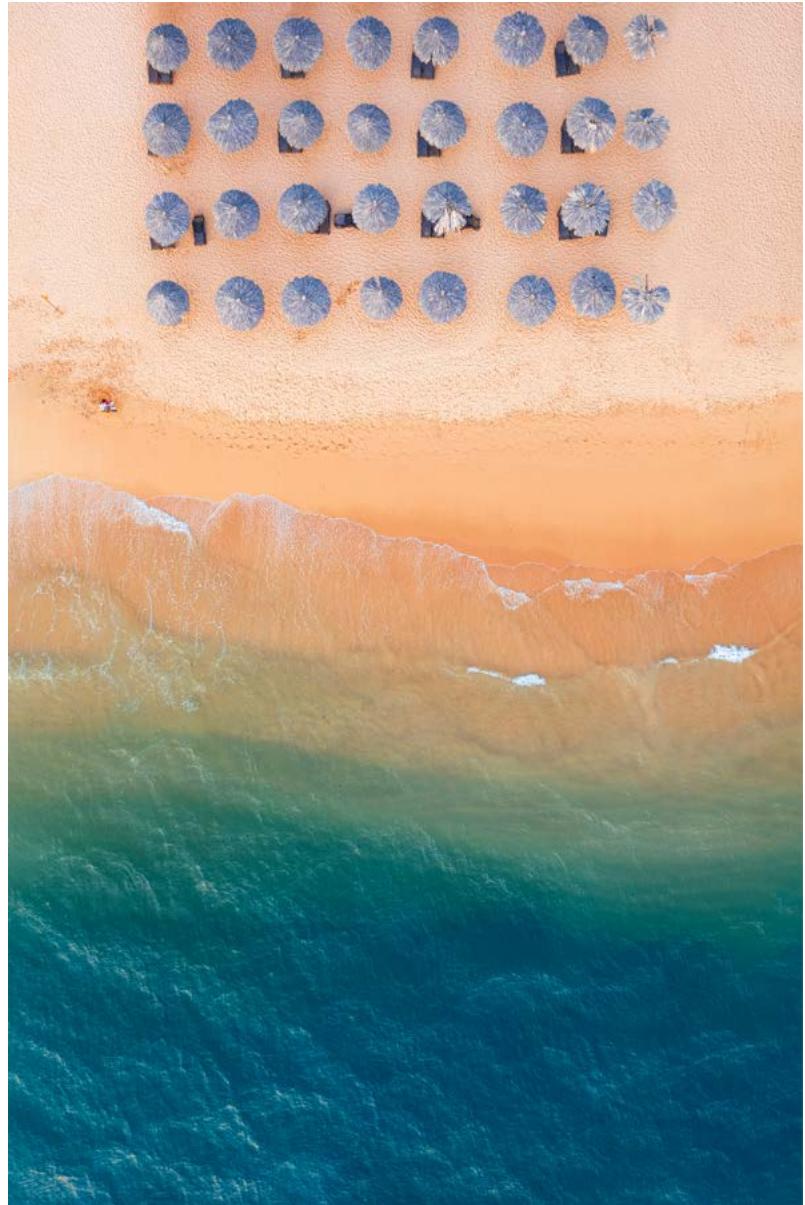
It is about 45 minutes north of Acapulco, is a lovely stretch of tropical beach that extends for 17 kilometers between the Pacific Ocean and the beautiful Coyuca Lagoon. It has extremely high and dangerous waves, and it has hosted surfing events. Sometimes, you can spot some whales and dolphins, making this beach a unique place to admire the sunsets. You'll find many local resorts and seafood restaurants, perfect for couples seeking secluded romance or for nature lovers.

## Playa La Angosta

It is a small beach located in a small cove opening directly into the Pacific Ocean beneath towering mountain cliffs. It's much less crowded than other beaches and generally too rough for swimming, though is a great place to watch the sunset.

## Caleta y Caletilla

They are two of the most known and visited beaches of Acapulco located in the Traditional zone. Twin beaches separated by a small outcropping of land that sparkle brightly in the Old Acapulco. Here you will find thatched-roofed seafood restaurants and watersports equipment for rent. Since the beaches have gentle waves, they both are great to practice snorkel, paddle board and kayak. There are also glass bottom brightly painted boats that ferry passengers to Roqueta Island.



## Playa Roqueta and Marín, the beaches in the Roqueta Island

These are two small beaches amidst a hilly forested terrain in the Roqueta Island. Playa Roqueta has thatched-roof restaurants where you can enjoy a snack and a cold beer, and Playa Marín is a more secluded beach with emerald waters. You can get here by boat departing from Playa Caleta.

### Playa Tlacopanocha

This small beach - only about 100 meters long - lies along at the end of the city's Malecon (sea walk) and across from the Maritime Terminal. It's probably the most popular spot for families with very small children for the little wave activity. Popular with locals, it's a good place for observing fishermen, yachts and cruise ships.

### Playa Tamarindos

It extends for about 700 meters and is located northwest of the Santa Lucía Bay close to Acapulco's Traditional Zone. There are rows of large coconut palms and several good beach restaurants with the typical tropical style of old Acapulco. The water is somewhat calmer than in the beaches farther to the east in the Golden Zone.

### Playa Hornos

Lined with coconut palms, this beach offers calm waters to swim and some restaurants to enjoy seafood and a cold drink.

### Playa Hornitos

This long stretch of beach is located near the Papagayo Park is an ideal place for all family members.

### Playa Condesa

With strong waves that are perfect for skiing and parasailing, Condesa Beach is the liveliest in the bay, famous for its restaurants, clubs, bars and discos. You can find parasailing and jet ski rental, though it is not very recommended for swimming.

### Playa Icacos

A wide strip of sand with gentle waves, a family-friendly beach lined with high-rise hotels. Here the swimmers and water sports lovers can have a lot of fun. The beach was recognized by the Foundation for Environmental Education's (FEE) Blue Flag program.



## Playa Majahua / Puerto Marqués

Located in the small bay of the same name, is considered one of the top choices for beach swimming in Acapulco. The bay is sheltered, so the waters are a beautiful emerald green color and the waves are calm, ideal for water sports. There is a row of thatched-roof beachfront restaurants offering the local seafood.

## Playa Revolcadero

Lovely wide stretch of sandy beach. Waves are large and surfing is popular here, especially in summer, but a strong undertow makes swimming dangerous. It is ideal for horseback riding. The beach has seen a recent explosion in luxury tourism and residential development. The beach was recognized by the Foundation for Environmental Education's (FEE) Blue Flag program.

## Playa Tres Vidas

Here there's an exclusive 18-hole golf course, many holes along the coastline, and a luxury boutique hotel. Big Wave Beach, excellent for surfing.

## Playa Larga

This long stretch of beach is a great place for people who love nature and long walks. Here is located a turtle protection camp where you can meet, learn and help to take care of sea turtles.

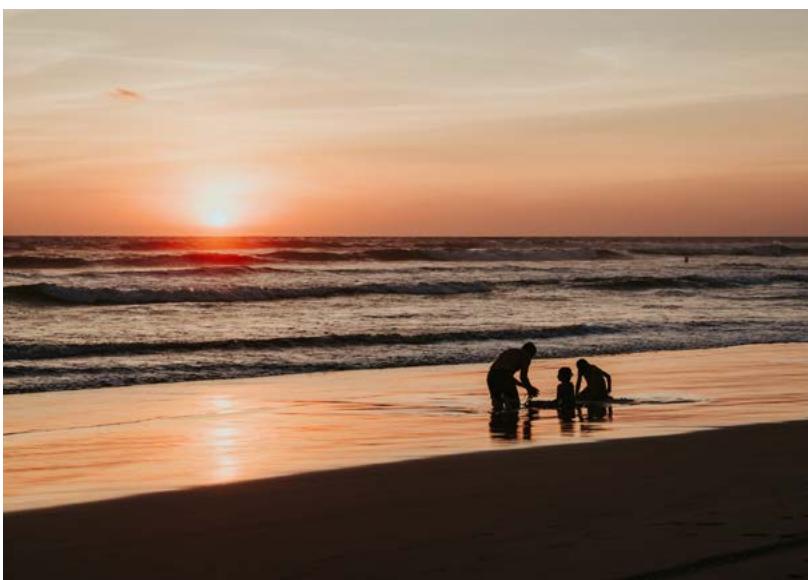
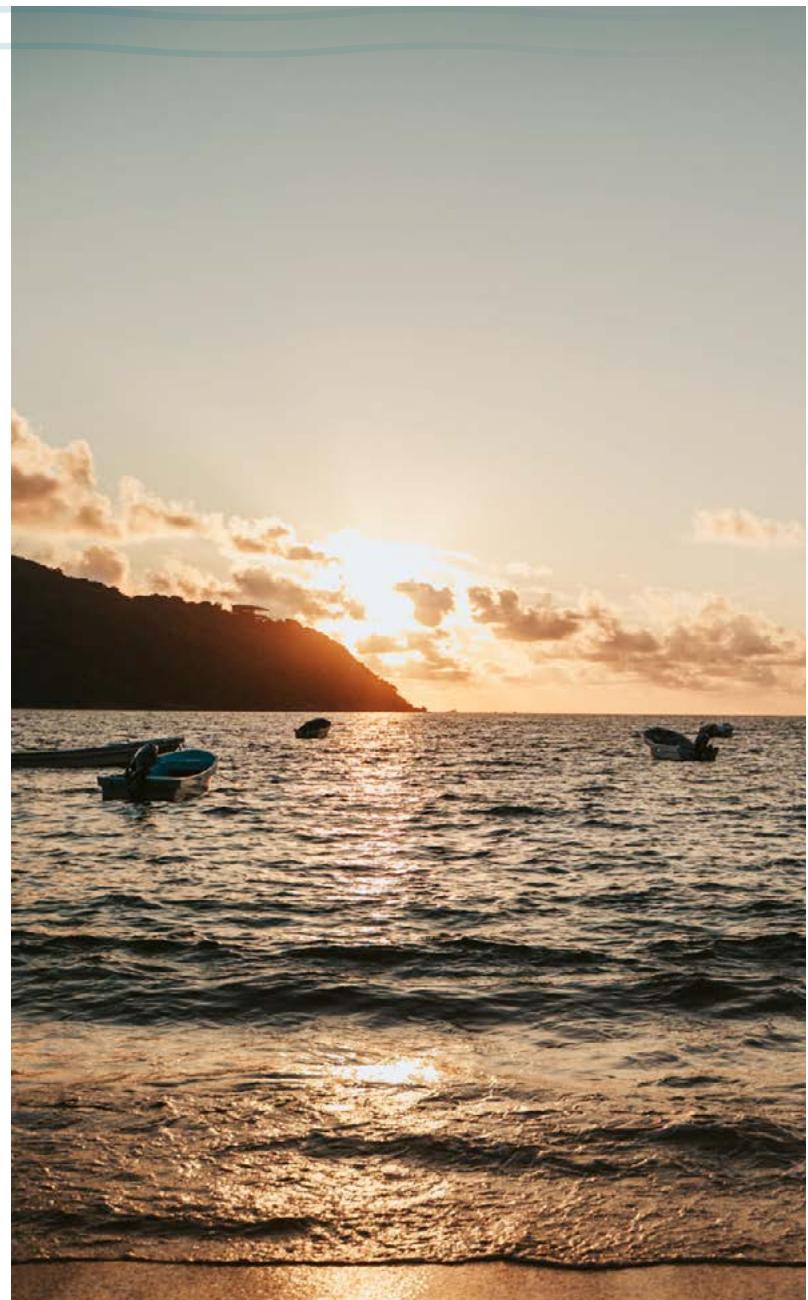
## Playa Bonfil

A popular beach with surfers, since the wave quality is described as "regional classic". It is also ideal for walking or horseback riding. Additionally, it has excellent seafood restaurants where you can enjoy the famous "pescado a la talla".

## Barra Vieja

A long beach that stretches for miles. Small restaurants that offer delicious "pescado a la talla" surround the beach. You can enjoy a horseback riding, or ATV riding, or just walk along the beach and watch the beautiful sunset.

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# What to do in Acapulco



## SCUBA & SNORKEL

The underwater landscape of Acapulco has a wide diversity that includes caves, walls, sunken ships and rocky reefs. November to May is considered the best season to dive because the sea conditions in the Pacific are calmest and the pelagic species are most easily seen during these months, beside divers have the chance of spotting the rare whale shark or even a migratory whale; however, visibility is not very good for the plankton blooms. The average water temperature is approximately 24°C (75°F). The visibility changes from one day to another because of the water currents, though the average visibility is from 18 to 38 feet (5 to 16 meters). June to October the visibility is at its peak and the water warms significantly, reaching 75°F (24°C), especially during August and September. There are about 20 or so sites, for every level of diver, but the best spots are:

### El Bajo

Depth: 8 mts. (15 ft) - 50 mts. (150 ft)

It is located just one kilometer from La Quebrada the site of the famous cliff divers performance. It a huge rock formation covered with corals, mollusks and nudibranchs, among others. The peak of the mountain is located about 8 mts. (15 ft.) deep and extends to a depth of 50 m. (150 ft.). You can dive at different depths through different geological areas of the wall. It is highly recommended for those who like photography for its great biodiversity. Depending on the visibility and the current. You'll find a huge school of fishes, green moray, boxfish, octopus, balloonfish and sometimes when it's season humpback whales and whale sharks.

### Casa de Fabbri

Depth: 5 mts. (15 ft) - 30 mts. (100 ft)

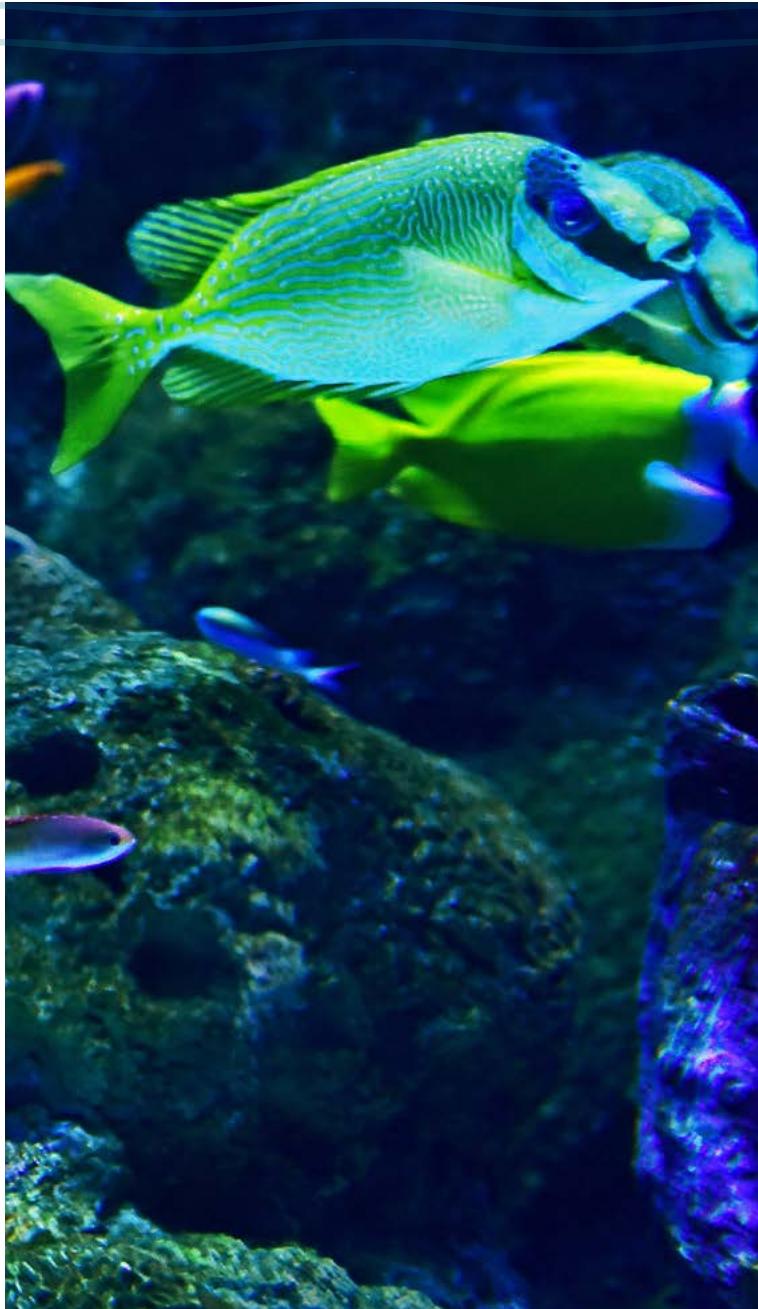
It is a unique place with rock formations in the shape of pyramids and you can see a lot of fish at different depths. This reef is recomended for Certified Divers with some experience.

### Siete Pulpos (Seven Octopuses)

Depth: 15 mts. (45 ft) - 26 mts. (78 ft)

In this site there are nice canyons and rock formations that reach a depth of up to 20 m (60 ft.). You can find a great variety of species among which are various nudibranchs and seahorses. Is a site for certified divers.





### Casa del Árabe (Arab's House)

Depth: 10 mts. (30 ft.) - 16 mts. (48 ft.)

This site has a sandy bottom with some rock formations. It is ideal for drift diving and beginners. It's perfect for snorkel.

### Los Suizos (The Swiss)

Depth: 5 mts. (15 ft.) - 15 mts. (50 ft.)

It is a place for drift diving and you can observe different rock formations, eagle rays, turtles, octopuses and large schools of fish.

### El Canal (The Channel)

Depth: 10 mts. (30 ft.) - 20 mts. (60 ft.)

It is located the channel between the coast and the Roqueta Island. Depending on the season the current can be strong and you can have a drift dive. Not uncommon to see schools of fish among the rock formations.

### Palmititas

Depth: 3 mts. (9 ft.) - 10 mts. (30 ft.)

It is an ideal place for beginners and for snorkeling. In this site you can find some parts of a sunken ship.

### Palmititas

Depth: 8 mts. (25 ft.) - 12 mts. (40 ft.)

A great shallow dive or snorkel site with sandy bottoms and small formations of coral, eagle rays, mottled moray eels and butterfly fish, among others. It is ideal for beginners and usually done as a second dive for certified divers.

### El Rincón (The Corner)

Depth: 5 mts. (15 ft.) - 15 mts. (45 ft.)

This is an exciting site with artificial reefs and a tunnel where a large number of fish live. Divers of all experience levels can enjoy this place and it is also a nice option for snorkeling.

### Hawaii

Depth: 5 mts (15 ft.) - 27 mts. (80 ft.)

This site is available only when the conditions are acceptable; it has strong currents and is only for advanced divers. Dive along some huge rock formations and you can spot abundant marine life.



## El Jardín (The Garden)

Depth: 8 mts. (24 ft.) - 15 mts. (45 ft.)

This site offers easy dives that start on shallow, sandy bottoms with gradual descents over hard and soft corals that are ideal for beginners and snorkeling. Here you will find eagle rays, surgeons, spotted moray eels, butterfly fish, turtles and balloon fish, among others. Usually done as a second dive.

## El Guano

Depth: 15 mts. (45 ft.) - 40 mts. (120 ft.)

It takes its name from the rock totally covered with "guano" (accumulated excrement of seabirds). This is a site with strong currents and great visibility recommended for experienced divers. The site offers a great diversity of underwater life and you can easily see eagle rays, snappers, schools of tarpons, surgeons and barracudas. During the winter months is not unusual to spot stingrays, whale sharks and some humpback whales.

## Las Cuevas (The Caves)

Depth: 10 mts. (30 ft.) - 40 mts. (130 ft.)

This is a site only for Advanced Certified Divers with experience in drift and current dives with many swim through tunnels and caves where you can expect to see an array of marine creatures like eagle rays, stone fish, octopuses, mottled and green moray eels, mackerels, snapper and stingrays, among others. This site is a photographer's paradise. It is highly advisable to dive early in the morning for the strong currents.



## El Bufadero

Depth: 5 mts. (15 ft.) - 40 mts. (120 ft.)

It is a place with huge rock formations and a great marine diversity. The current is very strong so it is only for experienced divers.

## SDA Beach

Depth: 2 mts. (6 ft.) - 14 mts. (42 ft.)

It is an ideal site for night dives and for the beginner diver.



### El Acapulco

Depth: 3 mts. (10 ft.) - 22 mts. (70 ft.)

This former American boat was sunk a few hundred feet from shore due to bad weather. This wreck diving site is interesting because the vessel is vertical and the bow remained just below the surface.

### Punta Bruja

Depth: 10 mts. (30 ft.) - 35 mts. (115 ft.)

The wall terraces and rocky formations allows for great dive at your desired depth. The wave-carved granite cliffs are the refuge of a great amount of fish, anemones and sea stars.

### Marina & Labyrinth

Depth: 5 mts. (15 ft.) - 30 mts. (100 ft.)

You can only dive in this site from October to May when the waters are shallow and it is only for experienced divers with a guide as there are several canyons where the divers can get lost. However, is a good place for snorkeling on the surface.

### Reina de los Mares o la Virgen (Queen of the Seas or the Virgin)

There is an underwater-stylized sculpture of the Virgin of Guadalupe placed in the bottom of the sea near the islet of the Yerbabuena. The bronze statue is more than eight feet and weight almost a thousand pounds. There are numerous glass bottom small boats, allowing you to observe the sea life as well as a submerged statue of the Virgin.

### Boca Chica

Depth: 8 mts. (24 ft.) - 20 mts. (60 ft.)

It is located in a small bay, so it is also a good place for snorkeling.

### Corsario (Privateer)

Depth 5 mts. (15 ft.) - 15 mts. (45 ft.)

This is one of the most popular dive sites in Acapulco, where you can explore the wreck of a luxury yacht. The boat crashed into rocks in 1950 and today you can dive through the skeleton, the unique rock formations and a multitude of fish.



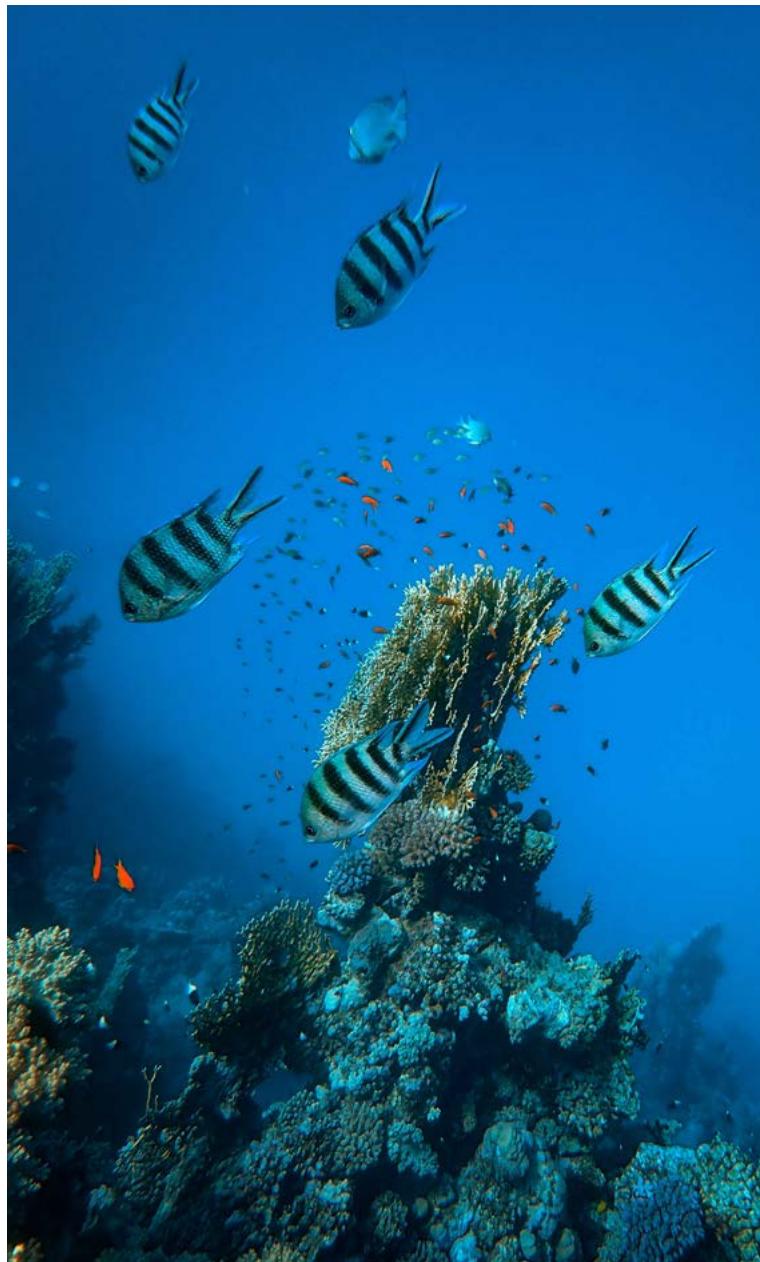
## Río de la Plata

Depth: 15 mts. (45 ft.) - 30 mts. (90 ft.)

This is another wreck diving site. This boat was Argentinian and sank in 1944 after catching fire; with time it has transformed into a habitat for an array of species. It is a site for experienced divers where it is recommended to go with local divers. This area is teeming with school of tarpons, grunts and eagle rays.

## Punta Sirena

It is a small secluded cove with the sandy bottom. This site is rarely visited because the currents can be very strong. The landscape is similar to "Las Cuevas" in the Roqueta



Island and you can find an enormous variety of fish and invertebrates. The maximum depth is 40 m (130 ft.).

## Morro de Puerto Marqués

The dive site is located just off shore, about 600 feet from the cost in the bay of Puerto Marques. It is an interesting place to dive with rock formations that form small caves, as well as massive richly colored sponges, giant sea fans and teeming with a large array of marine life.

## Piedra Gallo

Only very experienced divers should attempt to dive here. The wave action here is powerful most of the year, and diving can be done only with extreme caution. The depths between 49 to 65 feet highlight an abundance of marine life. It is one of the best places in Acapulco for underwater photography. The diving conditions can change very fast; the visibility can vary widely and shift abruptly in minutes. The best season to visit is from November to January very early in the morning.

# Reefs in Acapulco



# Water Activities in Acapulco



## SURF



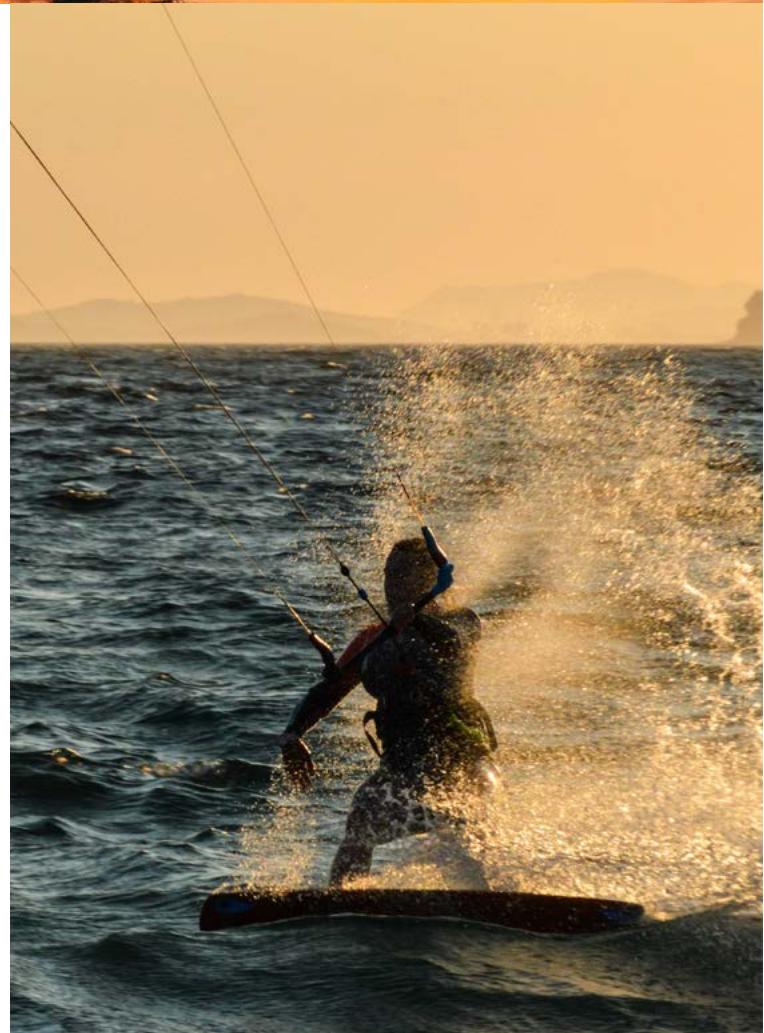
Playa Revolcadero and Playa Pie de la Cuesta, are some of the best places for surfing with waves ranging between two and eight meters high (six feet to twelve feet). Playa Revolcadero is a wide sand beach with the best-shaped waves and a sandy bottom, a nice place for beginners. Playa Bonfil, the waves break all day all year round right and left, with a size of three to six feet during November to February, and five to ten feet from June to October; the waves are fast, powerful and has hollow sections and it has sandy bottom.

Another of the places that are highly recommended for surf lovers is Pie de la Cuesta. The best season is from April to September, although you will also find very good conditions for surfing very early during the months of November to January.

## KITESURF



If you want to kitesurf, there are different kite beaches, such as: Playa Revolcadero, Playa Bonfil, and Playa Barra Vieja. Usually the wind picks up in the afternoon after the 13:00 hrs.





## PADDLE SURF



The calm waters of Acapulco Bay are perfect for the Stand Up Paddle Board, a new sport that uses tables longer and wider than those used in the surf. It is an easy and enjoyable sport for the whole family that can be practiced along the bay, especially in the area of Roqueta Island, Pie de la Cuesta Lagoon and the Coyuca Lagoon.

## SKIMBOARD



This is a fun sport that is practiced in shallow waters and has become very popular in Acapulco in the recent years. You can skimboard all along the bay coast and the best time is during the afternoon.

## WINDSURF



Rentals are available in Playa Revolcadero and Playa Bonfil. Other places to practice the windsurfing are: Playa Icacos, Playa Condesa and Playa Tamarindos are ideal for beginners.

## PARASAILING



This activity was invented in Acapulco and this is probably the best way you can admire the bay.

## SAILING



Acapulco has a Yacht Club with all the services and the new International Marina, a megaproject with a Nautical Club, slips for 332 boats, and condominiums.

## KAYAK



Some of the best options for kayaking are: Pie de la Cuesta, as well as Coyuca Lagoon and Tres Palos Lagoon for nature lovers, though you can also kayak along the bay.

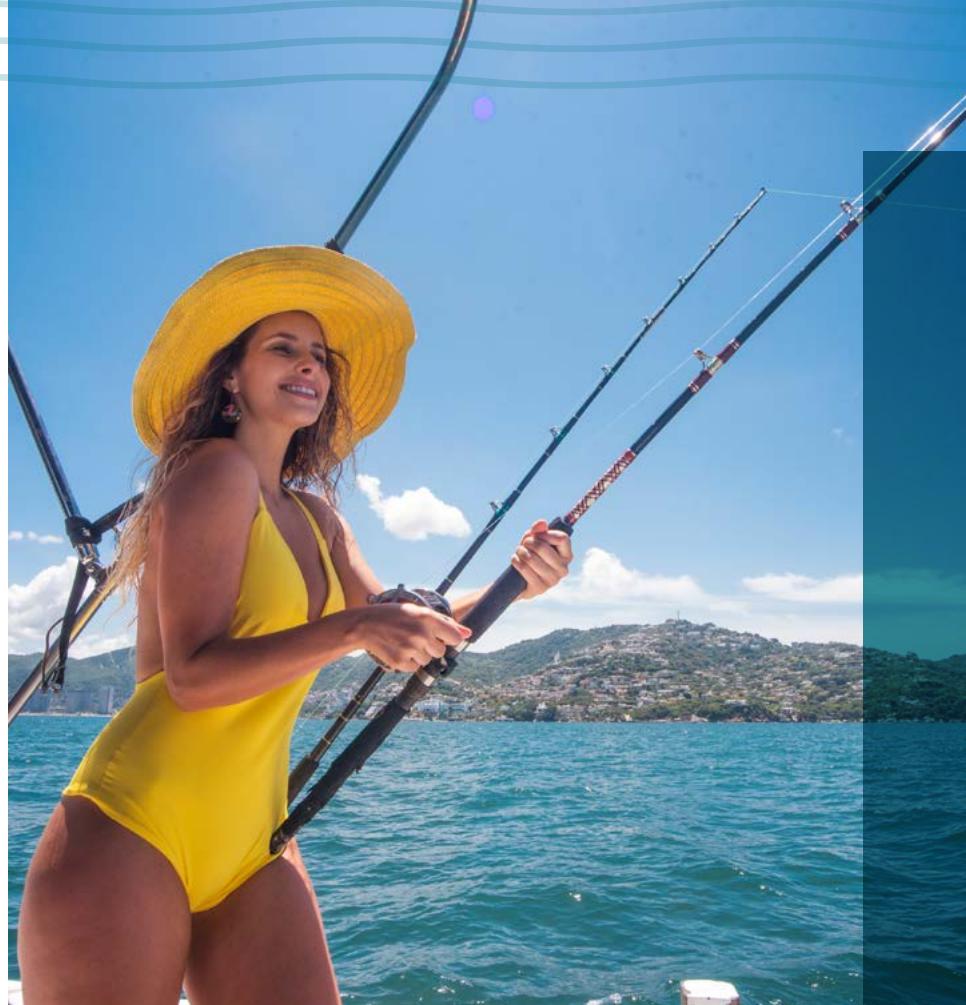
## WATER SPORTS



Waterskiing, it was virtually invented in Acapulco; beginners will love the gentle waters of the Pie de la Cuesta Lagoon and Puerto Marques. Swimming, the beaches along the bay are all wonderful, but Caleta, Caletilla, Hornos and Roqueta Island beach are the best for swimmers. Other sports, banana rides, jet ski and motor boat rides are available at most of the beaches along the bay.

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## FISHING



One of the best places for fishing in the Pacific coast all year round, although the best time of the year to go fishing goes from December to August. For deep-sea fishing, sailfish abounds during December to January, and during June and July; the black marlin in January, May, and December; the blue marlin and the yellowfin tuna in August and from November to January; wahoo in January, February, November, and December; grouper, snook, barracuda, Spanish mackerel, bonito, pompano, shark, red snapper, and other species abound all year long.

The Coyuca Lagoon and Tres Palos Lagoon are just perfect for freshwater fishing.

Fishing trips can be arranged through your hotel, downtown at the “Pesca Deportiva” near the dock, across from the zócalo, or through a local tour operator.

FISH	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Blue Marlin	*	*	**	**	**	**	***	***	***	*	**	*	
Black Marlin	***	****	****	****	**	**	*	*	*	**	***	***	
Striped Marlin	**	****	****	**	**	**	*	*	*	*	**	***	
Sail Fish	****	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	****	****	***	
Spanish Mackerel	****	**	**	**	*	*	*	*	*	**	**	***	
Mahi Mahi	*	*	**	**	**	**	***	***	***	**	**	*	
Yellowfin Tuna	****	**	**	*	*	*	*	**	*	**	****	****	
Roosterfish	**	*	*	**	**	**	**	***	***	**	**	*	
Grouper	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	**	*	
Crevalle Jack	****	**	**	**	**	**	*	*	*	**	**	*	
Red Snapper	**	**	**	***	**	*	*	*	*	**	**	*	

\* Very bad

\*\* Bad

\*\*\* Fair

\*\*\*\* Good

\*\*\*\*\* Excellent



# Other Activities

## XTASEA ZIP LINE

Xtasea, is a breathtaking outdoor attraction. An over-water zip line more than 1968 yards long that will let riders reach speeds of up to 74.5 mph at an altitude of 328 feet. The zip line crosses Puerto Marquez Bay and is the world's longest ziplines suspended over water.

It is also the only zip line that offers six completely different experience for riders: the traditional flight, ride with a partner, sitback in a chair-style harness and enjoy the landscape, you can have a thrilling zip line tour in the dark during the night, you may try a hammock chair suspended on a zip-line over the ocean, or if you are really adventurous you can try a stunning 65 feet high jump.

If you don't have enough excitement with the zip line, you can visit XMonkey, a fun park with hanging bridges with circuits that offer different levels of difficulty.



## TENIS

The destination is home to the Mexico Open tennis tournament, an ATP World Tour 500 event. The tournament brings together the world's best players. This event takes place in the spectacular Nueva Arena GNP, a stadium with more than 17,000 m<sup>2</sup> that has excellent services that include an area for tennis players, a gym, a press area, commercial areas, and a multifunctional space. Concerts and other types of sporting events are also held at this venue.

There are several tennis academies open to the public, and excellent facilities in several hotels.

## TURTLE RELEASE

From June through December, visitors can observe the nightly arrival of female turtles that leave the ocean to lay their eggs at Revolcadero Beach and in Pie de la Cuesta beaches. And from October through March baby turtles would hatch from eggs left buried on the beach months before. There are tours where you'll help release baby turtles safely into the ocean, while learning about egg incubation, birth, and release.

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# Golf in Acapulco

If you are looking to relax playing golf, you will find exactly what you need in Acapulco. The destination has 4 wonderful 18-hole professional golf courses, all surrounded by warm tropical nature ideal for practicing this game. In all the clubs you will have the comfort and exclusivity of the World of Golf. We invite you to explore all what Acapulco has to offer, and enjoy your favorite sport.

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## TURTLE DUNES COUNTRY CLUB

Architect and craftsman, Tripp Davis, designed Turtle Dunes Country Club. It is 7200 yards long with a par 72 rating located on the grounds of the legendary Princess Mundo Imperial



Hotel. Built on sand dunes formed over time and surrounded by a tropical lush sanctuary, the field has extensive and impressive lakes and tall parota trees covering 18 holes of golf filled with splendor. The course has 13 holes with lakes and 56 sand bunkers. The Club offers a world-class clubhouse, a modern gym, driving range, putting green, caddy program, Pro-Sop, Snack Bar, access to spas, pools, exclusive beach area, tennis courts and access to the recreational facilities of Mundo Imperial hotels.

## VIDANTA GOLF CLUB

It is a pleasure to travel through its 18 holes par 72, and 6,156 yards. Surrounded by lush vegetation, breathtaking landscape with impressive palm trees, and beautiful lakes, this course blends harmony with the delicate architecture of one of the most spectacular courses on the Mexican Pacific coast. Copra hosts important professional events such as the traditional Night Tournament held every year during the Holy Thursday.

## CLUB DE GOLF ACAPULCO

The course has 9 fairways with different tee boxes for an 18 hole round. It has a restaurant, bar, swimming pool, dressing rooms, sauna, driving range, tennis court, Pro-Shop, golf car rentals, beauty salon and party rooms.

## CLUB DE GOLF TRES VIDAS

This par-72 golf course has nine lakes and it is considered one of the best courses in the world. The magnificent oceanfront Tres Vidas Golf Course, newly remodeled and refurbished by renowned designer Robert Von Hagge. Awaiting Club Members and resorts guests is a spectacular 72,000 square foot beachfront clubhouse featuring dining rooms, lounges, a fully provisioned golf shop, locker rooms, full-service spa and fitness center. This magnificent course plays to 7,209 yards from the championship tees and features emerald Tifdwarf greens and Tifton-carpeted fairways. Tres Vidas has a luxury boutique hotel.

# Wellness Experience in Acapulco

In Acapulco many of the most modern spas have incorporated the use of herbal techniques used in our country since pre-Hispanic times. Cultures such as the Aztec and Mayan were experts in the chemical and medicinal qualities of herbs. Mexico has great competitive advantages due to their ancient homeopathic techniques and its wonderful climate. In Acapulco, spas, activities and services ranging from skin care and body treatments, through ancient tradition techniques such as the Temazcal, hot springs, seaweed wraps and herbs. There are also advanced medical services capable to evaluate the nutritional status and physical condition.



Undoubtedly, Acapulco is the ideal place to relax and forget about your worries and stress, offering the peace of mind and surrounded by the beauty of nature, sun, sand and glorious sea.



In Acapulco find the best and most renowned spas located in some hotels of the destination, which will fit anyone's budget and taste. Awaken Your Senses, re-energize your body, and enjoy the peace and calm of the sea and the natural beauty of this destination. Take a moment to improve mental and physical health.

Give yourself the opportunity to find the balance between your mind and body. Acapulco is the best option to recover your energy by the seashore... You can visit the Jardín Secreto (Secret Garden), a place that has specialized in holistic experiences and has a botanical garden, a temascal, and a variety of therapies that seek the well-being of your body and mind.

# Cuisine & Specialities in Acapulco



delicious sardines. This dish is served traditionally on Thursdays in many restaurants. Of course, you can also find excellent sea food, and some of the most popular are: "Vuelve a la Vida" (Come to life), consists of fish, shrimp, snails, octopus and clams, marinated in lime juice, and "A la Talla Fish" (grilled fish Acapulco style).

The variety offered in Acapulco restaurants make this resort one of the most appealing beach destinations in the world.

Most of the restaurants have an outdoor terrace and many have spectacular views of Acapulco Bay.

The port's typical food is an inspiring crossbred gastronomy which conjugates pre-Hispanic and European tastes. A result of this crossbred is the famous pozole, a weighty bowl (pozolero) overflowing with a white broth comprising lemon, oregano, onion, avocado, green chilli and crackling fried

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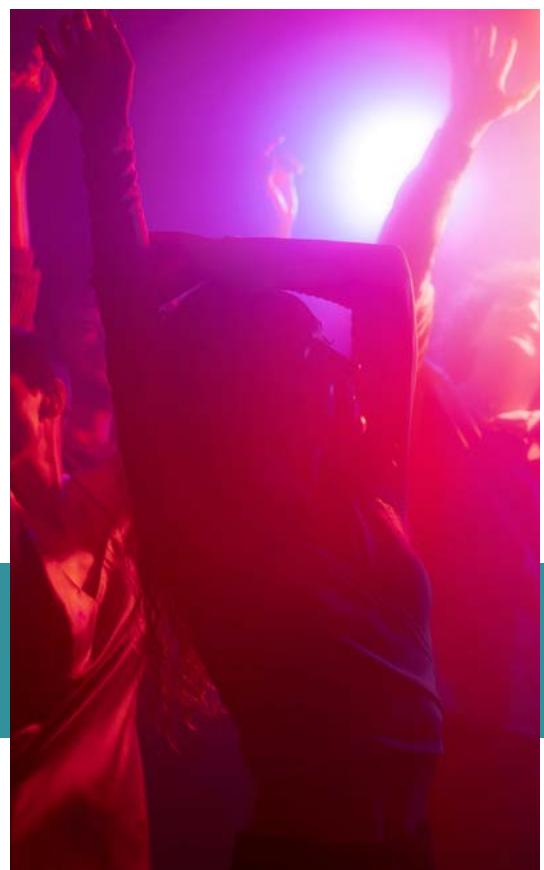
# Nightlife in Acapulco



You can enjoy Acapulco's dazzling and sophisticated restaurants and night clubs with a one of a kind view of Acapulco Bay, with its millions of lights reflecting in the water.

Acapulco is definitely the place to go out and have a good time! Acapulco is home to world-class nightlife and clubs, and they open late and may stay open until sunrise. Many of the bars keep the same closing hours. Some of the most important are: Baby'O, Palladium, Believe, Love, Dinsmoor, Lukrezia, among others.

One way to start the night is enjoying the spectacular dive show at La Quebrada, with the divers climbing a rocky crag about 115 feet above sea level; the majestic dive at night is with lit by torches. The dive schedules are 13:00, 19:30, 20:30, 21:30 and 22:30 the latter with torches.



# Shopping in Acapulco



Guerrero State is known for hand-painted ceramics, objects made from palo de rosa wood, bark paintings depicting scenes of village life and local flora and fauna, and embroidered textiles. You can also find very good silver jewelry.



In Acapulco shopping is a major pastime. The Costera is lined with many boutiques selling high-fashion designs, jewelry stores, shoe stores, endless numbers of shops and open-air markets where you can buy many different artcrafts.

There are also nice and fabulous shopping malls like La Isla Shopping Village, the ideal shopping destination that gathers its residents and tourists for shopping and entertainment, with exclusive boutiques, theme and specialty restaurants, cafés, cinemas, bars and nightclubs.

Additionally, you can find a wide variety of attractive products in the traditional Handicraft Markets, located in La Diana, El Pueblito, Vía Rápida and the Center.

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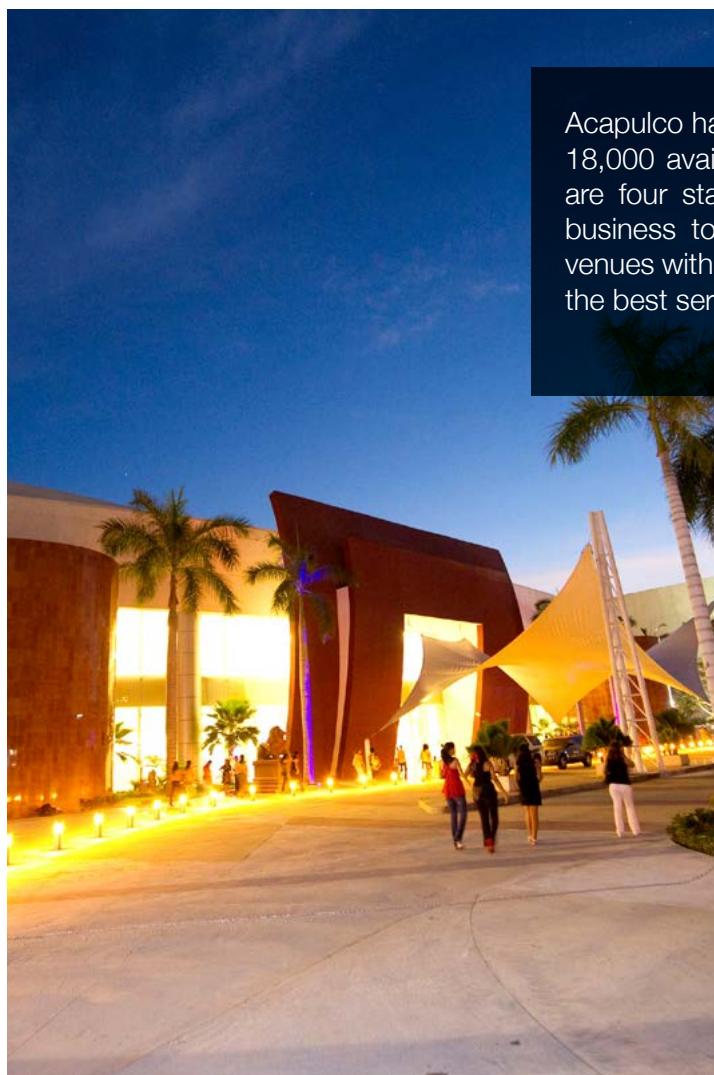
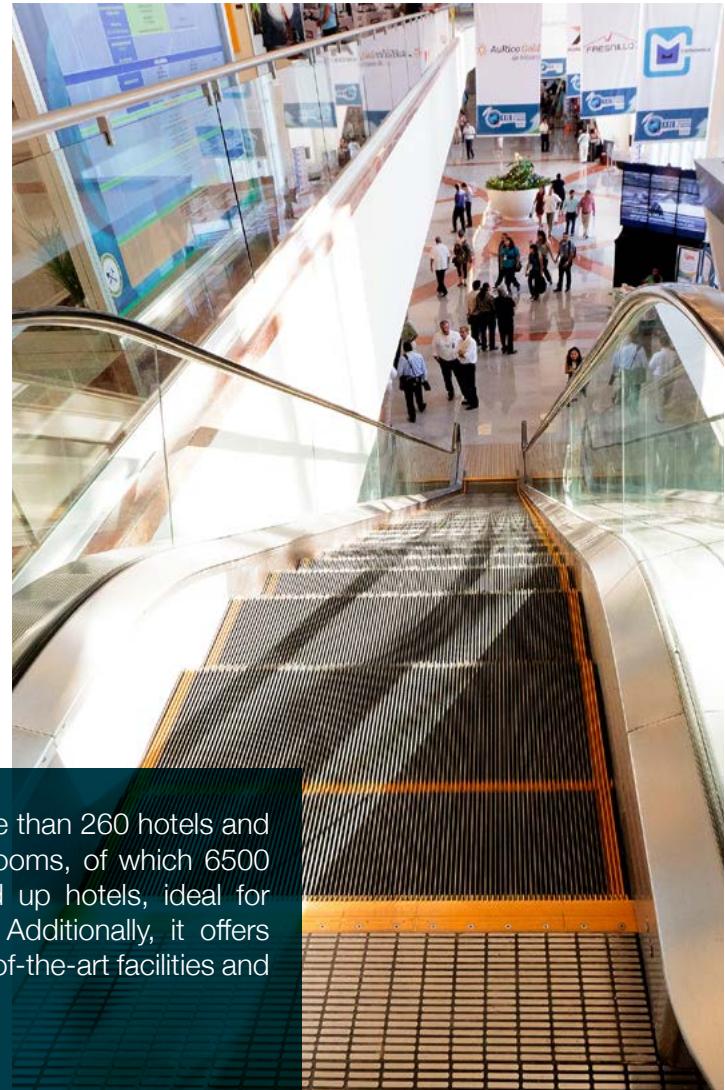


# Events & Conventions in Acapulco

Acapulco International Center is strategically located in the heart of the hotel zone of Acapulco. It can serve up to 15,000 people. One of the rooms has an area of 6.320 meters column-free square. It also has two multi-purpose rooms for 5,000 meter each an outdoor theater with a capacity of 2,000 people, an indoor theater with capacity for 1,200 people and gardens and terraces that can be used for large dinners and other events.

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Acapulco has more than 260 hotels and 18,000 available rooms, of which 6500 are four stars and up hotels, ideal for business tourism. Additionally, it offers venues with state-of-the-art facilities and the best services.



The Forum Entertainment Center, features leading-edge technology, specially designed acoustics, 4,000 seats and it presents world-class shows. The Congress, Convention and Event Center, acknowledged as Mexico's convention and exhibition center with the largest column-free area and featuring the most modern equipment and technology in Latin America. It has an area of over 22,000 square meters for fairs, exhibitions, conferences, seminars and all kinds of meetings. The complex has a spectacular hotel, a promenade and a spa. Additionally, there are several hotels that have the facilities and infrastructure for conventions, trade shows and events.

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# Map of Guerrero

# Guerrero



## Symbols

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  -  Grottoes
  -  Church
  -  Jet Ski
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  -  Zipline
  -  Trailer Park
  -  University
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  -  Windsurf
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## Distances from Acapulco to:

City	Km	Miles
Cd. de México	366	229
Cuernavaca	277	173
Guadalajara	979	612
Huatulco	752	470
Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo	253	158
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