

# Guadalajara



- Population - 1.5 lakh
- Size - Largest city in Jalisco
- Weather - Sub Tropical climate
- Language - Spanish
- Specialty Food - Torta Ahogada, Birria, Pozole





Guadalajara is the capital and largest city of the Mexican state of Jalisco. The city is in the central region of Jalisco in the Western-Pacific area of Mexico. It is the 10<sup>th</sup> largest Latin American city in population, urban area and gross domestic product. The city's economy is based on services and industry, especially IT with a large number of international firms having regional offices.

Guadalajara is a major Mexican cultural center and is considered to be the home of famous mariachi genre of music. The city was established in five other places before moving to current location. The first settlement was in 1532 and later became the capital city after Jalisco state was formed.

Guadalajara was selected as "Smart City" in 2013 by IEEE. Several cities invest in areas of research and development. It is nicknamed as "Pearl of the West"



## Places of Interest

**Centro Historico** – Guadalajara’s historic center is flanked by four beautiful plazas, each with its own specific atmosphere, as well as some of the most architecturally delightful structures in the city.

**Tequila** – Jalisco is the birthplace of tequila, the famous Mexican spirit made from the blue agave plant. Guadalajara has sever tour companies that run trips to this small and vibrant town including the Tequila Express.

**Guachimontones** – It is located in the town of Teuchitlan which plays host to some interesting ruins. The thing that sets it apart from other ruins is that the pyramids are made of concentric circles a style that is not found anywhere else in Mexico.