

San Miguel de Allende is a town of approximately 160,500 people, located in central Mexico.

At the top of the central highlands of México, San Miguel de Allende is blessed with over 320 days of sunshine and moderate rainfall, most of it falling during Mexico's summer rainy seasons.

Also known to have a desertic climate, this unique colonial town has a flavor of its own, it's many ingredients include cobblestone streets, burros carrying firewood, painters, photographers, sculptors, dazzling sunsets, wonderful restaurants and a town square that's bursting with mariachis.

San Miguel offers visitors all kinds of activities. Choose from a week long art class at one of the numerous local art academies, a ride in a hot air balloon, a weekend cooking class, Pilates, yoga, Zen Meditation, or cleansing with a shaman. Swim in thermal waters, spend a day at a spa, or be more adventurous with mountain biking, ATVs or horseback riding and visiting our archeological zone "La Cañada de la Virgen".

A stroll through town delights the eye with all the colorfully painted buildings and the many tempting shops. At dusk, have a cold "cerveza" at Los Portales downtown, enjoy dining at a local restaurant, and then dance till dawn at one of the lively night spots. Here are our recommendations for you to enjoy during your stay.

## MORNING

Take a stroll in the heart of downtown San Miguel and enjoy a delicious breakfast at [Cumpanio](#) located on Correo #29, Centro.

Other breakfast and coffee recommendations are:

- [Panina](#) - Our favorite for coffee and delicious bread - 15 min walk from downtown
- [Jacques](#) - Great coffee, grilled cheese and egg sandwiches - Downtown
- [Garambullo](#) - Our favorites are the huarache de cecina and chilaquiles - Downtown
- [Luna de Queso](#) - Amazing vegan and vegetarian options, not open on Sundays - 25 min walk from downtown
- [Rustica](#) - Delicious mexican food - 25 min walk from downtown
- [Lavanda](#) - Most famous coffee shop, try the lavender infused latte. We recommend going on a weekday and before 9AM, - Downtown
- [Sunday Brunch Rosewood](#), 1826 Restaurant - Downtown
- [El Pegaso Cafe](#) - Local favorite, try the red chilaquiles - Downtown
- [Ki'bok Coffee](#) - Specialty coffee - Downtown
- [La Cabra Iluminada](#) - our favorite vegan breakfast in town - Downtown

After breakfast, you can opt for a swim in one of our local hot springs at [La Gruta](#). Take a 15 minute taxi drive (you're likely to find an available one on every street) and let your driver know at what time you want to be picked up to come back or let the Spa's staff know so they can help you get a ride home.

If you like adventure, the [San Miguel Parque de Aventura](#) has a great zip line; make a reservation at [parquedeaventurasma@gmail.com](mailto:parquedeaventurasma@gmail.com) 415-140-0700.

Other adventure recommendations for the brave are:

- [Coyote Canyon Adventures](#) has amazing all day horseback riding tours, hot air balloon rides and mountain biking - <https://www.coyotecanyonadventures.com/>
- ATV Extreme Tours - <https://atvextremetours.com/>
- [Rancho Sol Dorado](#) - a beautiful mexican ranch where you can horseback ride or have lunch in the backcountry of SMA - <https://www.ranchodelsoldorado.com/>

If you'd rather walk around and admire our beautiful architecture, San Miguel is a World Heritage Site and is looking more beautiful every day.

Some local walking tours you could do are:

- [Original Downtown Food Tour with Taste of San Miguel](#)
- [Tacos and Tequila Food Walking Tour in San Miguel de Allende](#)
- [Historical and Cultural Walking Tour of San Miguel de Allende](#)

If you'd rather walk on your own, we recommend visiting our local markets and shops, where you'll enjoy all the color and the smell of México. (Galleries are listed below.)

- [Mercado de Artesanías - \(The Artisan Market\)](#) is open daily from 9 am until 7 pm. Each stall is overloaded with hand-crafted items. Jewelry stalls sell pendants and rings, some of which are made from local stones such as Mexican jade or shaped like skulls. Hand-painted, traditional Mexican ceramics are piled high alongside hanging lamps and Oaxacan rugs and clothing. Even the souvenirs at touristy stalls are hand-painted
- [La Casa de Vidrio](#) - Mexican Blown Glass shop that has the largest and beautiful amazing selection in town

If you'd like more shopping recommendations, feel free to reach out so we can send over our latest selection of local shops, yet the art galleries and jewelry stores. Canal, Zacateros, Hernandez Macias, and Correo streets are a must.

## LUNCH

Are you hungry yet? If you're in the mood to sit and enjoy the best food and views in San Miguel de Allende, head over to [Atrio](#). We do recommend booking a table in advance. +52 415 688 1405.

Other lunch recommendations are:

- [Bennu](#) - our pizza favorite, be sure to try the Mariana with Stracciatella cheese pizza, it's a MUST - Downtown
- [La Parada](#) - peruvian cuisine, top rated in SMA in TripAdvisor
- [Mi Bistro 300](#) - delicious mexican food - Downtown
- [Bocaciega](#) - greek and mediterranean - Downtown

- [The Restaurant](#) - serves global comfort food - Downtown
- [Salvajes Brasserie](#) - french cuisine - Downtown

If you're up to go to a San Miguel Winery we recommend you get a taxi since they are 30 min away from downtown. Here are a few we think are fabulous:

- [Viñedo La Santísima Trinidad](#) - 35 min car drive from downtown
- [Viñedo San Jose la Vista](#) - 20 min car drive from downtown - very romantic
- [Viñedo San Miguel](#) - 20 min car drive from downtown - more modern take
- [Viñedo San Lucas](#) - 30 min car drive from downtown

## AFTERNOON

If you are feeling like being pampered, enjoy a massage or a spa day. You can try [Matilda's](#) or [Rosweood's Spa](#).

If you are the artsy type, the whole town is filled with art! You will find many art galleries in town such as:

- [Galeria Casa Diana](#)
- [Galeria Nudo](#)
- [Fabrica La Aurora](#) is one of San Miguel de Allende's most unique destinations, a beautiful art and design center housed in a former textile factory. With Café MuRo inside to enjoy a delicious afternoon coffee
- e and treat Instituto Allende - School of visual arts, often has great expositions
- [Mestiz](#) - renowned mexican architect and art director Daniel Valero's personal studio. Needs booking in advance.
- [Galería Kuna](#)
- [Core Interior Design and Art Gallery](#)
- [Wabi](#) - Interior Design and Antiques
- [Habitacion 116](#) - Interior Design and Architecture

If you're looking to do something different and bring home a beautiful souvenir, look no further than [Suki Palomina](#). Visit the unique hat atelier at Suki's home studio, where you will be able to design and create your own cowboy hat. <https://sukipalomina.com/>

## ROOFTOPS AND BARS

San Miguel is known for its beautiful sunsets, so head to [La Azotea](#), located just half a block from the bustling Jardin Principal. This rooftop bar still manages to be somewhat a hidden gem mainly because it has no sign, and to find it you go through the front door to the ground floor restaurant Pueblo Viejo. Be sure to try the Frozen Margarita y jicama shrimp taco!

Other rooftops and bars are:

- [Bekeb](#) - Artisanal mixology bar, the founder and resident mixologist is within the 50 best 2023
- [La Única](#) - Upscale bar and grill
- [Luna Rooftop Tapas Bar](#) in Rosewood

- [Brutal Wine Bar](#) - Buy your wine bottle and drink it there with delicious food selection

## DINNER

Dinner in San Miguel can be as upscale or simple as you want. If you are looking for some great tacos try Brasimix, make sure to order a *Gringa de Pastor* !

Other dinner recommendations are:

- [Xoler - Wine Bar](#)
- [Aperi](#) - Hotel Dos Casas
- [Mui Ramen Bar](#) - Hotel Matilda
- [Trazo - 1810 Hotel](#)
- [Bulla](#) - Spanish cuisine
- [Ryoko](#) Traditional Sushi - our favorite sushi in town
- [Sai-Ko](#) - Turns into a nightclub after 12AM

Last but not least, where to go out at night? Before the party we recommend you get a cocktail (or two) at one of the previously suggested bars, as the night scene in Mexico tends to start after 11PM.

## DANCING

- El Grito / Republica - a San Miguel de Allende classic, over 20 years old!
- Duke - Dance to the latest hits