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METRICS FROM THE GROUND UP MÉRIDA TRAVEL GUIDE

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Mérida, Yucatán



Prior to Departure

Conference Registration

Please do ensure that you are registered for the conference prior to making travel arrangements. We will be enforcing the 100-participant maximum and will not be responsible if you book your travel and cannot register for the conference.

A full list of registered participants can be found [here](#). If you believe you registered for the conference and are not on this list please email Bri Losoya-Evora at Brianna.Losoya@aspeninstitute.org.

Weather

This section will be updated closer to the conference. In February, the average daily temperature for the month ranges from 30° to 32°C (86° to 89°F).

International Travelers

Nationals (Passport holders) of the following countries **do not** require visas to enter Mexico [click for details](#). All other nationals (Passport holders) require visas to enter Mexico

For [countries that don't need a visa](#), A Mexico Visitor's Permit (FMM) will need to be filled out in place of a visa. This is a simple form: airlines pass these out aboard flights and should be filled out on the airplane before you land, or you can acquire one at all airports, as well as land border crossings and sea ports of entry. Mexico charges a fee to all tourists and business visitors arriving in the country. The fee is approximately US\$22, and the money collected is passed to the Tourism Ministry to promote Mexican tourism. Your FMM is valid for 180 days.

If you fly in to Mexico, airlines normally collect the permit fee on behalf of the Mexican government and include the cost within the total airfare (under 'taxes and surcharges'), so in the majority of cases, there will be no need for you to pay the fee separately.

If you do not arrive in Mexico by airplane, and you intend to travel beyond the ~35km 'free zone', complete the FMM Visitor's permit at your port of entry to Mexico and pay the fee separately. You'll need to present this FMM at the inland immigration check-point you'll pass when you travel beyond the 'free zone'.

Entry Requirements (On Arrival)

1. Passport (Not photocopy) which is valid for **at least six (6) months**.
2. Completed (Filled in) Visitor's Permit (FMM).
3. Information regarding the number of days you intend to stay in the country and where you plan to stay.

If you know you need to apply for an entry visa before you travel to Mexico (i.e. yours is not one of the countries listed as "exempt" [here](#)), you should contact your nearest [Mexican Consulate](#) for further information and details about application procedures.

Important: Keep your Visitor's Permit (FMM) safe! You will need to present this again as you leave. Failing to produce and surrender your original, previously stamped FMM as you leave will require you to apply for a duplicate, which carries a fee (approximately US \$30) and can often be time consuming.



Currency

The rate of exchange as of January 11, 2019 was Mex\$ 19.11 to US \$1.

For day-to-day expenses you will need Mexican Pesos (Mex\$ 614), roughly US \$32.

If you want to take cash, take your local currency (Real / Euros / Dollars) and change into Mexican Pesos at either the bank or forex at the airport (while you collect your bags) or at a bank or forex / FX. You will get a better exchange rate in Mexico and you will get the best rates at a Forex. You can keep your cash safe in the hotel's safes.

If you want to use credit / debit cards, you can also ATMs at the airport and near the hotel.

If you take your credit/debit card to use in either an ATM or shop, let your card company know you will be using in Mexico to avoid your card being declined. Although credit card payment is widely acceptable at most major establishments, some charge a levy for non-cash transactions and others may insist on an ID. You should also check with your bank regarding what fees they may charge for using a credit/debit card abroad.

Electricity



Type A



Type B

Mexico uses the North American electricity at a voltage of 127 volts or dual volts. It is advisable to come prepared with the appropriate adaptor for your electronic appliances.

A plug adapter for Mexico (or power adapter) will change the actual shape of the plug on your device to fit into a plug outlet found in Mexico but is unable to convert the voltage from 127 volts to use with another voltage.

Upon Arrival

About Mérida, Yucatán

Mérida is the capital and largest city in Yucatán State in Mexico, as well as the largest city of the Yucatán Peninsula. The city is located in the northwest part of the state, about 35 kilometers (22 miles) off the coast of the Gulf of Mexico. This beautiful capital city is known for its traditions, culture, and human quality, bringing its past and present together in an incredible way. You can enjoy wandering around the city, museums, regional entertainment, art exhibits, handcrafts, music, and the characteristic flavors of its regional, national, and international cuisine.

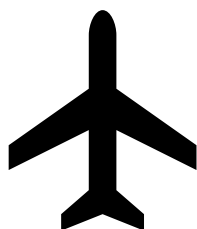




Transportation

Conference Location

Fiesta Americana Mérida
Paseo de Montejo 451
Centro, Mérida, Yuc. 97000
Mexico



AIRPORT

International Airport Manuel Crescencio Rejon (MID)

Address: Carretera Mérida a Uman Km 14.5 Mérida, Edo. de Yucatán, Mexico

Telephone: (52) 99 – 9946 – 1530 Website: asur.com.mx

International Airport of Cancun (CUN) (189 KM from Mérida)

Address: Carretera Cancún-Chetumal Km 22, Benito Juarez, Edo. de Quintana Roo

Telephone: (52) 998 – 848 – 7200 Website: <https://www.cancun-airport.net>



TAXI

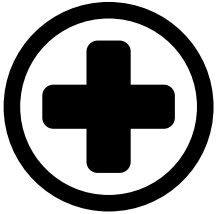
Reserve Shuttle: (approximately 10-15 minutes): If you have booked your flight and know when you will be arriving to Mérida Airport, you can reserve a shuttle to pick up a single person or a group ahead of time through airportshuttles.com. You can select any pick-up time; prices vary based on group size.

Taxi service (approximately 10-20 minutes): Google Map directions can be found [here](#). Participants can opt to use the taxi service. They are readily available at the airport and can be purchased by visiting the booth outside the airport exit doors. You can expect to pay roughly Mex\$ 200 to 300 or US \$10 to 15.

Uber Service – (approximately 10-15 minutes) The Uber application connects you to a reliable ride while at the airport. You can get an Uber ride from Mérida Airport to the Fiesta Americana hotel. Payment is completed through credit card entered in the app. Be sure to download the application in advance. You can expect to pay roughly Mex\$ 95 or US \$5-10.



Health & Safety



Pharmacy

Farmacias Bazar Sucursal CMA

Address: Calle 21 No 192 x 10 y 12 Col. García Ginerés, Mérida, Yucatán, México, C.P. 97070. Telephone: (999) 920 – 80 – 45 Website: www.farmaciasbazar.com



Hospital

Centro Medico de las Americas

Address: Calle 54 No 365 entre calle 33 A y Avenida Perez Ponce, CP 97100, Mérida, Yucatán

Telephone: (52) 999 – 926 – 2111

Website: www.centromedicodelasamericas.com

Hospital Star Médica Mérida

Address: Star Médica, Calle 26 199, Col. Altabrisa, 97133 Mérida, Yuc.

Telephone: (52) 999 – 930 – 2880

Website: www.starmedica.com

Emergency Numbers

In case of emergency in which an ambulance, firemen, or the police are required, **please call 911.**



Other Practical Information



Calling Local Numbers

To call a local number from a foreign phone, you must include the country's calling code. The code to call a local Mexican number is +52 (this applies to mobile phones).

Check with your cellular provider before the trip to understand what restrictions or additional charges might be associated with making calls in Mexico.

Dress Code

The dress code for the Metrics Conference is business casual.

Attractions in Mérida

We recommend downloading the "TravelGuideYuc" app from the AppStore or PlayStore onto your phone. There, you can find the most popular and representative places to visit in Mérida.

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