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Summertime in Phoenix is the opposite of cities like Chicago and New York, where residents cannot wait for the temperatures to climb above freezing to get outside to enjoy their parks and al fresco dining. In Phoenix and the Southwest, we seek refuge from the extreme summer heat and head indoors or to the pool. Tourist season ends soon after spring training and doesn't pick up again until the fall.

But that does not mean that business grinds to a halt. We continue to strengthen the Arizona-Mexico connection, as you will learn in **#ChooseMexico** when you read about the Space Project Partnership between the Mexican Space Agency and the University of Arizona (p.3).

In **#Arizona Thrives**, U.S. Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick explains her tireless work to support a robust border infrastructure to encourage trade and tourism efforts that offer significant economic benefits for both Mexico and Arizona (p.5). In this section, you will also meet David Ortega, Scottsdale's first Latino mayor, who is working hard to strengthen the ties between Scottsdale and Latin America (p.6) and Show Low Mayor John Leech Jr., who will convince you to head north to escape the Sonoran Desert heat and enjoy the cool mountain breezes in the city known as the gateway to the beautiful White Mountains (p.7).

Finally, **#DiscoverMexico** features three more beautiful travel destinations:

- Veracruz (p.9), where its vibrant and colorful yearly carnival has been celebrated for more than 150 years;
- Jalisco (p.10), the charming state on the Pacific Ocean that is the birthplace of tequila and where you can visit nine pueblo mágicos; and
- the state of Colima (p.13), located just south of Jalisco, that is home to Manzanillo, the self-proclaimed "sailfish capital of the world." For movie trivia buffs: Playa La Audiencia is where the beach scenes for the 1979 movie, *10*, were filmed.

Jorge Mendoza Yescas
Consul General of Mexico



Upcoming Events

BUSINESS EVENTS

- ABASTUR Hospitality**
August 31-September 2, Mexico City
- Expo Agro Guanajuato Agribusiness**
November 8-11, Irapuato
- Solar Power Mexico 2022 Energy**
November 8-11, Irapuato

TOURISM EVENTS

- Guelaguetza 2022 Culture/Artistic dance**
July 25-August 1, Oaxaca
- XXXVIII Mariachi and Charrería International Meeting Cultural/Music Festival**
August 26-September 9, Guadalajara
- Cervantino International Festival 2022 Cultural/Music Festival**
October 12-30, Guanajuato

Did You Know...



- In 2021, the **National Museum of Anthropology** was the **most visited museum in Mexico** by international tourists?
- **Mexico** was the **world's second largest exporter of cucumbers** in 2020?
- Mexican diplomat **Alfonso García Robles** won the **Nobel Peace Prize in 1982** for his work on the denuclearization of Latin America?
- In 2021, **Mexico** ranked **first in Latin America and fourth worldwide in mining exploration investment**?



MEXICANS IN ARIZONA: Meet Dr. Rafael Fonseca

about. When I finished my training in 1998, I became a consultant at the clinic. I already knew that there was another Mayo Clinic campus in Arizona that hadn't yet developed much research on blood and bone marrow cancer. I came to Arizona's campus in 2004 with the idea of creating a clinic and research program for multiple myeloma.

Q: What do you consider your most significant contribution to the medical community?

Fonseca: I am known in the medical community for the description of multiple myeloma's biology; in other words, how we understand the disease and how we can use that knowledge to treat patients. I participated in the use of a technique named fluorescence in situ hybridization (FISH) to genetically classify multiple myeloma's subtypes and know patients' risks. This is also interesting because there is a treatment that responds to a specific subtype of myeloma. My main article was published between in 2003 and now these probes are used routinely in laboratories. In 2010, I got a patent for this.

Q: What are the main challenges you've faced during your career?

Fonseca: I understand that this is not everyone's case, but I have always felt a very supportive environment in the U.S. There are challenges that we all know exist and must be resolved, but my Mexican origin has never felt like a barrier to me. Maybe this is because Mayo Clinic has a cosmopolitan atmosphere. I think one challenge in the medical community is that you must study for a long time; after high school, I continued my education for another 13 years.

Q: What message would you like to send to Mexicans who currently live or want to move to Arizona?

Fonseca: Arizona is growing, and new things are being created and constructed. Having lived in Florida and Minnesota, I found that few places have the capacity to create such a warm and receptive environment for Mexicans. There are many great opportunities here and cultural familiarity. Arizona State University is a source of pride due to its innovation and diversity.<

Dr. Rafael Fonseca is a renowned Mexican hematologist and currently the Chief Innovation Officer at the Mayo Clinic in Arizona. His research on multiple myeloma has resulted in new diagnosis and treatment choices for patients all over the world. [Learn more](#)

Q: Why did you move to Arizona?

Fonseca: After studying medicine in Mexico, I went to the University of Miami in Florida from 1991 to 1994 to complete my medical residency. Then, I was accepted into a fellowship program at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN, where I studied hematology, a subject that I am passionate

Mexican Ministry of Economy and Intel Mexico Sign Collaboration to Strengthen Semiconductor Supply Chain

In April, the Mexican Ministry of Economy and Intel Mexico agreed to collaborate on knowledge transfer and highly specialized training for technology personnel. In September 2021, Tatiana Clouthier, Mexican Secretary of Economy, had a work visit to Washington, D.C., where she met and analyzed opportunities for collaboration with Al Thompson, Intel's vice president of U.S. government relations,

The goal of this partnership is to promote Mexico as an innovation hub in Latin America and to highlight the country's role in the global semiconductor supply chain. Another objective is to further the consolidation of the national technology industry. To achieve this, they will focus on three aspects: talent, competitiveness and global initiatives.

They will also seek to improve the competitiveness of Mexican enterprises by sharing knowledge and best practices. Furthermore, they will promote Intel's global initiatives. Their joint tasks will have flexible annual work frames with the option of escalation based on available resources and identified needs.

During the announcement event, Secretary Clouthier and Santiago Cardona, Intel Mexico's country manager, celebrated this new period of cooperation and Cardona emphasized that the agreement will help develop young specialized workers.◀



Mexican Space Agency and UArizona Forge Space Project Partnership

In April, the Mexican Space Agency (AEM) and the University of Arizona (UArizona) signed a memorandum of understanding to improve information sharing and cooperation in the development of space initiatives between the two institutions.

The AEM and UArizona expect to strengthen their collaboration to tackle shared challenges that include climate change and the digital divide. They plan to work on specific projects like the development of satellites and space telecommunications. Academically, they will team up to create opportunities for the creation of innovative research strategies, and international student and faculty exchange programs.

AEM's Director General Dr. Salvador Landeros Ayala and UArizona

Senior Vice President Dr. Liesl Folks presided over the event. During the reunion, Dr. Landeros acknowledged that UArizona is one of the most recognized academic institutions in the space sector.

Dr. Folks recognized AEM's efforts to develop young talent in the space industry. The current partnership between the AEM and UArizona marks the beginning of a new period of friendly space collaboration between Mexico and the United States.

The AEM is a decentralized organ of the Secretariat of Infrastructure, Communications and Transportation. The agency plays an essential role in the planning, execution and coordination of Mexico's space policy. It is also responsible for the development of technology and infrastructure.◀



More Info:
[Collaboration between Mexico and Intel](#)

Mexico's Wind Power Industry

Monterrey– La Laguna Wind Turbine Corridor



The Mexican Foreign Ministry, the United Nations (UN) Industrial Development Organization and UN Habitat identify the northern and Bajío regions of Mexico as ideal zones for wind turbine manufacturing. Particularly, there is a strategic corridor composed of the metropolitan areas of Monterrey, Saltillo and La Laguna, clustering 38 municipalities (11 in Coahuila, two in Durango and 25 in Nuevo León).

Here are a few reasons to invest in this corridor:

- **Innovation and skilled workers.** The area has rates of innovation three times higher than the national average for the sector. Also, in seven of its municipalities, more than 50% of its manufacturing workers have higher education or training.
- **Competitiveness and industrialization.** Nine of its municipalities are among the 25 most productive in the country, and the local economy in eight of the municipalities is highly industrialized.
- **Availability of inputs.** There are 2,158 economic units linked to the wind turbine value chain in the corridor. A total of 64.4% are related to the manufacturing of machinery parts, 7% are related to the production of other metal products, 7% are related to other manufacturing industries, and 5% are related to the fabrication of steel and iron goods.
- **Location and connectivity.** The corridor is located near some of the main Mexican ports of entry to the United States, and to key maritime ports in the Gulf of Mexico. There is also a transportation infrastructure that connects the region to the most important cities in the country. ◀

Harnessing the Wind to Reduce the Effects of Global Warming

To tackle global warming, there has been an international effort to transition to clean energies. Despite the COVID-19 global pandemic, the production of clean energy in Mexico increased 18.81% in 2020, accounting for a quarter of the total energy generated in the country.

Mexico's capabilities to produce energy with renewable resources is exceptional. In this sense, wind power is one of the most promising assets in the nation. Between 2019 and 2020 alone, the country's production of wind energy increased 17.79%.

Mexico is in a privileged geographical position to produce a wide range of supplies for the wind turbines industry for domestic demand and for international consumption, mainly for the United States and Latin America. ◀

Growth Potential

As of March 2022, Mexico had 70 functioning wind farms distributed in 15 states. The number of installed wind turbines was 3,247. When measured in

2019, the Revealed Comparative Advantage (RCA) of Mexico in rotating electric plants and parts thereof was greater than Spain, the U.S., Brazil and India. In other words, Mexico should be considered a potential competitive exporter of these goods related to the wind power industry.

The wind turbine value chain consists of various activities, including the manufacture of its components. Mexico has the capacity to produce the necessary components for this industry's wind towers: steel, cables, paint and lighting systems. ◀

Everyone Wins When We Strengthen the *Arizona-Mexico* Relationship

BY ANN KIRKPATRICK

Representing a border district, I know firsthand the value of having a strong partnership with Mexico. The Arizona-Mexico borderland region represents vital arteries for our national economies through land ports of entry (LPOE), connecting us with our sister cities. These ports process hundreds of billions of dollars in trade and commerce annually. Approximately one third of Arizona's total imports and exports are from and to Mexico.

As of 2019, about 100,000 jobs in Arizona were supported by trade with Mexico. The returns for trade and labor are significant. In 2019, when the Trump administration threatened tariffs on goods imported from Mexico, many concerned small business owners and ranchers urgently called my office to express how much they rely on trade with our southern neighbor. This type of threat to our cross-border trade would be catastrophic for our AZ economy and also would severely affect working families.

Now, let's talk about tourism. Our borderland region also is a vital connector that allows residents on both sides of the border to visit family, go to school, shop and vacation. Visitors from Mexico contribute 60-70% to our sales tax revenues in our border communities, which is obviously a significant revenue stream. The numbers don't lie. We *all* win when we invest the time and resources to strengthen the Arizona-Mexico relationship.

As Arizona's appropriator, my top priority has been to deliver robust funding for our southern LPOE. I'm proud that we successfully secured more than \$3 billion for revitalization funding designated for LPOEs in Arizona, including repairs and construction at the Raúl Héctor Castro Port in Douglas. I believe it's essential for people to understand that our cross-border relationship is really about trade and tourism, not the partisan political games people try to play. The economic incentives are crystal clear: Our neighbor's success ensures our success—and vice versa. ◀



ANN KIRKPATRICK
Representative
(D-AZ 2nd District)

Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick was born and raised in rural Arizona, moved to Tucson to attend the University of Arizona and has performed a lifetime of service for Arizona families. She worked as a prosecutor, starting her career in the Pima County Attorney's office, before going on to serve in Congress. She represents a diverse district that stretches from the suburbs of Tucson to the more rural border towns in Cochise County.

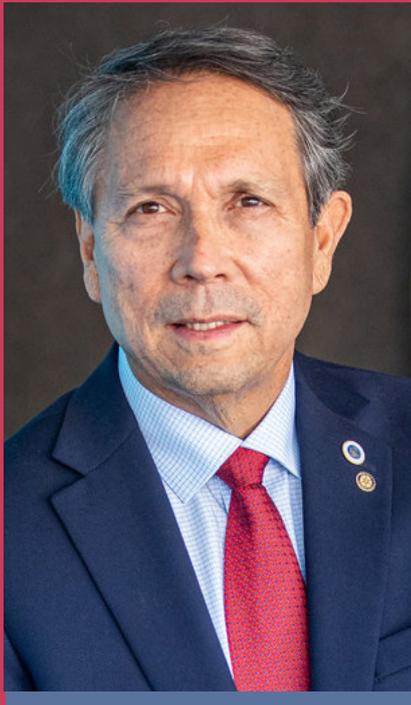
As a member of the influential Appropriations Committee, Kirkpatrick has crafted a legislative agenda driven by the needs of her constituents. Her focus is on accessible health care, affordable higher education, building and investing in a robust border infrastructure, addressing climate change and advocating for the district's competitive defense industry.

She has prioritized bipartisan reforms that directly affect the local businesses and communities she is honored to represent. Kirkpatrick and her husband, Roger, live in the Casas Adobes neighborhood in Tucson and spend their free time babysitting their three energetic grandchildren.



More Info:

kirkpatrick.house.gov



DAVID ORTEGA
Mayor of Scottsdale

David Ortega is the first Latino Mayor of Scottsdale, AZ. He is a registered Arizona architect and designed many landmark buildings in Old Town. He is a graduate of the University of Arizona and was an apprentice architect to Bennie Gonzales, an internationally known architect who designed most of the major municipal buildings in Scottsdale and is known for his distinctive Southwestern architecture style.



More Info:

scottsdaleaz.gov

[Scottsdale tourism](#)

Scottsdale Builds Stronger Ties with Mexico and Latin America

BY DAVID ORTEGA

Mexico and Arizona share more than strategic ground transport and economic interdependence. We have a common heritage and cultural affinity. We share the Sonoran Desert from the Baja to Scottsdale and most of Arizona. Together, we are a regional dynamo.

Scottsdale is the crossroads for business expertise and capital investments in Arizona. Did you know that Scottsdale Airport is the fourth busiest business travel airport in the world, according to WingX, which tracks global business aviation flight activity? Scottsdale draws business and civic leaders with our arts and culture, healthcare and tourism.

Mexico and Arizona are drawn together by critical water resource and supply chain economics. Again, Scottsdale is a world leader in water management, recapture technology, purification and the replenishment of groundwater resources. A response to the historic drought, both medium and long-term, is a top priority to support an ongoing diverse, resilient local economy. The city of Scottsdale works continuously to attract quality, sustainable investments that complement our quality of life.

I am instituting stronger ties to Latin America for multilateral foreign direct trade that will lead to greater economic growth to build an entrepreneurial environment that businesses and talent expect and demand in today's world. Partnering with Mexico is essential for Scottsdale to develop to those markets. As the state of Arizona strengthens existing partnerships with Mexico, the Scottsdale Economic Development department will play a greater role in global business. Together, Mexico, Arizona and, of course, Scottsdale, will benefit by becoming a robust economic region. ◀

Show Low: Gateway to Arizona's White Mountains

BY JOHN LEECH JR.

A commonly repeated legend alleges that Show Low got its name as the result of a card game between two friends. According to folklore, Corydon E. Cooley and Marion Clark were equal partners in a 100,000-acre ranch, but decided that there was not enough room for the two of them on that ranch so they settled their problem with a card game called Seven Up. As the game dragged on, Clark allegedly said to Cooley, "If you can show low, you win." When Cooley turned up the deuce of clubs, he replied, "Show low it is." The game gave Cooley the ranch and both the city and the main street their names; Show Low's main street is named Deuce of Clubs.

Our beautiful city is the gateway to Arizona's beautiful White Mountains and welcomes tourists from both southern Arizona and Sonora, Mexico. Many Tucson residents vacation or have second homes in the White Mountains because the area is much closer and easier to get to than some of the other higher elevation areas in northern Arizona.

We also get our share of visitors from Sonora, Mexico, who come to our winter wonderland to ski in the winter and in the summer enjoy the cool mountain air that is a welcome change of pace from the desert heat in Sonora.◀



JOHN LEECH JR.
Mayor of Show Low

John Leech Jr. is currently the mayor of the city of Show Low. He has been a resident of the city for almost 50 years and his term expires December 2024. He has served on the city council since 2010 and has worked in support of the Northern Arizona Council of Governments (NACOG) during his tenure. He has also been a member of the White Mountain Sheriff's Posse for 38 years, served as chairman on the Planning and Zoning Commission and is retired from the Show Low Fire Department.



More Info:

showlowaz.gov

[Show Low tourism](#)



AMERICANS IN MEXICO

Meet *Bob Greninger*

sister city in Caborca, Sonora. I was responsible for delivering ambulances to the city. One occasion, I also delivered an ambulance in southern Mexico. In 2010, I traveled from Nuevo Laredo to Tapachula. I've developed strong relationships with many people in Mexico.

Robert A. Greninger is the President of the Prescott Western Heritage Foundation in Arizona. He has always been involved in the Prescott community, serving on many local boards, and in national and international organizations and charities. He has been going to Mexico for more than 60 years.

[Learn more.](#)

Q: Why did you start to visit Mexico?

Greninger: I have many friends in Mexico and I've had the ability to travel all over the country. I was part of the Sister City Program in Prescott, and we have a

Q: What is your favorite memory of Mexico?

Greninger: You don't have enough time for me to talk about my experiences in Mexico. When I was president of the Sister City Association in Prescott, I was a really good friend of my counterpart in Mexico. Today, I'm the godfather of his son, who is now 18. I'm very proud of that. Also, when I was in the country in 2010, I was able to stand on the exact same spot as Dolores Hidalgo and repeat *El Grito* for Mexico.

Q: How do you think Mexico is different from other countries?

Greninger: I think a piece of my heart is Mexican. I love its language, music and food. Mostly, I like the people. We get along very well, and I've always been very welcomed. Everywhere I went, I've enjoyed a wonderful warm reception. There's so much to love about Mexico. Outside of the U.S., it is my favorite country.

Q: Would you recommend visiting Mexico to your acquaintances? Why?

Greninger: I think there's some fear right now about traveling to Mexico, but it's not accurate. I was just there in April. Everything was fine. I would recommend everybody to come visit. I've never had any trouble or whatsoever. I'm proud to go there, and I always enjoy myself. Our Mexican friends treat us like family. It is a wonderful place to visit. <



It's *Carnival* Time!

The city of Veracruz hosted one of Mexico's finest carnivals. Although this event is usually celebrated in February, this year it was rescheduled and was held July 1-5.

The carnival is one of Mexico's oldest and the most recent edition commemorated more than 150 years of history. It was first organized in 1866 during the government of Maximilian I of Habsburg. Previously, it was considered a celebration before Lent and began as private costume balls with European influences, but the celebration was soon moved outdoors so everyone could enjoy the festivities.

This year, the carnival was full of vibrant colors and festive music. The celebration included a king and queen coronation, carnival games, folkloric shows, live music, delicious gastronomy, handicrafts, colorful parades, fireworks and a few surprises.

The Carnival of Veracruz is one of the best chances to immerse yourself in Mexican culture. Don't miss next year's edition! It's easy to get to Veracruz. Just fly to Mexico City and then drive for five hours to Veracruz.<



More Info:

[Carnival of Veracruz](#)

Enjoy *Jalisco* through its Tourist Destinations

Considered the most emblematic state of Mexico, Jalisco offers its visitors memorable experiences, mind-blowing landscapes, stories full of cultural references, and the stunning beauty of its nine *pueblo mágicos*. Beyond tequila, the excellent national drink, and mariachi, the most representative of all Mexican music, there are many unique experiences to enjoy and delicious traditional dishes to savor in Jalisco.

There is a great diversity of natural and urban landscapes in the municipalities in the Guadalajara Metropolitan Area. Among these, you can visit the *pueblo mágico* of Tlaquepaque, Tonalá, which is considered the cradle of pottery; Zapopan, where national and international events take place; Tlajomulco, a place where you can discover a memorable religious legacy through the Franciscan Route; and Guadalajara, the core of the metropolitan area, a city full of history, culture and colonial buildings. In the historical center of Guadalajara, you will find most of the destination's museums and other places of interest.

In Jalisco, virgin beaches will beckon you with soft waves, white sand, abundant vegetation and astonishing cliffs. The entire coastline is stunning. From the six bays of Costalegre to the enchanting beaches of Puerto Vallarta, there are unforgettable experiences awaiting you. You can enjoy water sports accompanied by beautiful sunsets, whale watching, swimming with dolphins, outstanding gastronomic offerings and unique late-night experiences where everyone is welcome. <

Jalisco's Gastronomy: What to Eat

Tortas Ahogadas. This simple, but delightful, dish consists of a salty *birote* bread (exclusive to Guadalajara) stuffed with *carnitas* (pork meat), onion, refried beans and lemon, and bathed in tomato and hot sauce.

Birria. An emblem of Jalisco's gastronomy, the *birria* is mainly made with goat meat, although it also can be prepared with lamb, pork or beef. Its flavor is enriched with garlic, onion, black pepper, cloves, thyme, bay leaf, cumin and a mixture of *chiles*, especially *guajillo*, *pasilla*, *morita* and *cascabel*.

Tejuino. This drink is prepared with fermented corn, *piloncillo* (sugar extracted from cane) and water. It is served cold, with lemon juice and a touch of salt. You also can order it with lemon sorbet. This drink is the most requested in the hot season because it is very refreshing.

Raicilla. It is a bit stronger than *tequila* and is made from several types of *agave*, including *maximiliana*, *angustifolia*, *valenciana* and *rhodacantha*. Although it is common to drink it with salt and lemon, its flavor is versatile, which allows the creation of delicious cocktails, such as the ever-popular margarita and the more sophisticated raicilla cream. <



More Info:

www.visitjalisco.com.mx



Sergio "Checo" Pérez: A Native of Jalisco in Formula 1

Sergio "Checo" Pérez was born Jan. 26, 1990, in Guadalajara, Jalisco. He began his racing career in karting at a very early age. In 1996, when he was only six years old, Checo finished his first season in second place overall and had four victories in his category.

This prodigious talent soon caught the attention of Telmex's racing team scouts and, in 2004, he went from karting to racing for Telmex in the Skip Barber National Championship, based in the United States. He soon

moved to Europe to race in Formula BMW and eventually F1.

He is the second Mexican driver to obtain a podium finish. At press time, Checo already had 20 podium finishes, and recently finished in first place at the prestigious Monaco Grand Prix. The other Mexican driver who has podium finishes is Pedro Rodriguez, who has had seven in his career.

Pérez has always shown love for the land where he was born; for this reason, in addition to his solid career, the government of the State of Jalisco named him a destination ambassador. Besides promoting Jalisco's destinations internationally, Pérez will promote the "Jalisco es Mexico" brand, which will be featured on the official helmet during the 22 Grand Prix races of the 2022 season. (NOTE: In May, Formula 1 announced that the Russian Grand Prix will not be replaced, so there will just be 22 races in 2022 instead of the previously planned 23.)<



More Info:

[formula1.com/en/drivers/sergio-perez.html](https://www.formula1.com/en/drivers/sergio-perez.html)

Penalty Clauses in Real Estate Contracts **Are Now Illegal in Mexico**



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BY ALBERTO BRINGAS

Throughout Mexico, it has been customary to include an agreement in real estate purchase contracts that stipulates that if the buyer is late with a certain number of installments, the contract will be terminated and all the amortizations previously paid will be lost. This stipulation obviously has only benefitted sellers. Thankfully, this practice is now illegal.

Developers have used and abused this agreement, which allowed them to recover the property sold and also to keep all the payments the buyer made.

In the past, a buyer might invest all their retirement funds and, for reasons beyond their control, might not be able to pay some of the installments. If this happens, the buyer would be left with nothing, often losing hundreds of thousands of dollars without the possibility to recover the money because Mexican Courts used to value the principle of contractual freedom more than human rights.

So, can you get rid of this specific clause in a contract without affecting the sale agreement itself? The answer is yes. Requesting cancellation of an illegal clause in a contract should not affect the rest of the contract.

Keeping this clause in a contract is like having a lion at home: As long as you feed the lion, nothing bad will happen. However, if for some reason you stop feeding it, you or your loved ones could face a potentially catastrophic problem.

If you have a contract with this type of clause, you should immediately take the appropriate legal steps to remove it. In Mexico, illegal pacts are voidable agreements; however, it will remain in effect and will affect your patrimony if you do not take action.◀

Colima: Adventure Is Waiting

Colima is a state in the western coastal region of Mexico, near Jalisco and Michoacán. It is the perfect holiday spot for those who want to get some rest, but also for tourists looking for challenging outdoor activities. Here, you can relax on the most beautiful beaches. However, if you are feeling energized, you can explore its cities or go for a hike.

You do not have to worry about the local weather; you can visit Colima all year round. Although the temperature can vary between 93 and 59 degrees, the average temperature is 77°F and the rainy season lasts from June to October.



COLIMA CITY

Colima City has more than four centuries of history. It is the capital of the state and one of the oldest municipalities in Mexico. The city has a variety of historical buildings from the 16th to the 19th century.

The city is surrounded by nature. You can camp at Nevado de Colima National Park or try paragliding at Cerro de la Cumbre.

Feria de Todos los Santos is one of the most important events in Colima City. It is held annually from late October to mid-November to celebrate *Día de Muertos*. The government organizes different activities, including a Day of the Dead altar contest and a Catrina costumes competition.

MANZANILLO AND CUYUTLÁN

Manzanillo is on the Pacific coast, only 90 minutes from Colima City by car. The area boasts the wonderful beaches of Playa Miramar, Playa La Boquita and Santiago Bay.

Cuyutlán, which is only 25 miles from Manzanillo, is the place for environmentalists. It is famous for its green waves and the Ecological Center El Tortugario that protects endangered species.

Enjoy a Local Delicacy

Colima has a variety of delicious local dishes that will make your vacation in Mexico a remarkable experience. Here are some recommendations for tasty treats to try.

Pozole seco is a mouthwatering broth prepared with fillet, a pig's head and hominy. Onions, radishes, oregano, and chili peppers can be added when the meal is served.



Sopitos colimenses are the most famous appetizers in Colima. Ground beef or shredded pork is served in a thick, tiny *tortilla* that has a rim around the edge. You can add toppings like tomato slices, cheese, cabbage and chili sauce.

Ceviche de Colima will be loved by those who prefer seafood. This dish combines sawfish and lime juice with chopped carrots, onions, tomatoes and cilantro. It's great to enjoy it while drinking a beer or coconut water. <



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