

-Guanajuato Fun Facts –

Guanajuato Region: Guanajuato State

Country: Mexico

Guanajuato by the Numbers:

- Population of Oaxaca metro region: 70,798 inhabitants
- Area of Oaxaca State: 11,778 sq. miles (a little smaller than the state of Maryland)
- Average Elevation of Oaxaca: 6,586 ft
- Annual Rainfall: 26.3 inches
- Average Winter Temperature: 57 degrees F°
- Average Summer Temperature: 69 degrees F°

Quick Facts:

- Time Zone: Central Time Zone (GMT- 6)
- Country Dialing Code: 52 Area Code: 473
- Currency: Mexican Peso (MMN)
- Electricity: 110volts @ 60Hz Type A-Flat Blade plug
- Major Airport: Guanajuato Leon Del Bajio Airport (BJX)
- Spanish Newspapers: "Correo de Guanajuato"
- Principal Industries: Mining, Automobiles, Automobile Parts, Footwear, Leather Goods, Chemicals & Electric Machinery & Materials
- UNESCO World Heritage Zone (1988)

Did You Know?

- People who live in Guanajuato are nicknamed "Las Ranas (the Frogs)."
- Guanajuato State is one of the first areas of Mexico colonized by the Spanish, in 1520, due to the rich in silver deposits found throughout the area.
- Guanajuato's mines continue to be among the richest and largest in the world, producing silver, tin, gold, copper, lead, mercury & opals.
- In the local indigenous language of P'urhepecha, Guanajuato means "Hill of the Frogs".
- Guanajuato is home to former president, Vincente Fox; muralist Diego Rivera and singer/songwriter, Jose Alfredo Jimenez.
- Every mid-October, Guanajuato hosts the "Festival Cercantino Internacional". Strolling musicians in traditional costume, known as "Callejoneades" or "Estudiantinas", stroll about the streets of Guanajuato singing, telling stories and jokes in Spanish. Also, plays by Miguel de Cervantes are presented in their traditional format throughout the festival season.
- The city was originally built over the Guanajuato River which flowed through tunnels underneath the city. After years of raising buildings to accommodate repeated flooding, engineers built a dam and redirected the river into underground caverns. The dry river tunnels were lit and paved with cobblestones for cars driving through the city.
- Regional dishes include: "Guanajuato Pacholas", ground beef mixed with fine spices; "Enchiladas Mineras", meat and bean stuffed tortillas topped with carrots, potatoes and shredded lettuce and Milanese de Pollo, fried chicken cutlets.

- Places of Interest:
- Museo de las Momias (Mummy Museum)
- Church of the Compania
- Church of the San Diego
- Church of the San Cayetano
- Cerro del Cubilete
- Juarez Theater
- University of Guanajuato
- Diego Rivera Museum
- Presa de Olla Dam
- Jardin de la Union
- Pipila (City Lookout)

Orientation:

- Located in central highlands of Mexico at $21^{\circ}02'N$ $101^{\circ}28'W$.
- Situated in the Veeder Mountains. Low mountains surround the city center.
- Guanajuato is the capital of the state of Guanajuato, Mexico.
- Mexico City is 219 miles to the northwest, Leon is 35 miles to the southeast.

Guanajuato National Holidays:

- Ano Nuevo-January 1st
- Dia de la Constitucion (February 5th)
- Dia de la Bandera (February 24th)
- Benito Juarez Birthday (March 21st)
- Dia del Trabajo/Primero de Mayo (Labor Day/May 1st)
- Cinco de Mayo (May 5th)
- Dia de la Independencia (September 16th)
- Dia de la Raza (Columbus Day/October 12th)
- Dia de la Revolucion 1910 (November 20th)
- Navidad (December 25th)