

# OIE Information & Travel Cheat Sheet



## Country:

Mexico (MX)

### Sex & Dating

- Machismo is very prevalent on the streets, with very prominent catcalling
- Predominantly Roman Catholic country, and family is important
- Communication is typically very tactile, with limited personal space

### Alcohol & Drugs

- Legal age to buy/consume alcohol: 18
  - Drinking in public is illegal
- Cannabis recreational and medicinal use is generally illegal
- Tobacco in public places is illegal

### LGBTQIA+ Culture

- MX has not legalized same-sex marriages at a nation-wide level
  - Perceptions as well as laws vary on the state-wide level
- Mexico City has queer spaces, but rural areas typically do not
- Resources
  - Rainbow SIG
  - OutRight Action International

### Cultural Customs and Norms

- Population: 129 million
- Currency: Mexican peso
- National Language: Spanish
  - Indigenous languages utilized in rural areas
- "Usted" is expected in formal situations, communal situations use "tú"
- Common to greet strangers with a handshake and friends with a cheek kiss

## Resources

**911** Emergency

**+52** Country code

- [DU's Travel Assistance](#)
  - Phone: +1 443-569-8601 / Website: [dutravelassistanceprovider](#)
  - Please use DU credentials to sign in
- Student Support Program (My SSP): 24/7 Mental Health Support
- U.S. Department of State Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP): [travel.state.gov](#)



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