

Cancún is one of the most important tourist resorts of Mexico and it is world famous due to its beautiful white beaches, its hotels and services infrastructure and its people that ensure a warm reception to all visitors.

Due to its strategic location, the International Cancún Airport offers direct flights to the main Capitals of the World.

Our city has been host of International and very significant events like the President's North & South Meeting, the Ministerial Meeting of MERCOSUR and recently the Ministerial Meeting of the WTO, showing our great capacity as organizers and hosts.

The FTAA venue is a very important and significant event to us. We will do our best to get it for Cancún.

Welcome all !!

Juan Ignacio García Zalvidea
Mayor





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GEOGRAPHICAL PROFILE AND DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

- Territorial extension: 1664 km²
- Habitants: 800,000
- Altitude 8 mts/over sea level
- Temperature Max: 39.5 °C. Min: 9.5 °C. Annual average 27.1 °C
- Days with rain: SEPT / OCT
- Annual precipitation: 1034 mm
- Humidity average: 1.15%
- Main characteristics:
 - Climatic: Warm humid (with abundant rains in Summer)
 - Topographical: Vegetation to an altitude from .5 to 8 mts/over sea level
 - Dense vegetation to an altitude of .5 mts/over sea level
- The average rent of a residential house is \$ 650 USD
- The average rent of an office is \$ 1,365 USD

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2. TRANSPORTATION

a. Air transportation

Cancún International Airport is the second one in the country, with direct and connecting flights to the most important cities of the world.

More than 8 million passengers arrive every year at the International Airport of Cancún.

Located 10 minutes from the Hotel Zone and 20 minutes from downtown Cancún.

There are current important projects of modernization and expansion of the airport, such as: The waiting rooms, information counters to assist passengers, ticket counters, runways and parking, as well as the air freight expansion project which is also considered.





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Cost, time and distances from each Capital of the FTAA Countries

ORIGIN	COST	FLIGHTS/DAY	FLIGHT/WEEK	TIME	CONNECT
ANTIGUA, ANTIGUA	\$866-1464	1 - 3	7 - 15	8:00-12:00	1 - 2
BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA	\$700-1400	4 - 5	25 - 30	11:00-19:00	1 - 2
NASSAU, BAHAMAS	\$499-550	2 - 3	14 - 20	4:00-6:00	1
BARBADOS, BARBADOS	\$682-1700	1 - 2	7 - 14	7:00-19:00	1
LA PAZ, BOLIVIA	\$809-1185	1 - 2	7 - 10	13:11-17:12	2 - 3
BRASILIA, BRASIL	\$1381-2500	3 - 5	20 - 27	16:00-19:05	2 - 3
TORONTO, CANADA	\$495-1379	2 - 6	21 - 28	4:00-12:57	0 - 2
MONTREAL, CANADA	\$558-1107	2 - 6	21 - 25	6:50-16:16	1 - 2
EDMONTON, CANADA	\$1051-1562	1 - 2	7 - 10	20:00	2
VANCOUVER, CANADA	\$681-1039	3 - 5	20 - 25	8:05-11:00	1 - 2
SANTIAGO, CHILE	\$851-1200	2 - 5	15 - 20	12:00-13:50	1
BOGOTA, COLOMBIA	\$666-1310	4 - 7	28 - 33	7:00-9:55	1 - 2
SAN JOSE, COSTA RICA	\$581-954	2 - 3	14 - 20	5.50-8:10	1
SANTO DOMINGO, REP. DOM.	\$535-1121	2 - 3	14 - 20	5:50-7:32	1
QUITO, ECUADOR	\$751-1566	3 - 5	20 - 25	6:40-9:08	1
SAN SALVADOR, EL SALVADOR	\$629-963	3 - 5	20 - 25	6:15-7:35	1 - 2
GRENADA	\$661-1003	2 - 3	14 - 18	11:14-12:34	2
GUATEMALA	\$675-898	4 - 5	25 - 32	5:10-7:25	1
GEORGETOWN, GUYANA	\$1491-1866	1	7	11:16	2
PUERTO PRINCIPE, HAITI	\$1158-1286	1	7	07:12	1
TEGUCIGALPA, HONDURAS	\$669-855	1	7	08:24	2



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ORIGIN	COST	FLIGHTS/DAY	FLIGHTS/WEEK	TIME	CONNECT
PUERTO ESPAÑA, TRINIDAD	\$691-1294	2	14	7:34-12:59.	1
KINGSTON, JAMAICA	\$548-985	2 A 4	14 - 20	5:20-7:51	1 - 2
MANAGUA, NICARAGUA	\$898-1008	1 A 2	7 - 12	6:16-7:34	1
PANAMA	\$575-1200	2 A 3	14 - 18	6:05-8:04	1
ASUNCION, PARAGUAY	\$861-1334	2 A 3	14 - 18	18:28-19:35	2
LIMA, PERU	\$1030-1615	3 A 5	20 - 25	8:57-12:34	1
MONTEVIDEO, URUGUAY	\$966-1386	1 A 2	7 - 10	17:26-21:03	2
CARACAS, VENEZUELA	\$650-692	3 A 5	20 - 25	6:51-9:25	1
LOS ANGELES, CA.	\$493-721	6 A 9	42 - 50	4:15-8:20	0 - 1
SAN FRANCISCO, CA.	\$513-632	5 A 9	40 - 48	7:35-10:45	1 - 2
MIAMI, FL.	\$371-479	6 A 7	42 - 45	1:40-7:00	0 - 1
CHICAGO, ILL.	\$450-672	8 A 11	55 - 65	3:40-9:15	0 - 1
WASHINGTON, DC.	\$675-947	2 A 3	14 - 18	4:49-6:54	1
DETROIT, MI.	\$472-970	2 A 5	14 - 26	6:22-8:18	1
NEW YORK, NY.	\$515-611	6 A 7	42 - 45	4:12-7:13	0 - 1
HOUSTON, TX.	\$324-924	4 A 5	28 - 30	2:06-7:34	0 - 1
ATLANTA, GA	\$554-798	5 A 9	38 - 45	2:41-7:00	0 - 1
PHILADELPHIA, PA.	\$398-666	3 A 5	15 - 25	3:59-7:32	0 - 1
CIUDAD DE MEXICO	\$280-334	24	168	1:40-2:15	0
BOSTON, MA.	\$479-794	4 A 6	28 - 32	6:45-9:10	1
DALLAS, TX.	\$372-656	4 A 5	28 - 32	2:35-5:15	0 - 1



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2. TRANSPORTATION

b. Ground Transportation

AIRPORT-DOWNTOWN				
COST	TIME	DISTANCE	FREQUENCY	TRANSPORTATION
15 USD.	20-30 MIN	15 KM	INMEDIATE	TAXI
7 USD	30-40 MIN	15 KM	INMEDIATE	COLLECTIVE
1.50 USD.	40 MIN	15 KM	EVERY 30 MIN	BUS

HIGHWAYS THAT CONNECT CANCUN WITH OTHER IMPORTANT CITIES					
ROUTES	DISTANCE (KMS)	TIME (HRS./MIN)	TYPE OF HIGHWAY	RATES	
				FEE	FREE
Cancún-Mérida	360	4 HRS	Highway	xxx	
Cancún-Chetumal	380	6 Hrs	Freeway		xxx
Mexico City	1987	24 Hrs	Freeway/highway	xxx	xxx
Frontier (Belice)	385	6:30 Hrs	Freeway/highway		xxx

c. Maritime Transportation

The commercial port of Puerto Morelos is 20 minutes from Cancun (37 Km)

- Pier Capacity: 701,085 ton/year
- Storage Capacity: 1,600 sq. meters

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3. LOCAL ATMOSPHERE

a. hotels

HOTEL ZONE RATES



HOTEL	RATE	HOTEL	RATE
Aquamarina Beach	115.00	Hilton Cancun	160.00
Blue Bay Gateway	119.00	Holiday Inn	120.00
Avalon Bay	167.00	Hilton Cancun	149.00
Avalon Grand	150.00	Hvatt Cancun	219.00
Baccara	210.00	Hvatt Regency	180.00
Beach Palace	180.00	Las Perlas	85.00
Caesar Park Cancun	172.00	JW Marriot	280.00
Calinda Oasis Beach	200.00	Jack Tar Village	177.00
Calinda Oasis Viva	187.00	Krystal	190.00
Camino Real	194.00	Le Meridien	258.00
Cancun Clipper Club	135.00	Marriott	295.00
Cancun Marina Club	140.00	Melia Cancun	185.00
Cancun Palace	295.00	Melia Turquesa	180.00
Cancun Playa Oasis	105.00	Miramar Mision	115.00
Caribbean Princess Resort	100.00	Moon Palace	330.00
Caribbean Village	110.00	Oasis Cancun	140.00
Carrousel	120.00	Ocean Club	121.00
Casa Maya	168.00	Omni Cancun	178.00
Casa Turquesa	310.00	Piramides Cancun	183.00
International	170.00	Playa Langosta	110.00
Club Lagoon	120.00	Presidente	200.00
Las Perlas	108.00	Royal Solaris	162.00
Las Velas	110.00	Royal Sunset	156.00
Club Med	190.00	Sheraton	194.00
Tropical Mayan	145.00	Sierra Cancun	148.00
Verano Beat	120.00	Solymar	132.00
Continental Villas Plaza	176.00	Suites Brisas	112.00
Costa Real	124.00	Sun Palace	159.00
Crown Paradise	176.00	Sunset Lagoon	142.00
Dos Playas	123.00	Ritz-Carlton	379.00
El Pueblito	170.00	Royal Caribbean	170.00
F. Americana Cancun	195.00	Royal Islander	159.00
F. Americana Condesa	238.00	Royal Mayan	167.00
F. Americana Coral B	354.00	Villas Takul	290.00
Flamingo Plaza	185.00	Westin Regina	195.00
Gran Caribe Real	210.00	Yalmakan Cancun	180.00

Cancún Hotels: 163

- Grand Turism 25
- 5 Stars 35
- 4 Stars 47
- 3 Stars 24
- 2 Stars 14
- Puerto Morelos 18

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DOWNTOWN HOTEL RATES

HOTEL	RATE
Antillano	69.00
Batab	52.00
Bonampak	59.00
Calinda Oasis America	60.00
Cancun Handall	60.00
Caribe Internacional	60.00
Hacienda Cancún	50.00
Plaza Kokai	66.00
Margaritas	75.00
Novotel	55.00
Parador	45.00
Plaza Caribe	80.00
Radisson Hacienda	140.00
Villa Maya	42.00
Xbalanque	75.00





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*b. Telecommunications
Telephony*

- In Cancún there is a total of 136,568 installed lines and 33,559 available lines.
- A new power central station starts its operations in Cancun: "Central Cascada", considered as a new generation central, the first one in Mexico.
- This power station has a total capacity of services of up to 1,250,000 lines, allowing to continue offering digital services.
- There are 10 High Speed Internet Suppliers.
- The Convention Center is currently equipped with a capacity of up to 21 E1 (bandwidth of 2 megabits) and of up to 2,030 analogical lines (ISDN, Infinitem, Analogical Lines, Data links, etc.).



*b. Telecommunications
High Speed Internet Rates*

	INSTALLATION COST	MONTHLY FEE in USD
Prodigy Infinitum 256 kbps	\$ 273.00	\$ 45.36
Prodigy Infinitum 512 kbps	\$ 273.00	\$ 82.00
Prodigy Infinitum 2 Megas	\$ 273.00	\$ 409.00

24 months agreement

	INSTALLATION COST	MONTHLY FEE in USD
Prodigy Infinitum 256 kbps	\$ 0.00	\$ 54.45
Prodigy Infinitum 512 kbps	\$ 0.00	\$ 90.81
Prodigy Infinitum 2 Megas	\$ 0.00	\$ 418.00



*b. Telecommunications
Cellular Telephony Rates*

There is a prepaid system: SISTEMA AMIGO, in which the client buys the Telephone Kit that includes calling time. More calling time can be added through the TELCEL cards.

Brand	Price	Calling Time
Nokia 1220 (TDMA)	\$54.00 usd+tax	\$27.00 usd

SISTEMA AMIGO		
	RATE / MINUTE	
	IN	OUT
Local	\$0.00	\$0.31 + tax
National	\$ 0.31 + IVA	\$ 0.31 + \$ 0.24 +tax
E.U. & Canadá	\$ 0.31 + IVA	\$ 0.31 + \$1.00 + tax
Rest of the World	\$ 0.31 + IVA	\$ 0.31 + \$ 1.45 +tax
Messages	0	\$0.07 + tax

The HOTELCEL service is designed for people who wants to rent a cell phone for a certain period of time.

Daily Rent: \$9.00 usd

HOTELCEL		
	RATE / MINUTE	
	IN	OUT
Local	\$0.00	\$ 0.91
National	\$ 0.91	\$1.50
E.U. & Canadá	\$ 0.91	\$11.00
Rest of the World	\$ 0.91	\$4.50
Messages	0	\$0.50

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c. Security

Statistics - Number of felonies for each 100,000 inhabitants

TYPE OF FELONY		100,000 BASE	TOTAL
ROBBERY			47
VIOLENT		8	
HOUSES	1		
BUSINESS	1		
CARS	1		
PEDESTRIANS	2.5		
OTHER	2.5		
NON VIOLENT		39	
HOUSES	12		
BUSINESS	6		
CARS	6		
PEDESTRIANS	4		
OTHER	12		
BANK ROBBERY			0
HIGHWAYS ROBBERY			0
INJURIES			21
HOMICIDES			4
DOLOSOS		2	
CULPOSOS		2	
PATRIMONIAL FELONYS			36
DEPRIVING			3
KIDNAPPING			0
SEXUAL FELONYS			2
OTHER			29
TOTAL			139

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c. Security

Civil Protection

Cancun has a great natural disasters culture, especially in hurricane events.

When there is an impact possibility of a tropical system, the MUNICIPAL OPERATION CENTER is activated as a basic element of coordination for the different committees.

The Civil Protection Department has two organization structures: one permanent and one temporary.

1. The permanent one carries on the preventive actions, and prepares for contingencies.
2. In case of emergency, the Civil Protection Department gets temporarily restructured in the emergencies commission, with specific and specialized functions in order to reduce the disaster effects. Operates the emergency programs, and prepares the community for any contingency. When the emergency officially ends, the commission breaks up and the Department returns to the permanent structure.

Cancún is the 12^o place in impact frequency in the Atlantic coast, with 1 tropical system that hits every 2.57 years.

TROPICAL SYSTEMS THAT AFFECTED QUINTANA ROO AREA				
YEAR	NAME		DATES	AFFECTED AREA
1999	KATRINA	CATEGORY 2	28 OCT/ 1 NOV.	HONDURAS, NICARAGUA AND YUCATAN
2000	GORDON	CATEGORY 1	14/18 SEP.	GULF OF MEXICO, YUCATÁN STATE
2000	KEITH	CATEGORY 4	28 SEP./ 6 OCT	NICARAGUA AND SOUTH OF QUINTANA ROO STATE
2001	CHANTAL	TROPICAL STORM	15 / 22 AGO.	SOUTH OF Q. ROO STATE
2001	IRIS	CATEGORY 4	4 / 9 OCT.	BELICE
2001	MICHELLE	CATEGORY 4	29 OCT / 6 NOV	CUBA
2002	ISIDORE	CATEGORY 4	14 / 26 SEP.	MÉRIDA AND CAMPECHE



*d. Human Resources
Interpreters & Translators*

LANGUAGE	TURISTIC	SPECIALIZED
ENGLISH	30	7
SPANISH	30	7
FRENCH	16	4
PORTUGUESE	8	2



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*e. Life Quality
Economy*

PRODUCTIVE BRANCH	NO. OF COMPANIES	GENERATED EMPLOYMENTS
Services	8,742	96,633
Trade	11,075	36,735
Communications and transports	639	19,905
Construction	184	10,315
Transformation Industry	1,260	10,134
Government		5,067
Agriculture and similars	192	1,267
Extractive and electric Industry	13	905



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*e. Life Quality
Economy*



ESTABLISHMENT	NUMBER
Travel Agencies	390
Restaurants	942
Cinemas	26
Theaters	03
Museums	03
Tourist Recreational Parks	02
Convention Centers	01
Public Sport Centers	08
Private Sport Centers	03
Golf Courses	02
Shopping Malls	18
Department Stores	03
Supermarkets	19
Supplies Central	02
Grossery Stores	5,046

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*e. Life Quality
Education*

HIGH SCHOOLS		STUDENTS
Bachilleres, Tecnológicos and CONALEP	Public	8,427
Particulars	Private	1,899
UNIVERSITIES		
Technological Institute	Public	1,691
La Salle University	Private	1,026
Technological University	Public	635
Maya International Institute	Private	105
Anáhuac University	Private	168

Language Schools:

- Harmon Hall
- Cultural Languages Center
- Cultural Exchange Center
- French Alliance

80% of the population speaks English as a second language.

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e. Life Quality

Financial Institutions

INSTITUTION	NO. OF ESTABLISHMENTS
Banks	12 with 48 branches
Credit Institutions	59
Insurance Institutions	23
Credit Companies	06

Hospitals

INSTITUTION	NO. of ESTABLISHMENTS
IMSS Hospital	6
ISSSTE Hospital	1
Private Hospitals	18
Mixed Hospitals	1
Beds	395
Specialized Doctors	491

Religious Institutions

RELIGION	No.
Pentecost	101
Catholic	55
Evangelical	27
Fundamentalist	11
Unitary	9
Sabbath	5
Sabbath Christian	5
Evangelical Baptist	4
Neo Pentecost	3
Christian Evangelical	3
Baptist	3
Unitary Christian	3
Mormon	1
Methodist	1
Masonic Evangelical	1

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Cancun is a destination with unique natural and man-made attractions on sea and shore.

GOLF The main course for golf is Pok-Ta-Pok. With 18 holes facing both sea and lagoon.

The Hilton Hotel and Melia Cancun Hotel also feature 18-hole courses.

AQUATIC SPORTS Sea or Lagoon fishing, windsurfing, and spectacular reef and cavern diving.

RESTAURANTS Cancun features fine seafood, some American franchises and internationally trained chefs and European recipes mingled with local spices. Also look for dinner cruises.

ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES The Peninsula is dotted with numerous Mayan ruins some of which were once great ancient cities covering several square miles. The most important Mayan ruins near Cancún are: Chichén-Itzá, Palenque, Tulum, among many others.

e. Life Quality Activities





f. Diplomatic Missions of the FTAA Countries

OFFICE	ADDRESS	TELEPHONE	FAX	E-MAIL	NAME
Casa Argentina	Av. Coba No. 18 Cancún, Q. Roo	(52-998) 887-18-14			Carlos Castell
Consulate of Belice	Av. Nader No. 34 Cancún, Q. Roo	(52-93) 832-01-00		nelbel@prodigy.net.mx	Nelita B. Castillo
Consulate of Brasil	Ing. García de la Torre No. 37	(52-998) 884-66-77			
Consulate of Canadá	ZH Cancún, Quintana Roo	(52-998) 83-33-60	(52-998) 883-32-32	cancun@canada.org.mx	Daniel Lavoie Bilodeau
Consulate of Chile	ZH Cancún, Quintana Roo	(52-998) 883-25-46		jmj@qroo1.telmex.net. mx	Judith Elena Maraboli Jansen
Consulate of USA	ZH Cancún, Quintana Roo	(52-998) 883-02-72	(52-998) 883-13-73	uscons@prodigy.net.mx	Lynnette Belto
Consulate of Guatemala	SM 3 Cancún, Quintana Roo	(52-998) 884-81-85 884-82-86	(52-998) 884-43-70	notariasanchez@infosel. net.mx	Marco Antonio Sánchez Vales



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g. Migration

In order to facilitate the documentation to the FTAA Delegates that arrive to Mexico, the Secretary of Government through the National Institute of Migration has determined that the expedition of migratory documentation will be able to be carried out directly in the Diplomatic and Consular Representations of Mexico, without a previous permission of this Institute, according to the following criteria:

1. The admission applications must have a written endorsement of a domestic government office from the corresponding country, in which is clearly mentioned the participation in any of the FTAA activities.
2. The migratory quality and characteristics will be "Distinguished Visitor - Non immigrant" with unlimited arrivals and departures and it will be documented with the migratory form FM3.
3. The validity of the migratory form will start on the arrival date and will be valid for six months and automatically renovated to one year.
4. In all cases, copies of documents must be sent via fax to the Coordination of Migratory Regulation of the National Institute of Migration office.
5. If the admission applications are presented in a third country, the correspondent Diplomatic or Consular Representation will send the copies above mentioned to the Diplomatic or Consular Representation of the third country.

These criteria would be applicable to all delegation members of the FTAA countries, without caring if their passport is diplomatic, official or ordinary and the procedure would be free of charge, since the Distinguished Visitor characteristic has been already granted.



4. COMMITMENTS

Private investors are very interested in building the FTAA permanent venue.

The building characteristics would be determined by the FTAA member countries and their specific needs.

This permanent venue would be located at 10 min. from the Cancun International Airport, right in a designated Business Center, across from the MOON PALACE GOLF RESORT & SPA HOTEL, with facilities and access to all sports and entertainment activities.

FTAA VENUE

