

Mazatlan's Group-Friendly Features

A brand new \$70-million convention facility, historic city centre and breathtaking natural landscape make this Mexican city the pearl of the Pacific and a must-see meeting destination.

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Fast Facts

Recommended Websites: **GoMazatlan.com**

Average Hotel Room Rate: \$110-\$140, five-star hotel (varies seasonally)

Getting There: **WestJet** offers year-round non-stop service to Mazatlan from Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton and Winnipeg.

Convention Facilities: **Mazatlan International Center** debuted in November, 2009, with more than 150,000 sq. ft. of indoor and outdoor meeting space for groups up to 5,000. The \$70-million complex borders a new marina and championship golf course and is minutes from the Golden Zone's beachfront resorts, spas, dining and nightlife.

Pillow Talk

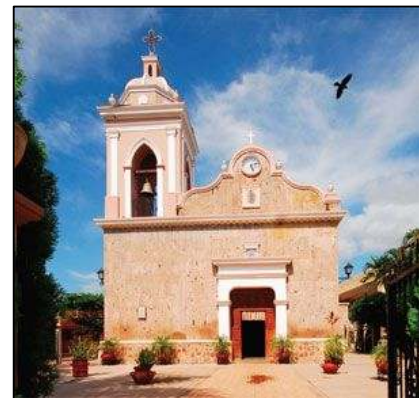
(...) Set on a world-class marina, **El Cid Marina Beach Hotel** features 204 newly renovated guestrooms, 10,000 sq. ft. of state-of-the-art meeting space and a private beach, with access to championship golf, tennis courts, spa, water sports and fitness facilities.

Attractions + Distractions

The colonial district of Old Mazatlan is home to 479 national historic buildings, including the 135-year-old **Angela Peralta Theatre**, where groups can enjoy opera, ballet and contemporary dance performances by the Delfos Contemporanian dance company.

Travel between 12 treetop platforms by zipline during the **Huana Coa Canopy Tour**, in the foothills of the Sierra Madre mountains, 45 minutes from Mazatlan.

Play 18 holes parallel to 3.5 miles of pristine beach in the gated community of **Estrella del Mar**. Afterwards, release just-hatched sea turtles into the ocean, care of the largest private turtle preserve in Mexico.



À la Carte

Across the street from the Angela Peralta Theatre, in Old Mazatlan, **Pedro y Lola** serves up inspired renditions of regional dishes. An outdoor patio seats 160 and faces Plaza Machado (the Machado square).

Señor Frog's is known all over the world, but the Mazatlan location is where it all started. Guests are in for a wild ride and a memorable time, courtesy of the notoriously fun-loving staff. The restaurant seats 400.

Los Arcos is renowned by locals as one of Mazatlan's top seafood eateries. Octopus is grilled to perfection and mariachi bands serenade guests as they eat. The restaurant holds up to 200.



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