



Mexico's Best Kept Secrets

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Venture beyond the seaside margaritas to discover Mexico's best kept secrets (...)

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Lesser-known than its flashy coastal counterparts Acapulco, Cancun and Cabo, [Mazatlán](#) offers more subtle charms for the intrepid traveler. This Central Pacific Coast port city – located in the state of Sinaloa parallel to the southern tip of the Baja California peninsula – has had a few heydays, most notably in the 1930s and 1970s, and is finally shaking off its slightly tacky reputation thanks to a large-scale restoration of the historic center to its original Spanish Colonial glory.

Stroll the Centro Historico, watch cliff divers launch themselves off the craggy headland containing El Faro, the lighthouse, or take a trip by boat to one of the city's three islands, the most popular of which is Isla de Venados (Deer Island) (...)



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