

GP Guadalajara Travel Guide



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1. - Where to stay

The Venue

Hotel Mission Carlton



Address:

Av. Niños Heroes #125, Colonia Centro. Telephone: [333-614-7272](tel:333-614-7272), esq. Av. 16 de Septiembre.

Located in the center of Guadalajara and less than 1 mile from the heart of the city (Cathedral of Guadalajara), Hotel Mision Carlton is one of the oldest hotels in the city, no matter where you come, any taxi driver know the place and is easy to come that place.

Although it can be a bit a little expensive the cost of a hotel room to be luxurious (around USD80 ~ \$90 by night), *here we present other lodging options:*

Hotel Jalisco ***

Calle Estadio #72, Colonia Centro, reservations at [01 800 272 2364](tel:01-800-272-2364), is the ideal choice cheaper for our friends outside the St. Estadio is the same as Av Niños Heroes, which is renamed after Calzada Independencia (one block after hotel), has parking services, restaurant, internet and lift. The approximate cost is \$35.00 2persons room and bedrooms for 4 persons approx. \$ 50.00 by night

Hotel ExpoHotel ***

Av. Mariano Otero #1210 Col. Jardines del Bosque, reservations at [01 800 272 2364](tel:01-800-272-2364), despite being about 1.5 miles. The hotel where the event will take place, taxi stand has lead you to H. Mision Carlton in 15min. was one of the safest areas of Guadalajara, and close to the best entertainment area of the city (Av. Chapultepec), is another great option especially for those who come not only to play and want to go have fun at night. Although service has no restaurant, but there are so many options nearby or on-site service of all kinds, has internet services, parking and safe cage. The average room cost is \$ 35.00 double and \$ 48.00 for 4 people.

Hotel Aranzazu ***

Av. Revolucion #120 Col. Centro, reservations at [01 800 272 2364](tel:01-800-272-2364), as well known by most of the community of MTG in Mexico for several years for be the venue most used in all kinds of events from pre-release to regional PTQ's and lately WMCQ, being just 3 blocks from Cathedral, has quite confident much access to any place of interest, shops, also grocery stores you do not lack anything. For av. September 16 will go very fast at the venue, no more than 5min with taxi or 15min walking. It is the most feature services: internet, safe cage, restaurant, room service, disco / bar and pool (it never hurts to relax a bit). It has room for 4 people and Breakfast option from \$ 50.00

Hotel Cervantes ****

Calle Donato Guerra esq. Prisciliano Sanchez Col. Centro, reservations at [01 800 272 2364](tel:018002722364), perhaps being of all the options that a slightly less accessible route from the hotel to the conference venue, has very comfortable rooms, internet services, pool and safe, but what does perhaps the best option is that this area is located between the best entertainment area with bars of all kinds and many clubs, just simply walk around and choose the bar or nightclub that you like, or take a taxi and go to the av. Chapultepec. The rates for rooms range from \$ 48.00 for 2 people, com option for 4 people for \$ 60.00

Hostal Maria

<http://www.hostaldemaria.com/>

Nueva Galicia, 924, 44100 Guadalajara

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Hostel GDL

<http://www.hostelguadalajara.com/principal.htm>

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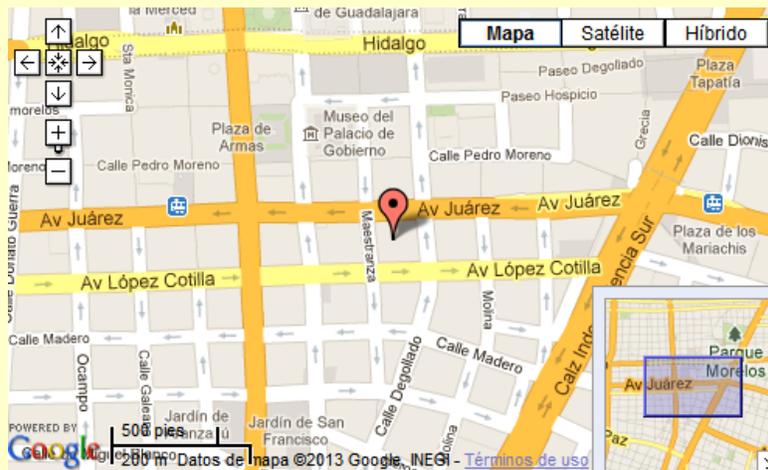
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Regular Price for bedroom:
\$180 Mexican pesos

Private 1 person: \$350

Private 2 people \$400

Private 3 people \$600

Private 4 people \$700

Privates has bathroom included

Bedsntravel

<http://www.bedsntravel.com/>

Location



Regular room for 2:
\$410

2. - Places of touristic Interest



a) Cathedral de Guadalajara (Cathedral of Guadalajara)

This Cathedral mark the center of the city of Guadalajara. Almost 500 years old, is part of the heritage of the city

b) Teatro Degollado (Teather Degollado)

In front of the Cathedral of Guadalajara, this Theater is a more tan 100 years old, and is one of the most clear examples about the way of life in Guadalajara “They like to make things big”



c) Musero Regional de Guadalajara (Regional Museum of Guadalajara)

A little of history about the origin of Guadalajara. Lots of expositions, definitely a MUST BE SEEN.



d) Palacio de Gobierno (Goverment Palace)

Inside is a Museum that is a complement to the subjects treated in the Regional Museum.



e) Lago de Chapala (Chapala Lake)

Although this is not in Guadalajara (almost at 40 minutes from the city), this is the complement to Guadalajara, sand and water in the heat.

At the City there are various spots where you could take a cheap ground transportation (between 20-40 pesos, something like 2-4 dollars, depending in the category of transport)

The hotel in which the tournament takes place is a Spot, so don't hesitate to ask at which time is sailing the next bus.

f) Av Chapultepec.

The perfect place to meet with the night life of Guadalajara, Coffee shops, Bars, Music Lounges, everything you need to extend your adventure till the Dawn.





e) Head South 5 km (3 miles) and you will reach “Hotel Mision”

f) head SW 8 Km (5 miles)

Some extra places to visit:

Tianguis Cultural:

The Tianguis Cultural is a little underground market, it happens only on Saturdays from 9:00 am to 5 pm. If you have a chance you should come there, you will find a lot of stuff, collectibles, video games, figures, cards, souvenirs, etc. Also you need to be careful and not go alone.

The Tianguis Location is one block away from the Mission Carlton Hotel (the GP location).



San Juan De Dios Market:

The San Juan Dios Market is nice place to go shopping for Mexican souvenirs; also you can find cheap video games and stuff related.

You should not come alone, is also an underground place, also avoid the food there, the food is good but not healthy at all.

If you are going to see the hometown, San Juan de Dios is not far away and is also near of a “most to see place”, the Hospicio Cabanas.

Is also easy go there from the Mission Carlton hotel, you just need to walk away two blocks to the Independencia Avenue and aboard the MacroBus for 6 mexican pesos (NOTE: exact exchange) and go down in the San Juan de Dios stop.



San Juan de Dios Market Entrance



MacroBus stop on San Juan de Dios and Hospicio Cabañas



View of San Juan de Dios Market and Hospicio Cabañas

Guadalajara Zoo:

The Guadalajara Zoo is a nice place to pass a day, there is an awesome Safari trip (@20 min) to touch the animals and pass time with them, the rest of the zoo is also a pretty nice place you will enjoy around 5 to 6 hours there. Cover 140 mexican pesos to have access to the Safari trip

Also departing from the Mission Carlton Hotel, is pretty easy to go using the MacroBus transport just two blocks away from the hotel for 6 mexican pesos (exact exchange), and go down on the Zoológico stop.

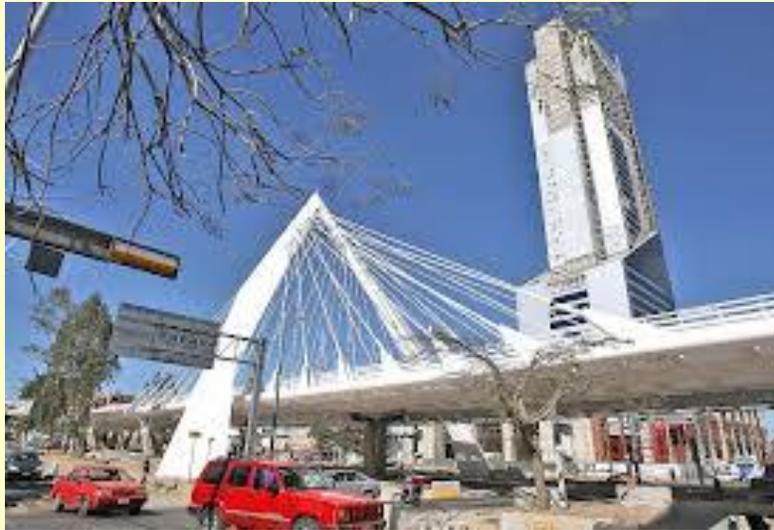


Glorieta Chapalita:

The Glorieta Chapalita is a very nice place to go, there is a lot of very nice places to eat around there, if go there you should NOT MISS the Nieve Raspada one block away from the Glorieta Chapalita, the best day to go there is on Sunday between 2 pm to 6 pm. You will find a lot of nice people there selling art, dogs, just walking around and having great time. Also is secure place, no problems if you are walking alone around there.

The Glorieta chapalita is 5 blocks away from the Riu hotel, the biggest building on GDL, and the Matute Remus bridge, another place to see.

You could take a cab for @50 mexican pesos from the Mission Carlton Hotel to arrive there or take a bus.



Riu Hotel and Matute Remus bridge



Matute Remus bridge on night



Glorieta Chapalita

3. - Public Transport

Guadalajara has a lot public transport routes around the city, is easy to get lost if you aboard the wrong bus. There are 4 types of public transport, the list below is ordered by safety and price:

1. *Metro(Tren Ligero)/MetroBus (Pretren)*



2. *MacroBus*



3. *Public Bus*

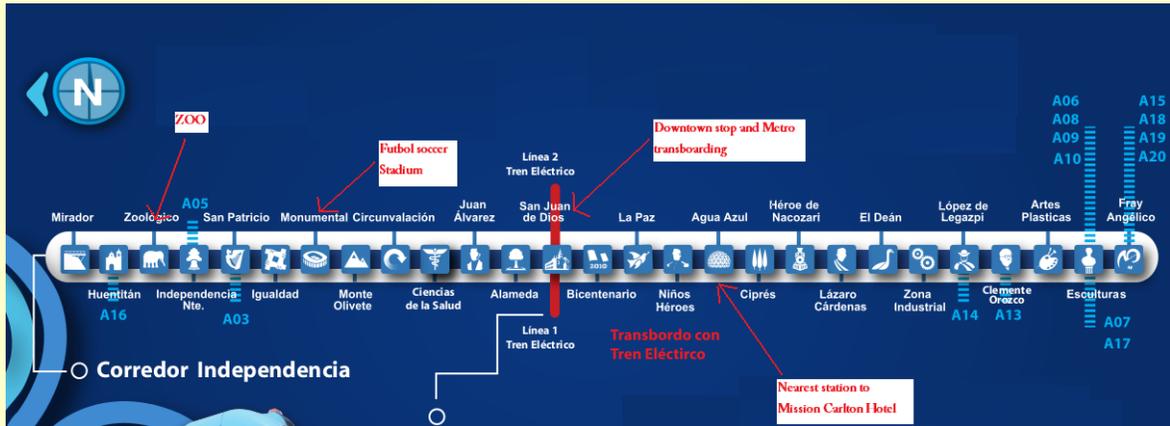
4. *Taxi/Cab*

For the Metro, MacroBus and Bus, the price is 6 Mexican pesos, the cab is very expensive in GDL, use it only on nights because there is no Metro/MacroBus/Bus working after 10 pm, also you can use a cab if 2 or 3 more people comes with, that helps to save some money and time.

This guide will cover the routes on MacroBus and Metro to the tourist places. For more information on Bus routes including MacroBus and Metro, go here:

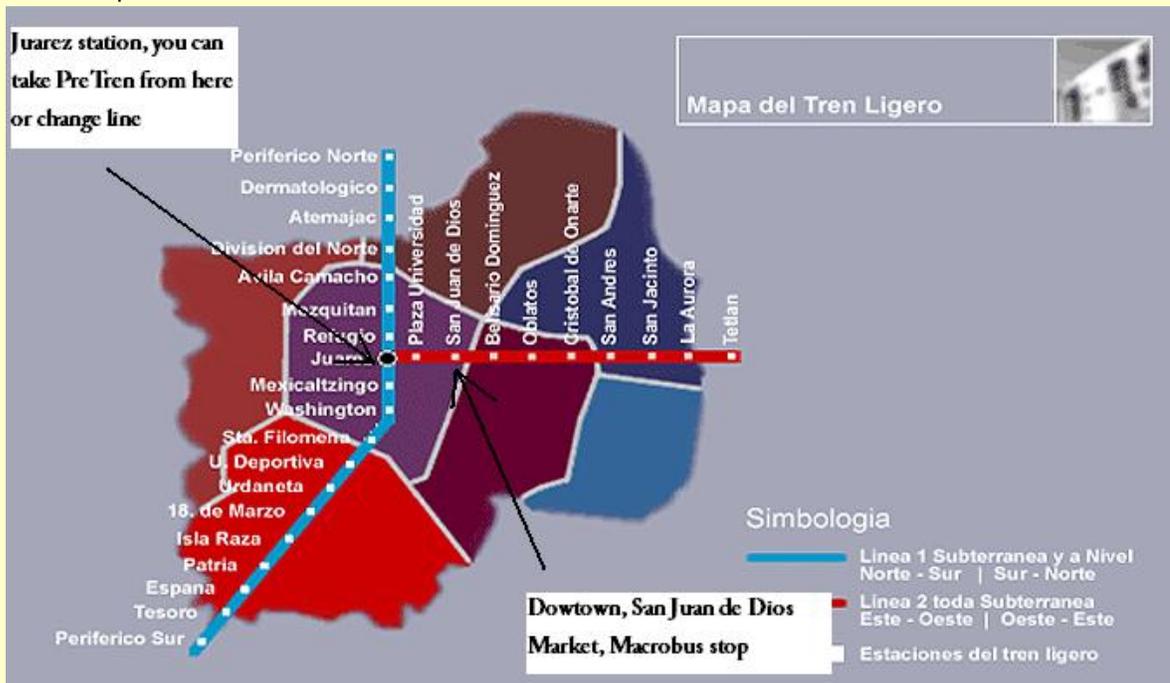
<http://www.rutasjalisco.gob.mx/>

The next picture shows the main stops using the MacroBus:

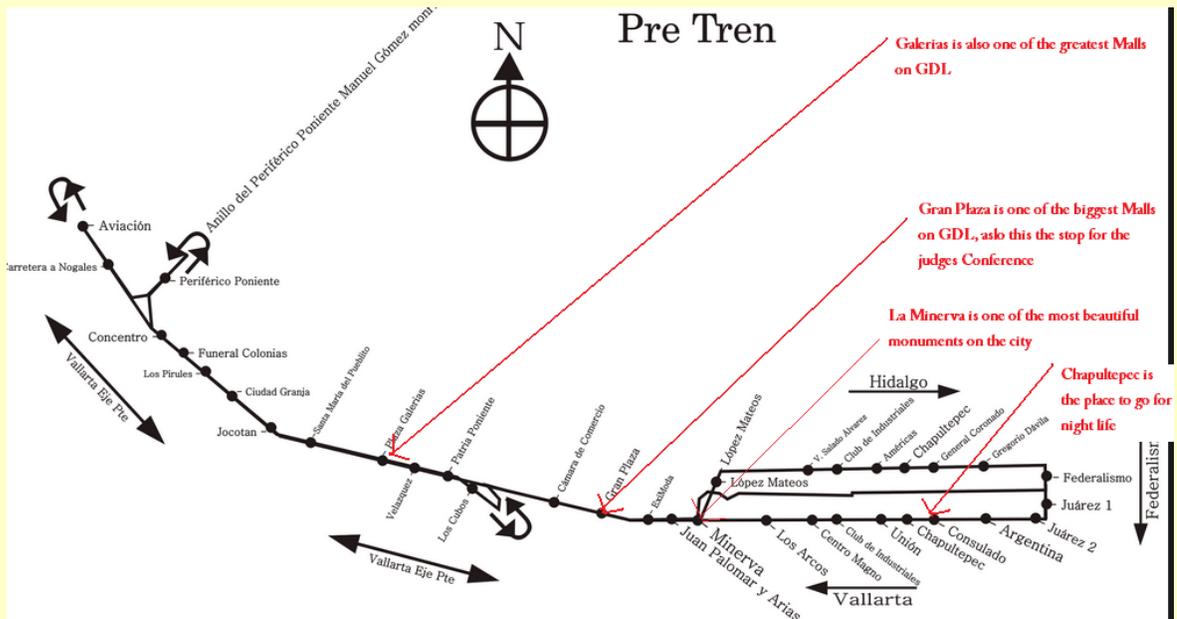


From Juarez you can go down to downtown and also use the Metro from there.

The next picture shows the Metro station connected with the Macrobus



On Metro Juárez station, you go outside to take the PreTren to visit more nice destinations on GDL.



4. - Night Life and Meal

Guadalajara is full of places where you can go for a drink or a good Mexican meal.

Barramericano is a rock themed bar that many times has live music. The website for this bar is <http://www.barramericano.com/>

El Deposito: this is a beer themed bar. You will only find beer and snacks here. The beers are all over the world and you might find beers that you haven't seen before and perhaps a new favorite. The website is <http://www.facebook.com/eldepositochapultepec>

Rojo Café: not in the mood for alcohol? No worries, Rojo Café has you covered. This coffee shop is famous for the many kinds of coffee and teas it serves. This coffee shop was built from an early days house of Guadalajara, the architecture is just amazing. The website is <http://www.rojocafe.com/>

El Abajeño: no visit to Guadalajara is complete until you have tried all the kinds of food that this city has to offer. El Abajeño serves plates to share with all kinds of Mexican food, from tacos to enchiladas. The website of this restaurant is <https://foursquare.com/v/el-abaje%C3%B1o-minerva/4c8bf161f0ce236acb9c13ef>

The Black Sheep Pub and Lodge: Another great bar in downtown. This bar serves many types of drinks and the pizzas served here are just amazing. Good drinks and good food at an affordable price. The website of this bar is <http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Black-Sheep-Pub-Lodge/35625554504>

Opa Bar: This lounge type bar is the place you would like to go if you are looking to have a beer or a drink and relax. The music in this bar is more pop themed but the experience at opens doors is just great. The website of this bar is <http://www.facebook.com/nochesenopa>

5. - Easiest ways to travel to Guadalajara.

The city of Guadalajara has an International Airport known as “Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla International Airport”

The airport is 28km (17 miles) at the south-east of Guadalajara, so the best way to get to the city is taking one of the buses that sail from the airport directly to the city. To take the bus you need to walk around 800 mts outside the airport and take the bus in front of a gas station.

The safe way to arrive to the Hotel place is by cab from the airport, will be expensive, like \$200 Mexican pesos, but is safely and comfortable.



Here is the URL of the maps at Google Maps:

<http://goo.gl/maps/YOIS9>

6. - GDL Magic Stores

Arcanix/UAC

Av. Hidalgo 469 and Sta. Monica street

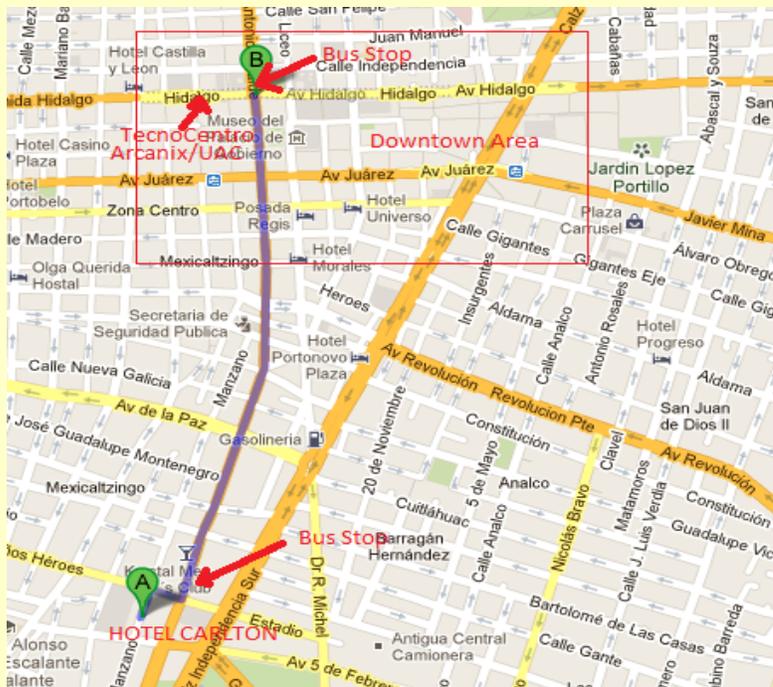
Arcanix/UAC are the closest stores to Mission Carlton Hotel, like 8 min away on bus from the hotel, the stores are located around the downtown, if you are in downtown and you want some magic stuff, those are the places to go. The stores are located in the third floor inside a building called TecnoCentro, you will find there some computers and cellphones stuff/goodies on the first two floors, on the third floor you find stores with products like Collectible figures, anime, action figures, games, cards and Arcanix and UAC as well.

Is easy to go there when you are walking around the downtown, just ask for Hidalgo Av., is one of the main Avenues and also ask for Mercado Corona or Plaza TecnoCentro.

How to go there from Mission Carlton:

The bus stop is located crossing the street on 16 de Septiembre Av., most of the buses will let you close enough, just need to ask if the bus goes to the Catedral (the biggest church in downtown), you will need to pay 6 mexican pesos, it is a 5 to 8 min trip by bus, you can ask the driver to stop at Hidalgo Avenue, from there is three blocks away walking.

To go back to the hotel, just go the bus stop and return back. You will need to pay again the bus.



7.- Local Laws to take in consideration when travelling to México/Guadalajara

-First of all, there's a strict policy about smoking at public places.

Almost all public buildings have a designated space allowing people to smoke. This place could be inside an open space of the building (a roof or a garden), or at 20 meters (21 yards) of the building entrance.

-At 18 years, one is treated as an Adult. So, alcohol, cigars, and shows of mature content are strictly forbidden for under aged. Keep in mind having your ID with you at all time, so you could verify your age.

-It is forbidden to consume alcoholic beverages in public areas (street, parks, and commercial centers).

-Also is strictly forbidden at any place to consume drugs. Also if you need any type of medication, you must bring a medical prescription in order to buy it.

-There's no need of carrying your passport or Visa, when moving across México, between states.