

# Mexico

**Official Name:** United Mexican States

**Population:** Over 129 million (2017)

**Capital City:** Mexico City

**Language:** Spanish is the most widely spoken language but 6% of people speak native languages, including Nahuatl, Yucatec Maya and Mixtec.

**Continent:** North America

**Mountain Range:** Sierra Madre

**Major Rivers:** Rio Grande and the Yaqui

**Currency:** Peso

**Government:** Presidential Federal Republic

**National Day:** Dia de la Independencia (Independence Day) 16th September

**Religion:** 83% Roman Catholic, others a mixture of mainly other Christian religions.

**Flag:**



**Climate:** Two seasons – wet and dry. Temperatures vary depending on the area but summers can be extremely hot.

**Famous Mexicans:** Guillermo del Toro, Oscar-winning film director; Carlos Santana, musician; Frida Kahlo, artist; Salma Hayek, actress; Javier Hernández, footballer; Carlos Fuentes, author.