



June 1-3, 2016, Puebla, Pue. MEXICO

Dear all,

We would like to share with you some insights that may facilitate your trip to GERPISA 2016 in Puebla, Pue., Mexico.

Mexico City is a beautiful city full of surprises. If you are planning to spend some time in the city before or after the event, we would like to suggest to you the following hotel options:

(a) Holiday inn Reforma

Paseo De La Reforma : 208 Col. Juarez _ Mexico, 06600 _ México

Tel. (+52) (55) 91505902

<http://www.ihg.com/holidayinnexpress/hotels/us/es/mexico/mexre/hoteldetail>

(b) Hotel Zocalo Central.

<http://www.centralhoteles.com/zocalo/default-en.html>

(c) Hotel Geneve. <http://www.hotelgeneve.com.mx/>

(d) Hotel Plaza Revolucion. <http://www.hotelplazarevolucion.com/hotel-de-negocios-df.html>

If you have some time to see the city, please visit the Historical Center. There you will find the Zocalo (the main square of the city) with the second largest flag in the country (the first one is at the Military Zone known as Campo Marte). Around the Zocalo is the Presidential Palace (entrance is free), where you can admire the murals of Diego Rivera and Clemente Orozco. Around the corner from the Presidential Palace is the Plaza de las Tres Culturas (i.e., “place of the three

cultures”), where you will find remains of old Aztec temples, above which the city cathedral (also located around the Zocalo) was built. A couple of blocks from there you will find the Latin-American Tower. Don’t hesitate to take the elevator as high as possible to have a superb view of Mexico City. Having lunch (or at least coffee) inside the “Casa de los Azulejos/Sanborns” (House of Tiles) is a must. Be sure to go to the middle of the house (don’t stay at the entrance), which is really beautiful.

Other beautiful places to visit while in Mexico City include Chapultepec Park, where the historic Chapultepec Castle is located. In front of Chapultepec is the Anthropology Museum, one of the best in Latin America. And the neighborhood of Coyoacán is where you will find the homes of Frida Kahlo and Leon Trotsky.

How to reach Puebla

From the Benito Juárez International Airport (MEX) in Mexico City, you can take either a bus or a taxi shuttle to Puebla.

There are several bus stations at the airport in Mexico City (so you don’t need to leave the airport to get the bus). The busses going in the direction of Puebla are located in **Terminal 1**, on the 2nd floor (departures floor) in front of the fast food area. In **Terminal 2**, the bus station is located in area D, between gate 4 and arrivals (domestic side).

Autobuses Estrella Roja (bus):

Departure point: Mexico Airport (AICM) Terminal 1, Destination: Terminal 4 Poniente, Puebla.

For flights arriving on Monday 30MAY or Tuesday 31MAY (at Terminal 1, Mexico city):

Bus company: **Estrella Roja** (www.estrellaroja.com.mx)

Location in Terminal 1: Local As 11, Aeropuerto Internacional de La Ciudad de México Benito Juárez, Capitán Carlos León, Peñón de los Baños, 15520 Ciudad de México, D.F. (The bus terminal at the Airport Terminal 1 is located near the car ramp that leads to the international area. **This is located in the area of DEPARTURES (in Terminal 1, 2nd floor), you go to Departures and then you will see a hall with the FastFood area; at the end of the fast food area, you will see a corridor with all the bus companies there located. You will see the yellow sign (Autobuses) indicated in the corridor).**

Departures at: 1am, 2.30am, 4am, 5am, 6.30am, 6.50am, 7.30am, 8.10am, 8.30am, 9am, 9.50am, 10.10am, 10.30am, 11.30am, 12pm, 12.30pm, 1.30pm, 1.50pm, 2.10pm, 3.10pm, 3.30pm, 4.30pm, 4.50pm, 5.10pm, 6.10pm, 6.30pm, 7.30pm, 7.50pm, 8.10pm, 8.30pm, 9.30pm, 10.30pm, 11pm, 11.30pm.

Price of the ticket: 290MXN

Travel time: About 2.05hrs depending on the traffic.

Departure point: Mexico Airport (AICM) Terminal 2, Destination: Terminal 4 Poniente, Puebla.

Location: Terminal 2, Aeropuerto Internacional de la Ciudad de México Benito Juárez, Capitán Carlos León, Peñón de los Baños, 15620 Ciudad de México, D.F., Mexico

Same time schedule than indicated above.

Buses depart from AICM Terminal 2 near gate D, between entrance 4 and the domestic arrivals exit point. For those arriving in **TERMINAL 2**, you should go to arrivals (domestic) and there you will see a large glass door with all the buses on the other side.

In Puebla

The GERPISA 2016 conference (June 2016) will be held at:

Tecnologico de Monterrey (ITESM), Campus Puebla
Vía Atlixcáyotl No. 2301, Reserva Territorial Atlixcáyotl, Puebla, Puebla, México, C.P. 72453
<http://www.itesm.mx/wps/wcm/connect/Campus/PUE/Puebla/>

Hotels in Puebla

The organizers recommend the following hotel:

Hotel Camino Real Puebla Angelopolis
Blvd. Atlixcayotl Km. 5 Fraccionamiento La Vista
72810 Puebla, México
<http://www.caminoreal.com/destinos/puebla-angelopolis/ang-ubicacion>

Hotel Colonial
Calle 4 Sur 105, Centro, 72000 Puebla, Pue.
Tel. :01 222 246 4612

<http://www.colonial.com.mx/colonial/tarifa.htm>

E-mail: hotelcolonial@colonial.com.mx

If you are planning to stay in another hotel, please search for information about the hotel on websites such as www.tripadvisor.com. There are cheaper hotels in Puebla City, but not all are located in safe neighborhoods. We highly recommend that you do a thorough Google search before booking your hotel. If in doubt, please do not hesitate to send us an email at: bvallejo@uvt.nl

Moving around Puebla: Please do not take taxis from the street. Ask at the lobby of the hotel for a taxi. The hotel will call a “taxi site.” Please do the same when you go to a restaurant or any public place. They will be happy to call a taxi for you from the closest “taxi site.”

To further ensure that you enjoy your trip to Mexico, we would like to give you these other recommendations:

Exchanging money: You can exchange money at the airport in Mexico City, or in Puebla in banks, exchange houses (casas de cambio), and hotels. You will need your foreign passport to exchange money. In Mexico, it is easier to exchange USD than EUR, particularly outside of Mexico City.

The most convenient way to get MXN will be by withdrawing them from any ATM in the city. You can get MXN from most ATMs, up to a maximum of 6000MXN a day. Getting the 6000MXN in one transaction will reduce your transaction costs.

Try to use ATMs located inside a restaurant, a hotel, a mall or a bank. As much as possible, avoid withdrawing money from ATMs in the street, particularly at night. Under no circumstance allow people to help you use an ATM. Most of the machines will automatically give you the instructions in English when they detect that your card is from a foreign bank.

Walking at night: As much as possible, avoid walking alone at night, particularly on empty streets. Taxis are very cheap in Mexico, so we highly recommend that you move around by taxi (and request them at the venue).

Displaying of money: Try not to show your money publicly. Since Mexico is a country with a high income disparity, it is unwise to show off how much money you have in your wallet. Please take advantage of the safe in your hotel to leave part of your money behind, as well as important

documents such as your passport. It is best *not* to carry all your money and documents with you at all times.

Note: Use of soft drugs is illegal and not tolerated in Mexico. You will get into serious trouble if you transport or consume them in the country (no matter the amount).

Finally, if you are planning to extend your trip to enjoy your holidays, please do not hesitate to contact us (bvallejo@uvt.nl) for advice, suggestions, or comments. Mexico is a beautiful country with a large variety of ecosystems. We are sure that you will have a great time discovering its wonders.

Till soon,

The organizing committee

