

# Guadalajara

## Major Attractions

### Guachimontones

A pre-Hispanic archaeological site and UNESCO World Heritage Site an hour west of Guadalajara, Guachimontones is a major discovery that shed light on the Teuchitlan culture and a complex society that existed as early as 300 BC. At the site is an unusual circular pyramid that is said to have been a central altar during rituals; it's one of the few circular pyramids that exist in the world. This is a quiet setting devoid of crowds, so it's easy to revel in the sacred atmosphere.

- **Guachimontones**

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Tel: +52 33 3613 8224

Website: [www.inah.gob.mx/zonas/176-zona-arqueologica-teuchitlan-o-guachimontones](http://www.inah.gob.mx/zonas/176-zona-arqueologica-teuchitlan-o-guachimontones)

Operation time: Tuesday to Sunday from 9:00AM - 5:00PM

### Tequila & Agave Fields

In the area around the town of Tequila, greenish blue fields of agave stretch out mile after mile over the rugged, hilly terrain. All of the tequila in the world is produced in this region, which includes parts of the states of Guanajuato, Nayarit, Michoacan, and Tamaulipas. The fields of blue agave plants are so beautiful that they have been named a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Notable distilleries include Sauza, the first to export tequila to the United States; Jose Cuervo, one of the most recognizable names in the world of tequila; La Cofradia, which has been in the tequila business for more than 50 years; and El Llano, a fifth generation distillery that specializes in 100 percent agave tequila.

When travelers visit Tequila, they can sightsee at the town's 18<sup>th</sup> century church, visit the National Museum of Tequila, and tour a distillery where they learn about the tequila-making process and sample different varieties of the spirit. In addition to the area being known for tequila, the town is also an important producer of opal, multiple tones of the stone used to make beautiful garments.

### Hospicio Cabañas

One of the top attractions in Guadalajara, the Hospicio Cabañas was originally built at the beginning of the 19<sup>th</sup> century to provide care and shelter for the disadvantaged – orphans, old people, the handicapped, and patients with chronic illnesses. Unique for its time, this large complex incorporates several unusual features designed specifically to meet the needs of its occupants. It is also notable for the harmonious relationship between the open and enclosed spaces, the simplicity of its design, and its

size. In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, the chapel was decorated with an extraordinary series of murals, now considered some of the masterpieces of Mexican art, which are the work of José Clemente Orozco who was one of the greatest Mexican muralists of the period.

- **Hospicio Cabañas**

Address: Cabañas No. 8 Col. Las Fresas, Plaza Tapatía C.P. 44360

Tel: + 52 333 818 2800 ext. 31642

Website: <http://hospiciocabanas.jalisco.gob.mx/>

Operation time: Tuesday to Sunday from 10:00AM - 6:00PM

### **Catedral de Guadalajara**

Guadalajara's cathedral is the city's most beloved and noticeable landmark with distinctive neo-Gothic towers. Erected in 1558 and consecrated in 1618, the building is almost as old as the city itself. The towers were built after an earthquake toppled the originals in the mid-19<sup>th</sup> century. Visitors enjoy seeing light shine through stained-glass renderings of the Last Supper and listen to the working pipe organ rumble sweetly from the rafters.

The interior includes Gothic vaults, massive Tuscan-style gold-leaf pillars, and 11 richly decorated altars that were given to Guadalajara by King Fernando VII of Spain (1814–33). The glass case nearest the north entrance is an extremely popular reliquary, containing the hands and blood of the martyred Santa Inocencia. In the sacristy, which an attendant can open upon request, is La Asunción de la Virgen, a painting by Spanish artist Bartolomé Murillo in 1650. Much like the Palacio de Gobierno, the cathedral combines a variety of architectural styles, including baroque and neoclassical influences.

- **Catedral de Guadalajara**

Address: Alcalde Ave. #10 (between Hidalgo Ave. and Morelos) Guadalajara, 44100

Tel: + 52 333 613 7168

Operation time: 8:00AM - 8:00PM

Ticket price: \$ 70 pesos General admission

\$ 45 pesos for Mexican citizens with valid ID

\$ 20 pesos Students and teachers with valid ID

Tuesday free entry

### **Basilica de Zapopan**

Basilica de Zapopan, was built in 1730 and is home to Nuestra Señora de Zapopan, a petite statue of the Virgin visited by religious pilgrims year-round. During the Fiestas de Octubre, thousands of faithful from the Jalisco region crawl behind as the statue is carried from the basilica to Guadalajara's central cathedral. The procession involves dancing and colorful traditional attire. During the evening, local families throng the plaza outside and streams of priests, nuns, and monks fill the streets.

- **Basilica de Zapopan**

Address: Evan Briseno #152, Guadalajara

Website: <http://peregrinozapopano.blogspot.mx/>

Operation time: 9:00AM - 8:00PM

### **Libertad (San Juan De Dios) Mercado**

Libertad Mercado, also known as San Juan De Dios Mercado, is one of the largest enclosed markets in Mexico. Offering approximately 2,800 stands that are open year-round, it covers around 40,000 sq. meters and houses various crafts of different materials for sale such as ceramic, silver, blown glass, leather, and palm leaf crafts. Among the articles sold in the market are embroidered clothes, typical outfits, "jorongos" (traditional, handwoven garment), overcoats, blankets, sweaters, "guayabera" shirts, leathers coats, and bags. Visitors will also find arts and crafts from all around the country. On the second floor are small restaurants with assorted Mexican "antojitos" (street food).

- **Libertad (San Juan De Dios) Market**

Address: Javier Mina #52 (in between Alfareros and Cabañas) Guadalajara, 44380

Tel: +52 333 618 0506

Website: <http://vive.guadalajara.gob.mx/en/lugar/mercado-libertad-liberty-market-or-san-juan-de-dios.html>

Operation time: 7:00AM - 8:00PM

### **Museo de las Artes**

Travelers looking for a breather from classic art can head three blocks west of Parque Revolución to the modern Museo de las Artes, which is housed in a French renaissance building that formerly served as the administrative building for the University of Guadalajara. The highlight is the Paraninfo (auditorium), whose stage backdrop and dome feature large, powerful murals by José Clemente Orozco. The rest of the space is occupied by well-curated contemporary Mexican art exhibits.

- **Museo de las Artes**

Address: Av Jauarez #975, Guadalajara

Tel: +52 333 633 0141

Website: [www.musa.udg.mx](http://www.musa.udg.mx)

Operation time: Tuesday to Sunday from 10:00AM - 6:00PM

Ticket price: free

### **Teatro Degollado**

Construction on the noble neoclassical Teatro Degollado, home of the Guadalajara Philharmonic, began in 1856 and took 30 years to complete. A frieze depicting Apollo and the Nine Muses resides over the Grecian columns. The five-tiered interior is swathed in red velvet and 23-karat gold leaf and crowned by a Gerardo Suárez mural, which is based on the fourth canto of Dante's Divine Comedy.

- **Teatro Degollado**

**Address:** Av. Hidalgo y Morelos, Zona Centro, Guadalajara, 44100

**Tel:** 52-3-6131115

**Website:** <http://en.ofj.com.mx/teatro-degollado/>

**Viewing times:** Monday to Friday from noon - 2:00PM

**Viewing price:** free

### **Auditorio Telmex**

The Auditorio Telmex is an indoor amphitheater located in the Zapopan district of Guadalajara. The auditorium is part of the Centro de Cultura Universidad, development designed to support the arts created by the University of Guadalajara. Designed by Mexican architect José de Arimatea Moyao, Auditorio Telmex is considered the main center for shows in Western Mexico. The space hosts a variety of shows, concerts and performances from world-renowned international and national artists.

- **Auditorio Telmex**

Address: Calle Obreros de Cananea 747, Complejo Belenes, 45157, Zapopan, Guadalajara

Website: <http://www.auditorio-telmex.com/>

Operation time: 10:00AM - 8:00PM

### **Estadio Chivas**

Estadio Chivas, formerly known as Estadio Omnilife, is a multi-use venue mostly used for football matches including home matches for Club Deportivo Guadalajara, commonly known as the "Chivas." Designed by architects Jean-Marie Massaud and Daniel Pouze, the stadium's seating capacity is just over 45,000. The stadium opened in July 2010, just in time to host the 2011 Pan American Games' opening and closing ceremonies. Located in the Zapopan district of Guadalajara, this stadium is very popular with locals and visitors.

- **Estadio Chivas**

Address: Av Circuito JVC 2800, El Bajío, Guadalajara, 45019

Website: <http://www.estadiomnilife.com.mx/>

### **Andares**

Andares is a shopping mall located in Guadalajara's Zapopan district. This outdoor and indoor shopping center has been drawing local and visiting shoppers ever since its opening in 2008. The mall regularly offers free outdoor concerts, dance performances, film screenings, and farmers markets. Surrounding the shops are fine dining restaurants, hotels, and high-end bars.

- **Andares**

Address: Blvd. Puerto de Hierro #4965, Guadalajara, 45116

Tel: (33) 3648 2280

Website: [www.andares.com](http://www.andares.com)

For more information on Guadalajara, please visit [www.visitguadalajara.com](http://www.visitguadalajara.com).

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