



Did you know there are 1.6 million Americans living in Mexico? In fact, more American expats live in Mexico than any other country in the world with Spain ranking second.. They are moving for a better Quality of Life!

Expat/Expatriate definition: a person who resides outside their native country.



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Why Move To **MEXICO?**



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Cost of Living

This is the main driver of US immigration. The cost of living in Mexico remains a fraction of what it is in the US, particularly when it comes to rent, groceries, utilities, and transportation. In some parts of Mexico, rents are as much as 75 percent less than they are in comparable parts of the US.

Healthcare

Health care is very expensive in the US, but Mexico's public healthcare system is both affordable and top quality. Clinics and hospitals in large cities are first-rate with most physicians having done at least some training in the US.

For less than \$1,000 a year, many U.S. retirees living in Mexico, register with the Mexican Institute of Social Security (IMSS) which offers very affordable insurance that provides them access to pharmaceuticals, X-rays, dental care, and hospital care.

Property Prices

Home prices in the United States have skyrocketed in recent years and are simply not affordable to some. Properties in Mexico, depending on where you are buying, are much more affordable. If you have equity on your property but not enough income to live comfortably with costs of living rising, you can sell and buy in Mexico outright and still have enough money left to enjoy Life! There are many expats' communities all around Mexico, depending on where you are looking.

Beaches and Weather

If you're an American who can't afford to live near the beaches of Hawaii, California, or Florida, Mexico has what you need. Mexico is a paradise when it comes to their MANY sandy beaches and 300-plus days of sunshine per year like Cancun, Puerto Vallarta, Tulum, Cabo San Lucas, Ensenada, Rosarito, to name a few. If not a fan of the ocean, many expats have moved to San Miguel Allende, Lake Chapala and Mexico City. There are many other locations to choose from depending on your lifestyle.



Culture and Lifestyle

First inhabited 10,000 years ago, Mexico's culture is a unique blend of indigenous roots and European conquest. Their culture and traditions encompass their food, art and music with their rich history. Did you know that Mexico's Chichen Itza is one of the Seven Wonders of the world? That there are 68 languages and over 300 dialects recognized by the federal government? Another of the many tradition's expats living in Mexico have learned is the *mañana* attitude which translates to "tomorrow" attitude. They have a laid-back approach to punctuality and life in general. For Americans tired of the rat race, a little bit of *mañana* in their lives is a godsend. And then there are the "siestas"...

Social Connection

One very important reason for many Americans moving to Mexico is the fact that their social networks remain *real-life* social networks, not the electronic kind. In Mexico, family ties, friendships, and community relationships are extremely important. There is always a gathering somewhere, let it be at a friend/family's home or by going to public places or events, celebrations, and the list goes on. Many Americans find themselves attracted to these elements.