

General Information and Facts About the Mexico Travel Warning

- On March 14, 2010, the Mexico Travel Alert was changed to a Travel Warning as a result of an incident involving U.S. consulate personnel and family members in Ciudad Juarez. The original Mexico Travel Alert dates back to April 2008, was last updated in August 2009 and extended on February 21, 2010.
- The Mexico Travel Warning acknowledges that millions of U.S. citizens safely visit Mexico each year and common sense precautions can help ensure that travel to Mexico is safe and enjoyable. The warning does not discourage U.S. citizens from traveling to Mexico tourist/beach destinations, such as Cancun, Riviera Maya, Cozumel, Los Cabos, Vallarta, Mazatlan, Ixtapa or Acapulco.
- The updated warning authorizes departure of the dependants of U.S. government personnel from U.S. consulates in Northern Mexico border cities of Tijuana, Nogales, Ciudad Juarez, Nuevo Laredo, Monterrey and Matamoros until April 12, 2010. Family members of U.S. Government personnel assigned to other areas of Mexico outside of the Mexican border states are not affected by this departure measure.
- The warning urges U.S. citizens to delay unnecessary travel to parts of Durango, Coahuila and Chihuahua states. U.S. citizens should also exercise caution if visiting the following cities/areas because of recent drug-related incidences: Michoacán, Chihuahua, Ciudad Juarez, Tijuana, Nogales, Nuevo Laredo, Matamoros, Durango, Coahuila, Reynosa, Monterrey, Gomez Palacio, area of La Laguna, Sinaloa, northern Baja California, and the Guadalupe Bravo area.

Key Talking Points for Travel Agents to Use with Clients and Local Media

- The Mexico Travel Warning does not discourage U.S. citizens from traveling to Mexico tourist/beach destinations such as Cancun, Riviera Maya, Cozumel, Los Cabos, Vallarta, Mazatlan, Ixtapa or Acapulco, and asks travelers to take common sense precautions to ensure that travel to Mexico is safe and enjoyable.
- Funjet Vacations believes that all of our Mexico leisure destinations remain safe for travelers and are confident that we, in conjunction with our hoteliers and in-destination representatives, have our passengers' safety at top of mind. Travelers should use common sense and always be aware of their surroundings when vacationing anywhere, not just Mexico.
- Funjet recognizes the importance of tourism to Mexico's economy and we fully support the U.S. and Mexico governments' position as they fight against the drug cartels and related drug violence in Mexico.
- The warning needs to be taken in perspective: The vast majority of drug affiliated incidences are in the border states of Durango, Coahuila and Chihuahua, including the cities of Tijuana, Nogales, Ciudad Juarez, Nuevo Laredo, Monterrey and Matamoros; not in major tourist destinations.
- Mexico is a hugely popular tourism destination, particularly the resort areas of Cancun, Riviera Maya, Cozumel, Vallarta, Los Cabos, Mazatlan, Ixtapa and Acapulco, and welcomes almost 20 million U.S. visitors each year who experience a safe and enjoyable trip.
- Mexico is a fun, safe and affordable destination that provides a unique and unforgettable vacation experience.