

EXPAT News in Mexico April 2013









San Juan Market

It is said that those who don't know their markets, don't know Mexico City. San Juan market is one of the oldest in the Mexican capital and is famous amongst culinary students and restaurant owners. It is located in Ernesto Pugibet Street, in what were the warehouses of El Buen Tono, a tobacco company.

There you can discover fine and rare products such armadillo, iguana, skunk, venison; rabbit, mutton, tepezcuintle, ostrich, buffalo, crocodile and even breeding lion meat. In another section, next to the chicken stand, you can buy partridge, duck, pigeon, pheasant, goose, turkey, turtle dove and a variety of different bird eggs. In the fish area, European eels, stingrays and stone crab legs are just some of the seafood treats you'll come across. Also available for purchase are barnacle, cobia,



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Norwegian lobster, Alaskan crab, scallops, Spanish clams, New Zealand mussels, and Dorado fish.

There is no shortage of pre-hispanic food; there the buyer can confidently inquire about maguey worms, escamoles, chapulines and grasshoppers. The fruit stands are a rainbow of shapes and colors; cherry, raspberry, blueberry, carambola, passion fruit, lychee and persimmon. In another segment of the market fresh vegetables are beautifully displayed. You can buy European cucumber, French green beans, Korean and Italian lettuce, Chinese cabbage, saffron, curry, and several species of mushrooms.

In stands such as La Catalana you can buy Spanish handmade cold cuts. In grocery stores there are cans from Europe, several types of vinegar, good Italian pasta and the best olive oils. At some of the dairy stalls Spaniards, Italians, French and Dutch people pass by, searching for the best European cheeses. Yet more exotic is Roberto León Castillo's stand; his clients ask him in Chinese about the products they eat in their daily meals.

The clientele of this market are selective people who pay great attention to quality and dedicate time and money to eating well. Early in the morning the market is full of business men, politicians and artists coming in person to choose their food. The writer Ernesto Sábato gave a good definition of this market, saying it is a "Feast of nature in the middle of the city". San Juan Market is a food museum to be visited even only to explore their exotic goods. Text adapted and translated by Con Acento Latino from Mexico Desconocido.

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Get an exclusive taste of local food in one of the most prominent markets in Mexico. Be amazed by San Juan Market's variety of gourmet products and sample a baguette made of fresh ingredients. A feast for the senses!

Discover a popular sweet secret, Churerría El Moro. Enjoy their long, slender deep-fried churros (doughnut-like fritters), just made to be dipped in thick hot chocolate. Immerse in the sweet passions, visit the Ideal Bakery and the candy store Toledo, famous for their mouth-watering marzipans. During the tour, we'll visit El Gallo de Oro cantina to savor a delicious buffet lunch. Cantinas are a cornerstone of Mexican cultural heritage.

Tours offered every Saturday and Sunday. Price \$399MXN per person. This 5-hour pedestrian tour includes certified guide, samplings of baguette snack, hot chocolate, churros and buffet lunch at the Gallo de Oro Cantina. Drinks and tips not included. For further information click here or contact@meetpoint.com.mx to secure your place.











Prepare your Move – Expat Babies

Relocating in Mexico with Babies

It is never easy to move to a new country, but relocating with a baby can be challenging and an overwhelming experience for all parties involved. If you have babies or toddlers, be prepared to minimize any additional stresses. Below is a list of tips to help you easily relocate with newborns:

Moving Day-Part II

- The baby requires constant attention and you will be performing million tasks to make sure that the move goes off without any problem. Have someone else look after your baby on moving day, preferably someone that your baby knows well and make sure that your baby will have a good time.
- Pack a special "handy pack" for the baby, and carry this with you all the time until your arrival. Include diapers, changing mat, wet wipes, towels, change of clothes, bottles, snacks, formula, and plastic bags (for diapers and clothes). Take any extra items you can manage, and be prepared for possible delays. Also, keep the stroller with you on the plane, so that you are ready to move around with your baby as soon as you arrive at your new city.
- Be prepared for emergencies. Before leaving home, it's a good idea to make up a sort First Aid Kit. Include medications and baby products with which you are already familiar. This is far better than trying to source foreign equivalents at the last minute.
- Make sure you take toys, lots and lots of toys that can distract fussy babies. Familiar items, like their blanket or teddy can make babies feel more comfortable and will help them adjust more quickly when moving in.
- One of the best ways to pacify your baby is to play comforting sounds, whether it's classical music or anything that puts them at ease. Record some relaxing and soothing music and play it on when your infant gets nervous.

Hopefully these tips can make your transition smoother with babies. Let **Meetpoint Expat Services** take care of your relocation, while you are taking care of your baby. Contact@meetpoint.com.mx to make sure your move is as organized and stress-free as possible.

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