



2012, the End of the Days

The **Mayan civilization**, which reached its peak between 250 and 900 A.D., was fascinated by mathematics, astronomy and the cycles of time. Its Long Count calendar began in 3114BC and moves forward in 394-year periods known as **baktuns**.

The **winter solstice** in 2012 (December 21) marks the conclusion of baktun number 13. The Mayan cyclical calendar will roll over again to **Day Zero** to begin another enormous cycle. However this event has been interpreted by some people in several ways, here are the most popular: 2012 announces a transition cycle; a dramatic climate change with natural catastrophes; the dawn of the galaxy; a spiritual transformation to find balance, harmony and re-connection with nature's wisdom.

Written references to the end of baktun 13th are few. According to the **National Institute for Anthropological History** only two out of 15,000 registered Mayan texts mention the date 2012, and no Mayan text predicts the end of the world. So it's remotely possible the world will end this year. So don't overuse your credit cards.

It appears open to interpretation as to whether December 2012 will bring total **destruction** or a **positive transformation process**. Accurate or not the **Mayan prophecy**, the current financial, social and environmental events invite us to analyze our behaviors with ourselves, with others and with the planet in which we live to ensure a promising future.



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Arriving Expats

Immigration Procedures in Mexico

Visas can be issued to foreigners that aim to visit Mexico for leisure, retirement, living, working or seeking Mexican Citizenship. There are two kinds of permit: 1) **Non-Immigrant**, for people who intend to visit Mexico for a specific purpose and then depart; and 2) **Immigrant**, for those who wish to gain long term permanent residence in Mexico.

There are various classifications of **Non-Immigrant** documents, the main ones are: the **FMM** (Short-Term Non-Immigrant Visa); and the **FM3** (Long-Term Non-Immigrant Visa). With a **FMM** visitors cannot work or perform any lucrative activity. In contrast, a **FM3** can allow foreigners to live, work or do business in Mexico.

MeetPoint assists expat individuals and their families with the highest standard of quality and expertise in the process of obtaining their **visas**, **work permits**, **renewals**, and other **immigration requirements**. Our services are up-to-speed on the latest legislation and lead to **successful applications**.

If you are unsure which visa may be right for your circumstances or if you are having trouble with the your application contact@meetpoint.com.mx.

OPPORTUNITIES

Furnished Apartment for Rent – Bosques de las Lomas, Ahuehuetes

325m2, 3 rooms, 3.5 bathrooms, 3 parking spots. Studio, piano, fireplace, jacuzzi, walking closets. Furnished classic style. Common areas: security, pools, tennis court, playground, gym, social room. **Rent: \$ 4,500 USD**

Convenient House/Office for Rent –Anzures, Kepler

A few streets from Mariano Escobedo. 520 m2 of construction, 3 levels, 3 rooms, family and terrace. Private apartment and office. **Rent: \$75,000MXN**

Beautiful Apartment for Rent, Polanco, Masaryk

152m2, 3 room, 3 bathrooms, 1 parking spot. Semi-furnished, terrace. Security. Excellent and convenient location. **Rent: \$30,000MXN**

Amazing House for Rent – Polanco, Lamartine

380m2, 450m2 of construction. 3 rooms, studio, 3 bathrooms, 4 parking spots. Garden and roof garden with bbq and bar. Excellent Location. **Rent: \$6,500USD**

Luxury Apartment for Rent and Sale – Interlomas, Puerta del Lago

292m2, 3 rooms, 3.5 bathrooms, 3 parking places. Level 5, beautiful view. Common areas: indoor and outdoor pool, gym, sauna, garden, sport areas. Private security. **Rent: \$ 42,000.00 MXN / Sale: \$535,000.00 USD.**

Amazing Apartment for Rent – Lomas de Chapultepec, Sierra Chalchihui

384m2, 3 rooms, 3.5 bathrooms, 3 parking spots. Family room, walking closet, jacuzzi. Common areas: pool, gym, squash, sauna, playground, security. **Rent: \$70,000MXN**

Cozy Apartment for Rent – Irrigacion, Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra

105 m2, 2 rooms, 2 bathrooms. 1 parking spot. Level 11 with beautiful view. Close to Club Mundet, Carso and Liceo. **Rent: \$17,000MXN**

Furnished Apartment for Rent - Bosques de las Lomas, Bosques Limas

400 m2, 3 rooms, 3 bathrooms. 2 parking spots. Terrace with bbq. Furnished in modern style. Long and short term contracts. Close to Santa Fe and Bosques. Private security. **Rent: \$40,000MXN / Rent: \$15,000MXN per room.**

Beautiful Apartment for Rent – Romero de Terreros, Coyoacan

90m2, 2 rooms, 1 bathroom. Fully furnished and equipped. Water, electricity, gas, cable and Internet included in the price. **Rent: \$16,000MXN**

Amazing House for Rent – Interlomas, Valle Real

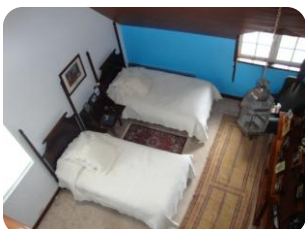
350m2 of construction, 3 levels. 4 rooms all with walking closets, 5 bathrooms, family room, 3 parking spots. Terrace, sauna, jacuzzi. Private security. **Rent: \$28,000MXN**

Furnished PH for Rent – Alencastre, Lomas de Chapultepec

Ph in 2 levels, 2 rooms. Level 9 with beautiful view. Fireplace, bar and terrace. **Rent: \$3,700USD.**

Furnished Room for Rent - Virreyes, Lomas de Chapultepec

2 levels, mezzanine and terrace. Spacious closet. Furnished, 1 parking spot. Cleaning and cooking service included. **Rent: \$12,000MXN.**



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Frustrated Career Aspirations? Not any More!

The term trailing spouse is used to describe a person who follows his or her life partner to another city because of a work assignment. The most pointed issue a trailing spouse must learn to deal with is the loss of identity. Trailing spouses often experience anger and frustration about their future. These feelings of hopelessness often cause them to become homesick, isolated, and depressed. However, a move abroad can offer an opportunity to start again and pursue a career or activity that previously had been unavailable. We have some ideas:

Business Start Up. If your profession is not so easily transferable you can start your own business in Mexico. Being entrepreneur is a rewarding but engaging career. **MeetPoint** supports you from researching and writing a detailed business plan to trying to make money out of it. Try our **Get Started - Business Start Up Service**.

Volunteering. Many expat spouses are not allowed to have paid due to their visa status. However, most of them possess invaluable professional skills and experience. Volunteering is a very satisfying way to spend time and meet new people. There are a variety of programs in Mexico City that need people to get more hands on. Here, some superb social projects: www.cadi.org.mx; www.sinfronteras.org.mx; www.casadelosamigos.org.

Come Back to School. Many spouses opt to study and update their careers with new skills. Many universities in Mexico offer programs and degrees in a wide range of subjects. The opportunities for study are endless.

Networking: Joining an expatriate club is the best way of finding friends and meeting up with likeminded people. In Mexico there is a wide variety of active expatriate associations, societies and clubs. Most of these groups are run by volunteers that aim to help fellow members adapt and socialize. Also, consider that to find a job in City networking and contacts are still very important. Take a proactive stance in making your life enjoyable. Any skills you acquire can be valuable in the long run. Contact@meetpoint.com.mx to start now!

Entrepreneur Women in Action: "El Tendedero" (The Clothes Line)

A Clothes Line is used to hang clothes to bring them to the sun to dry. However, here we introduce it as an innovative mechanism to present your skilled and artistic products. "El Tendedero" is a bazaar where entrepreneur women can "hang" their creations. A wide range of stalls are established to put on display jewellery, handbags, outfits, food and varieties of other products.

El "Tendedero Enamorado"

Because of the remarkable success of this project, the second clothes line will take place on **February, 10, 11 & 12** at the **Chiringuito, Condesa**. Visit this original bazaar to spoil your Valentine or yourself with a wide range of gifts. For more information contact@meetpoint.com.mx or visit **Facebook: eltendero**

Event Calendar

Reservations: contact@meetpoint.com.mx

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MARIPOSA MONARCA	18 FEB, 04 & 10 MAR - \$599MX
EL TENDEDERO ENAMORADO, BAZAR	10, 11 Y 12 FEB - NO COVER
REAL DEL MONTE	11 FEB - \$599MX
VALLE DE BRAVO	12 FEB - \$599MX
XOCHICALCO	19 FEB - \$599MX
PUEBLOS MÁGICOS	25 FEB - \$599MX
PUEBLA ESPLENDOROSA	26 FEB - \$599MX
CINEMA, IMMERSION SPANISH WORKSHOP	29 FEB - NO COVER
BALLENAS, LA PAZ & LOS CABOS	FEB & MAR FROM \$2,120MX
THE COLLAPSE & RENEWALL OF THE MAYAS	16-19 MAR - FROM \$1,169USD



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