



Salsa

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Caribbean music has always had a great deal of prestige in Mexico. If we travel through the traditional sounds of the various islands, we can find an extremely rich mosaic of rhythms and melodies, many of which also are heard and danced to in our country. **Hispaniola Island** brings *merengue*, while **Puerto Rico** *plena*. **Trinidad** is the land of sensual *calypso* and **Martinique**, the refuge of *zouk*. **Jamaica** is distinguished by its hypnotic rhythmic *reggae* and **Cuba** by *danzon*. Other musical genres came about later, like *rumba*, *guaguancó*, *guaracha*, *mambo*, *conga* and *cha-cha-chá*.

Salsa started to become an integral part of **Mexico City's** cultural heritage several years ago, and is now a great attraction that can be enjoyed as much by beginners and the well-intentioned with little talent as by experts. Many of the Latin dancing bars and clubs in the capital – **Mojito Room**, **Mambo Café**, **La Flor del Son**, **La Nueva Cuba**, **Son de la Loma** and **Mama Rumba** – offer "Salsa Nights" with live groups of different nationalities, dance classes, delicious Latino-style drinks and an appetizing menu of traditional dishes. **La Bodeguita del Medio** also has a humidor with a selection of the best cigars and tobacco from Cuba.

Salsa, a product of immigration in the United States, is a fusion of **Afro-Caribbean** rhythms and **soul-jazz**. Its origin is often debated, although it's known that its roots reach **Cuba**, **Puerto Rico**, **Venezuela** and **Colombia**. Its name indicates its mixed origin, as it blends together many rhythms and styles. The modern salsa movement took off in the **sixties**. In those years, Puerto Rican exiles living in the New York City slums named it the "Devil's Cauldron." Later, it was called salsa, a term that singers and musicians used to express the flavor and heat of the music. It was in **1973** when the term became official, leading to its expansion throughout America with the band **Fania All Stars** and their famous album **Latin Soul Rock**. Two years later, **Hector Lavoe** with **Mi gente** and **Celia Cruz** with **Bemba Colora** became the greatest representatives of this music.

There are two styles of salsa that have been widely practiced in **Mexico City** since 2000: "Salsa en Línea" and "Rueda de Casino", both with their own features, steps, music and codes. "Salsa en Línea", commonly danced in performances and competitions, is characterized by its linear movement. More social in its nature, "Rueda de Casino" calls for couples to dance in a circle, maintaining a base and inserting short sequences of steps – *mariposa*, *Italia*, *rodeo*, *70's*, etc. – practiced in unison, following the lead of whoever takes the wheel.

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San Luis Potosí, commonly called SLP or simply San Luis, is the capital of the Mexican state of San Luis Potosí which is located in the north central region of the country and occupies a wide area of the Mexican Republic. Its historic downtown displays so a great mixture of different artistic styles that in 2010 were listed as a UNESCO World Site Heritage. The city owes its early importance to the discovery of a large silver and gold deposit in 1592. Since then the city became an important administrative and commercial outpost that in the 17th century assumed the role of Mexico's most important Northern City. SLP makes an excellent side trip for any colonial cities tour, as it is easily reached from Queretaro and other central colonial cities as Zacatecas and Michoacán.

San Luis Potosí is a state which boasts a variety of ecosystems, it has three touristic regions: the Central Area, which has a forest climate and springs for diving; the desert of the Altiplano featuring Real de Catorce as its main attraction; the Huasteca Potosina and the Sierra Gorda, a myriad of valleys and plains. Do not miss the opportunity to visit the monuments and plazas in San Luis Potosi's Historic Centre like the "Plaza del Carmen", the San Francisco Garden with its temple, the "Fundadores Plaza", the "Plaza de Armas", the Cathedral, and more which have been highlighted with artificial light.

We will be running this tour on: **26-28JULY13**. Price **\$2,645MXN** per person. It includes transportation, certified guide in Spanish and meals. For more information: [click here](#) or contact@meetpoint.com.mx to secure your seat.

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PUEBLA ESPLENDOROSA	06 JULY - \$699MXN
CHIGNAHUAPAN	07 JULY - \$699MXN
RUTA DEL VINO Y EL QUESO	13 JULY - \$699MXN
MALINALCO Y METEPEC	14 JULY - \$699MXN
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KARAOKE NIGHT	20 JULY - CASH BAR
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Karaoke is still a great chance to practice Spanish through music. Challenge other international friends to become the great Karaoke champion singing Mexican Music, bolero, pop-rock, conchita ranchera.
The starting at 8:30 pm. Get to Chilangolandia. Proceed to bar #4 BDF so that we get a table. contact@meetpoint.com.mx

KARAOKE

OAXACA QUELAGUETZA
Salida: Del 20 al 22 de julio

Visita: Monte Albán, Cuicapan, San Bartolo Coyotepec, Santo Tomás Jalatlán y Guelaguëtza; celebración donde participan grupos folclóricos de las siete regiones del estado portando vistosos trajes representativos de la cultura oaxaqueña.
Incluye:
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