



## Make the Most of Your Experience

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### Passion Play of Iztapalapa



The **Passion Play of Iztapalapa** is one of the largest and most fervent religious celebrations in the world. During Holy Week, more than two million visitors come to Mexico City's most populous barrio to watch hundreds of actors enact the Passion of Christ.

This tradition has its origin in an outbreak of cholera in 1833, in which 8 out of 10 inhabitants died. The survivors gave the first performance to thank "El Señor de la

*Cuevita*" for ending the epidemic. The performance became a permanent annual event.

Nowadays, this massive production is impressive, **eight barrios** and thousands of people devote months to this event. The **Organizing Committee** is highly respected in the community. They are in charge of choosing the actors who will play the main roles of **Christ**, the **Virgin Mary** and **Pontius Pilate**. Being selected to play a part entails impeccable conduct, strict discipline and even physical preparation. The role most disputed is precisely that of **Christ**, because it is a great honour. The man selected to portray Christ must be pure, devout, with an unblemished reputation. Furthermore, the role of Jesus requires physical conditioning to carry the cross.

Today, the play includes not only hundreds of actors, but also thousands of men known as "**Nazarenes**" who follow Christ on the route to Calvary (**el Cerro de la Estrella**) in bare feet, with crowns of thorns, carrying their own crosses of varying sizes. **Jesus** is kicked, beaten whipped and covered in blood, with a cinematic reality. In the processional, **Judas** walks through the streets and the crowd call out "traitor" as the actor throws fake coins from a bag. The actor that plays Christ is really bound to the cross and remains there for about twenty minutes. After the crucifixion, the representation ends with Judas hanging himself alongside Jesus.

In recreating the passion play, not one person is a professional, but this doesn't matter. Each of the participants has a personal reason to thank **God**, and is very proud to be able to take part. While the event is still primarily religious, it has also become a major tourism attraction. In **2010**, it was submitted to **UNESCO** to become an intangible cultural heritage.

## Tax Season – Being Responsible

**Residents of Mexico**, regardless of their nationality, are subject to taxation on their worldwide income which must be included in an annual personal income tax return no later than **April 30th**. If you have been living in Mexico for 183 days or more in 2012, maintain your primary residence in Mexico, and/or receive more than half of your income from Mexican sources you are considered a resident.

**Taxes in Mexico** are paid when income comes from the following sources: salaries from an employer; income from personal services, including fees, allowances and commissions; real property sale, leasing and renting; dividends and earnings distributed by juridical persons; interests and other income from a source of wealth located in Mexico. Deductions can include certain dental and medical expenses, funeral expenses, and certain donations to certain public service or charity organizations.

**MeetPoint** is aware of the importance of fulfilling tax obligations according the Mexican law; hence we have introduced top quality fiscal services. Our team has experience by working in accountancy offices and serving Mexican and international clients. Let us help you on any tax concern you may have: [contact@meetpoint.com.mx](mailto:contact@meetpoint.com.mx)

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## 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. It requires getting extra attention on the **welfare** and the **happiness** of the little one. However, as any other relocation experience, the success of this endeavour depends on sound preparation. 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:

### Before You Move– Part I

- Schedule a doctor's visit before you leave to make sure your baby is in **good health**. Make sure his/her vaccinations are up to date.
- Find a new pediatrician before you arrive at your new place, and keep the child's **medical records** with you, just in case.
- Search in advance for a **babysitter**. Plan some interviews with people before your arrival so you can have a person immediately at your disposal for the care of your child. **Mexico** is a great place to have a baby; life can be much easier here with the availability of home help.
- Be proactive and learn as much as possible about **Mexico**, **local diets** for mothers and **formulas** for babies.
- Print out a list of hospitals, **child healthcare centres** and where to obtain **medicines** along the area you plan to move to. Contact your local Embassy for recommendations on preferred doctors and hospitals.
- When booking your flights, consider your baby's wake/sleep schedule. **Overnight flights** sometimes work well because that is when babies naturally fall asleep.
- Try to cause minimal disruption to your baby's routine. Having your **relocation process organized**, will help calm newborns before you even leave for your new destination. Start packing early to avoid everything being done at the last minute. If you're **unorganized** and the relocating process is **chaotic**, the baby will feel this and respond accordingly.

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 [Contact@meetpoint.com.mx](mailto:Contact@meetpoint.com.mx) to make sure your move is as organized and stress-free as possible.

Article by [Meetpoint Expat Services](#). This is the first of a three-part article. [Click here](#) to read the full article.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Furnished Studio for Rent – Calderon de la Barca, Polanco

82m2, 1 room, 1 bathroom, kitchen, living room. Services included. Fully furnished and equipped. **Rent: \$1,200.00USD**

### Furnished or Unfurnished Apartment for Rent – Edgar Allan Poe, Polanco

250m2, level 3, 3 rooms + studio, 3 bathrooms, 1 parking spot. Security.

**Rent Unfurnished: \$3,200USD / Rent Furnished: \$3,700USD**

### Gorgeous Apartment for Sale – Luis Vives Polanco

98m2, 2 rooms, 1.5 bathrooms, 1 parking spot. Security. **Price: 3,650,000.00MXN.**

### Furnished Apartment for Rent – Fuentes de Molinos, Tecamachalco

143m2, 3 rooms, 2 bathrooms, 2 parking spots. Fully furnished and equipped. Amenities: pool, gym, garden. Located close to Palmas. **Rent Furnished: \$30,000MXN.**

### Beautiful House for Rent or Sale – Zamora, Condesa

242m2, 3 rooms, 2 bathrooms, 30 m2 of terrace, 1 parking spot, residential & commercial use, modern kitchen. **Rent: \$ 33,000.00MXN / Price: \$ 7,500,000.00**

### Furnished Apartment for Sale – Residential WTC, Nápoles

96m2, 2 rooms, 2 bathrooms, furnished and fully equipped. Amenities: Gym, pool, social areas, bbq, roof garden, shopping mall. **Price: 4,250,000.00MXN.**

### 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 Apartments for Rent – Puerta del Lago, Interlomas

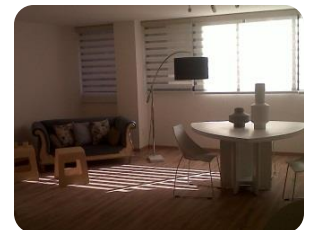
290m2, 3 rooms, 3.5 bathrooms, 2 parking spots, balcony, Level 5 and 14. Amenities: 2 pools, Jacuzzi, sauna, gym, tennis and paddle court, gardens, bbq area, playground.

**Rent: \$3,700.00 USD**

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## Home Finding – New Home Sweet Home





## Cheese and Wine Route- Tequisquiapan

Getaway of the Month

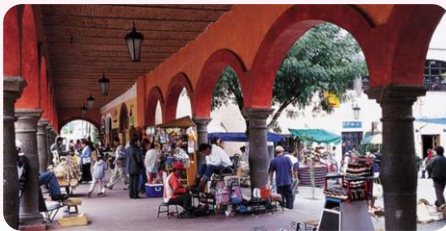
Tequisquiapan is a beautiful village located 188km from **Mexico City** and about 30 minutes from the State of **Querétaro**. Tequisquiapan is characterized because of its production of excellent **wines** and **cheeses**. This enchanting town has a very picturesque **colonial** style plaza with many nice restaurants and bars, where one can sample local cheeses paired with the local wines.

Apart from wine and cheese tasting, visitors will also enjoy regional cuisine and visit the main attractions, for example, the **Parish of Santa María**, built in the XIX century and the **Plaza Cívica** (Main Square).

The **Cavas Freixenet** is one of the most famous in Mexico, here you can visit the deepest cavas in Latin America (25 mts) and taste the delicious sparkling wines following the **methode champenoise**, which are exported to over 120 countries worldwide.

The **Freixenet** grape is grown at 2,000 meters above sea level in an area where the optimal conditions for the cultivation of different varieties of grapes converge. The facilities cover an area of 10,706 m2 of land including 45,514 m2 of **vineyards**. Freixenet includes different kinds of wine from a variety of grapes: **Pinot Noir**, **Sauvignon Blanc**, **Chenin** and **Macabeo**.

Joining this **tour** will be a delight to the palate and the senses. Take the chance to taste fine **wines** and a variety of delicious fresh and mature **cheeses**, made with milk from cows, goats and sheep. We will be running this tour on: **21ABR13**. Price **\$699MXN** per person. It includes transportation, certified guide in Spanish and meals. Tips not included. For further information click here or [contact@meetpoint.com.mx](mailto:contact@meetpoint.com.mx) to secure your seat.



### Short-term Accommodation

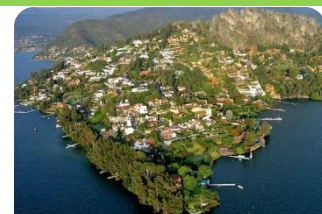
**Meetpoint** facilitates a more comfortable transition for the expat and their family, in situations where they are not able to move into their permanent residence right away, or where their assignment is too short. We have carefully selected **short-term accommodation** providers to offer the perfect solution to stay-at-home comfort and to save on hotel costs. **Meetpoint** searches and secures fully **furnished accommodation** for a period from **1 week to 6 months**. For further information [Click here](#) or [contact@meetpoint.com.mx](mailto:contact@meetpoint.com.mx).

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TLALPUJAHUA MULTICOLOR	06 ABR - \$699 MXN
ZACUALPAN DE AMILPA Y YECAPIXTLA	07 ABR - \$699 MXN
VALLE DE BRAVO	07 ABR - \$699 MXN
QUERÉTARO MÁGICO	13 ABR - \$699 MXN
ZACATLÁN Y VALLE DE PIEDRAS ENCIMADAS	14 ABR - \$699 MXN
<b>DOMINANDO LOS HÁBITOS ROCKEFELLER</b>	<b>18-19 ABR - \$5,000MXN</b>
<b>RUTA DEL VINO Y EL QUESO</b>	<b>21 ABR - \$699MXN</b>
<b>FIRST EXPAT EVENT SLP</b>	<b>26 ABR - NO COVER</b>
PUEBLOS MÁGICOS DE MORELOS	27 ABR - \$699MXN
REAL DEL MONTE Y PRISMAS BASALTICOS	28 ABR - \$699MXN
GRUTAS DE CACAHUAMILPA Y TAXCO	04 MAY - \$699MXN
XOCHICALCO Y BARRANCA DE AMANALCO	05 MAY - \$699MXN
<b>MEZCAL TASTING EVENT</b>	<b>COMING SOON</b>



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