

# GUANAJUATO

**The city of Guanajuato is one of the most beautiful cities in Mexico. For this reason, it is an ideal destination for tourism. Find out what to do!**

**Declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO in 1988, the city of Guanajuato is one of the most beautiful cities in Mexico and Latin America. Walk through the streets of its Historic Center and admire its incredible colonial architecture.**



## **History of the city of Guanajuato**

**Guanajuato is one of the most picturesque cities in Mexico. Its labyrinthine and cobbled alleys, its small squares, the colors of its facades, its strange topography, its staircases and its lively atmosphere take visitors back to a world apart.**

**Capital of the state of the same name, it emerged in the sixteenth century when rich veins of gold and silver were found in the subsoil. Thus, the city grew around this activity and became one of the most important mining centers in the world during the Colony.**

**During the War of Independence, this city played a decisive role, along with neighboring towns such as Dolores Hidalgo.**

**Guanajuato became the capital of the country in early 1858, during the first presidential term of Benito Juárez. In addition, in the times of Porfirio Díaz, some of its most notable buildings were erected, such as the elegant Juárez Theater and the Legislative Palace, as well as hydraulic infrastructure works and monuments.**

**Its most notable celebration, the International Cervantino Festival, attracts thousands of artists and spectators from all over the world every year.**

### **Tourist places in the city of Guanajuato:**



#### **Plaza de la Paz**

**It is the main square and in it are notable buildings from different periods: the Basilica of Our Lady of Guanajuato, from the end of the seventeenth century; the Legislative Palace, from the time of Don Porfirio; and the Palace of Count Rul and Valencia, from the early nineteenth century.**

#### **Teatro Juárez**

**This beautiful enclosure displays the statues of the eight muses on the portico of the facade. It is in front of the Union Garden, one of the most welcoming spaces in the city. On one side of the theater stands the San Diego Temple.**





### **Callejón del Beso**

**This narrow alley separates by just 70 cm the balconies of two mansions, around which various legends of forbidden love run. Don't miss it!**

### **Calle Subterránea**

**This famous street was built in the 50s to channel the Guanajuato River, which used to cross the city.**



### **La Valenciana**

**Church that was built next to the mine of the same name; it has an impressive Churrigueresque facade from the eighteenth century. Its three main altars are covered in gold leaf.**



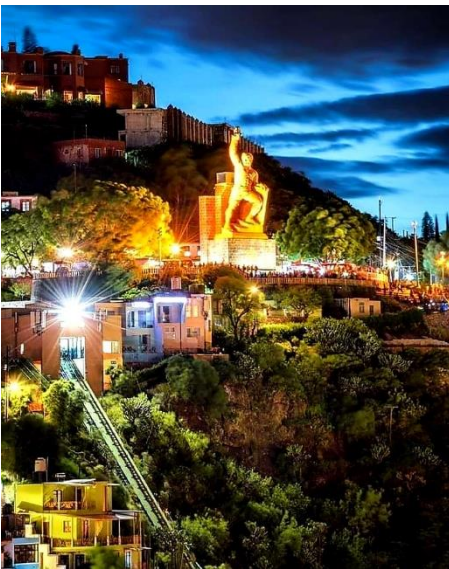


### **Universidad de Guanajuato**

**Although it was erected in the middle of the twentieth century, the university building is one of the most visited sites in the city.**

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**Solid construction that functioned as a grain warehouse and played a fundamental role in the War of Independence. Today, it is a Museum of Regional History.**



### **Pípila Monument and viewpoint**

**One of the essential points of Guanajuato, for the spectacular views it offers of the city. You can go up on foot, by car or on the funicular.**

### **Casa Diego Rivera**

**It is the birthplace of the famous muralist. It exhibits a collection of 175 works, including sketches and paintings, by the Guanajuato artist.**



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**Among the most famous dishes in Guanajuato are the enchiladas mineras, prepared with corn tortillas stuffed with ranchero cheese with onions and topped with guajillo chile and tomato sauce. Also traditional are the carnitas empanadas, the**

**guacamayas tortas (pork rinds with sauce) and the pico de gallo de xoconoxtle, a refreshing hors d'oeuvre prepared with jicama, xoconoxtle (a kind of sour prickly pear), onion and red serrano chilitos.**

**As for desserts, try the charamuscas, made with sweetened and burnt piloncillo; also delicious are the jamoncillos, cocadas and pepitorias. In addition, in the city you can get delicacies from all over the state, such as the best cajetas from Celaya, caramelized strawberries from Irapuato and tumbagones from San Miguel.**



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## **Festivities in the city of Guanajuato**



### **International Cervantino Festival**

**This is, without a doubt, the most famous festival in the state and probably the most well-known Mexican artistic event worldwide. Since 1972 it has been held every year at the end of October and includes dozens of musical and theatrical performances, as well as artistic and literary manifestations that take place in streets, squares and public buildings. It attracts top-notch artists and guests from all over the world.**

### **Guanajuato International Film Festival**

**It is held in July with national and international screenings.**



### **Day of the Dead.**

**This festival will show multiple activities, including processions, exhibitions, workshops and more activities that cover practically the entire city of Guanajuato, such as the Pantheon of Santa Paula, La Calle Subterráneo, La Calle Alonso, La Presa de la Olla and the Historic Center.**