



## The Best Mexico Vacation Spots You're Missing Out On

[Mexico's all-inclusive resorts](#) are great—but let's forget about those for just a second. Yes, it's home to some of [the world's best beaches](#), but this incredibly diverse country is more than just sun and sand: think towering mountains, steamy jungles, ancient ruins, rare mezcals, and some of the most delicious food anywhere, ever—all of which you'll miss out on if you stay cooped up at a spring break-style hotel.

So, where will your next trip to Mexico take you instead? While everyone else zigs to San Miguel de Allende and [Mexico City](#), consider zagging to [Zacatecas](#), San Cristóbal de las Casas, or one of [Mexico's other lesser-hyped cities](#). Instead of Tulum or Los Cabos for your beach fix, why not kick it up a notch (or down, more accurately) with a visit to [Sayulita](#), [Mazatlán](#), [Puerto Escondido](#), or any number of [beach towns you've probably never heard of](#)?

It may take more time and effort to reach these hidden gems, but that's exactly what makes them worthwhile. Here are just a few of Mexico's best—and most underrated—vacation spots.



There are palms aplenty in this tropical town. | zstock/Shutterstock

# Yelapa

*Jalisco*

When people [travel to Puerto Vallarta](#), they hardly leave Los Muertos Beach. Little do they know, better beach-bumming is just down the coast. Hop in a water taxi or private boat for a 45-minute ride to this sliver of crowd-free, retro beach nirvana that hasn't been touched since the '60s. In Yelapa, there's only a handful of thatched-roof restaurants, beach bars serving cheap drinks, and a sprawling white sand beach that has a lounge chair with your name on it.

**The one must-do thing:** The point of Yelapa is to do nothing at all. Crack open a Pacifico at Angelina's and sway in a hammock under leafy palms.