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Read our StreetSmart Maps in the conventional manner, from left to right, beginning at the westernmost end of Lake Chapala's north shore (Jocotepec) and working eastward to Chapala and the area's satellite communities.

A regional map and map key precede the maps, with a street index by town following the maps. Use the Index below to access each map quickly.

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## A note from the publisher

Most of Lakeside's Northshore towns were founded in the 1500s, when the streets only needed to accommodate burros, horses and pedestrians. But times have changed, and with those changes has come an explosion of new streets, businesses, housing developments, and modes of transportation.

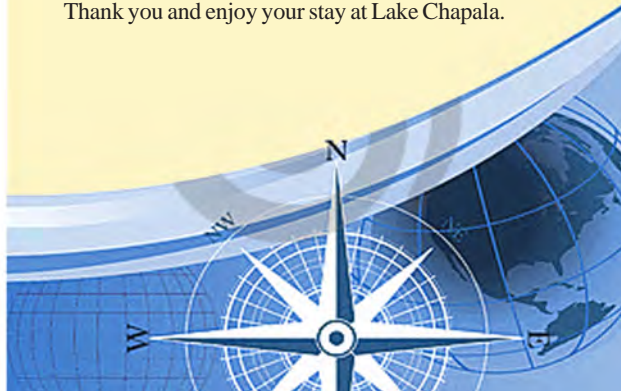
The annual influx of "Snowbirds" who come to escape the frigid winters back home, creates a high season from approximately November-April. During these months, our narrow cobblestone streets barely accommodate the added traffic. In compensation, local businesses flourish, and special events reach a peak during this time.

A team of StreetSmart workers spent months identifying local streets and creating maps to help make your exploration of this area easier. We found that some streets were not marked or were otherwise misidentified by GPS systems, Google Earth and other sources.

We try hard to make our maps the most comprehensive and accurate available, and we welcome your input, comments and suggestions. Contact us by phone at (376) 762-0403 or by email at:

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The electronics industry of Mexico has grown enormously within the last decade. Mexico has the sixth largest electronics industry in the world

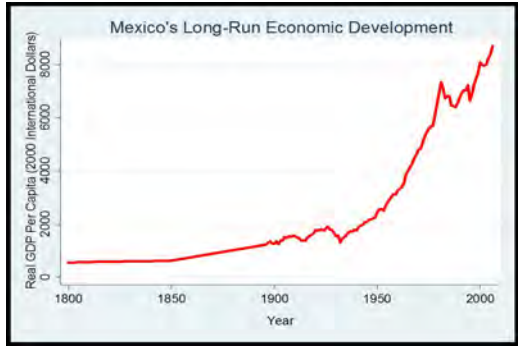
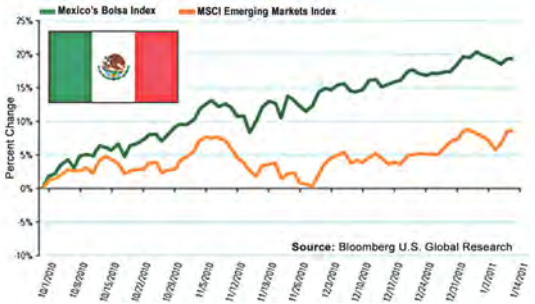
Mexico is the largest North American auto producing nation, surpassing the US and Canada. Ford, GM, Chrysler, Volkswagen, Nissan, Toyota, Honda, BMW, Mercedes-Benz and Mazda all operate plants in Mexico.

Job growth is particularly strong in the manufacturing and export sector, causing reported Mexican immigration to the U.S. to fall to a trickle.

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Protected by the surrounding mountains, the climate here is said to be one of the best in the world. Almost a million tourists visit the area annually, making it second only to Cancun in Mexico tourism.

Additionally, Lakeside is ideally located, providing easy highway access to many popular destinations in Mexico. About 30 minutes north of Lake Chapala lies Guadalajara, Mexico's second largest city, population over six million.

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## What lies behind the tremendous

Lake Chapala is often described as a magical place, an idyllic piece of paradise. Certainly no place is perfect, but, there is most certainly *something* special that draws people here by the thousands, many of whom never want to leave....except perhaps to visit friends and family.

So what is the big draw? If you ask expatriates who live here, they usually zero in on several things:

- **Climate & Natural Beauty** - Lake Chapala is surrounded by mountains, creating a semitropical "bubble" of moderate temperatures. With an average temp of about 23.34° C (74° Fahrenheit), it is never terribly hot or terribly cold.
- **Low Cost of Living** - If one is willing to forego imported goods and convenience foods in lieu of fresh, locally produced items, the cost of living still remains well below that north of the border. Many on a fixed income live quite well.

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To view more detailed maps, see the Map Section, beginning on page 26. Subdivisions, communities and developed areas —from *Jocotepec eastward to Mezcala*— include:



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## Driving in Mexico: Follow

By Lic. Spencer R. McMullen

Driving in Mexico isn't as bad as it is made out to be if you know the rules and how things work.

As crazy and aggressive as the driving sometimes seems, there appears to be relatively few accidents. But do make sure you have Mexican insurance -- mandatory here in Jalisco -- just in case! In the event of an accident, you will need to have an adjustor come to the accident site immediately.

### Federal, State and Municipal Police

Unlike the US where all law enforcement officers can enforce traffic regulations, that isn't the case in Mexico. In Jalisco, enforcement is generally only by State Traffic Police (Viales or Transitos), driving blue and white trucks (or the new white ones with red lettering) with red and yellow flashing lights.

On federal highways traffic is regulated by the Federal Police, in dark blue cars saying Policia Federal. Municipal and regular state police do not enforce the traffic laws (exception in Puerto Vallarta), although they can stop you for traffic violations as an excuse to search you or question you.

Occasionally, a cop will try to intimidate you into paying a bribe. Usually, this is a bluff.

It is best to demand the ticket; bribery is illegal and will probably cost more than the ticket itself, especially if paid within 5 days, which entitles you to a 50% discount. If paid within 11-29 days then you get a 25% discount.

There are rare cases when the transit police or other police can impound your vehicle: if it was involved in an accident, used in a crime, has no license plates or fake plates, or you are driving under the influence. Sometimes officers will also threaten to take your license or other document as security for payment of the fine. Jalisco State traffic officers are not authorized to do this; however, federal police are.

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**STATE TRAFFIC POLICE (VIALES OR TRANSITOS)** enforce traffic laws and can issue tickets in populated areas.



**CHAPALA MUNICIPAL POLICE**, whose duties and actions are largely preventive and aimed at protection. Although they can stop you, they cannot issue traffic tickets.

municipal Police is considered "preventive." They do not enforce traffic violations but they will arrive at accident scenes and will detain drivers if they have been drinking or if they caused injury accidents. The municipal police use traffic offenses as an excuse to pull drivers over and search them and their vehicle, although they are looking for drugs and weapons and cannot write you a traffic ticket.

There is much more to driving in Mexico. To view a Traffic Guide (in PDF) that I have compiled in English, go to [www.chapalalaw.com/traffic-guide/](http://www.chapalalaw.com/traffic-guide/). For related articles and discussion, click on 'Blog'.



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# Happy Motoring: Rules of the Road in Mexico

By Adelle Cordero

Knowing how to legally operate a car in Mexico is important and need not be daunting for foreign drivers. Here's how to avoid trouble with our Mexico borders.

1. **Possess a valid, current drivers license.** The Mexican government recognizes valid U.S. and other foreign drivers licenses as legal in Mexico.
2. **Be insured.** Insurance in some Mexico states is not mandatory, but in Jalisco, *it is!* U.S. or other foreign auto insurance is not valid in Mexico. Short-term insurance can be purchased at the border, online or at Lake Chapala.
3. **Follow driving rules.** Most driving regulations are very similar to those in the U.S., with a few exceptions. Passengers can drink alcohol while the vehicle is moving, although the driver cannot. In addition, only the driver must wear a seat belt.
4. **Watch for road signs.** Road sign graphics differ drastically from U.S. signage, but are somewhat self-explanatory and don't require much Spanish.
5. **Carry photocopies (only)** of documents related to entry, car registration, insurance, etc. in your vehicle.
6. **In case of an accident** or theft of the vehicle, the incident should be immediately reported to the nearest *Ministerio Público*.

## Tips & Warnings

- **Watch for "topes,"** large speed bumps present in some areas that could cause damage to a vehicle's undercarriage.

## Traffic Signs

### Most Commonly Seen in Mexico



- **Watch for wandering animals** on thoroughfares, particularly after dark.
- **Military checkpoints** are present throughout Mexico. Don't worry, these are focused on catching criminals, not ordinary residents or tourists. Proceed slowly and do as you're told.

### The "Mordida"

The *mordida*, or bribe in the local slang, is encountered less and less nowadays and Mexico is working to eliminate this practice. Do not by any means assume that the officer will let you off with a warning in exchange for some folding money. Keep in mind that many Mexican policeman are honest, and you may get in hot water for offering a bribe. As in most places, courtesy and respect are most important.

## Obtaining a Mexican License

Chapala area residents can obtain Jalisco driving permits at the local SVT traffic department headquarters. The SVT office is located at Hidalgo 92, on the south side of the Carretera (highway) in Riberas del Pilar, telephone 765-4747.

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# Lakeside Chapala offers diversion galore

By Adelle Morgan-Cordero

When stateside friends ask Lakeside resident Karen McConnaughey what she does to fill her retirement days in Mexico, she responds, “I don’t know, but it takes me *all day* to do it!”

The perception of a scarcity of north-of-the-border style diversionary activities — at least in this area of Mexico — couldn’t be farther from the truth. Instead there is something for everyone, be they sedate, active, social, philanthropic or intellectual.

Although a wealth of additional sights and activities exist just outside the area, this recap shows many (but definitely not all) of the many things to see and do without ever leaving the Lakeside area.

For a more complete list of activities, visit web sites such as [www.bestoflakechapala.com](http://www.bestoflakechapala.com), [www.ajjicnews.com](http://www.ajjicnews.com), and [www.theguadalajarareporter.com](http://www.theguadalajarareporter.com).



The party boat *Fiesta Lago Chapala* in Jocotepec.

## LAKE CRUISES & RECREATION

Lake activities include boat launches to the islands, charter cruises on a 200-passenger triple-decker cruiser or a 48-passenger fiberglass party boat, sailing, and rentals of kayaks and paddle boats.

## DINING & DANCING

Just about any type of traditional Mexican or international cuisine can be found at Lakeside, at a price range to meet any budget.

A large number of both visiting and in-residence musicians at Lakeside keep the area’s restaurants, bars and night spots hopping with all genres of music, including jazz, R&B, country, rock, pop, Cuban, salsa, etc.

For updates on who is appearing where, check area bulletin board postings, and online resources listed above.

## DIVERSION

The Lake Chapala Society offers numerous events and opportunities for socializing. Other diversionary activities for video arcades, golf courses (Chapala Country Club and Chula Vista Country Club), the family park in Chapala, Parque Cristiania; horseback riding in La Floresta (east Ajjic), and golf cart rentals in Ajjic.



Small launches at the Chapala pier take passengers to Scorpion and Mezcala Islands

## FITNESS, DAY SPAS & BALNARIOS

Fitness options at Lakeside are too extensive to name them all, but the range of activities includes bike and hiking trails, fitness centers, swimming pools, water parks, and numerous day spas.



## CINEMAS

Lakeside offers two multiplex cinemas. By north-of-the-border standards, prices are extremely reasonable. Most movies are in English with Spanish subtitles.

## GALLERIES

The Lakeside area is famous for its extensive selection of galleries, offering artisans’ wares, jewelry and fine art, all at very reasonable prices.

## MUSEUMS & CULTURAL SITES

The renovated train depot north of Cristiania Park in Chapala spotlights area artists, as does the Ajjic Cultural Center and Chapala municipal building.

## LIVE PRODUCTIONS

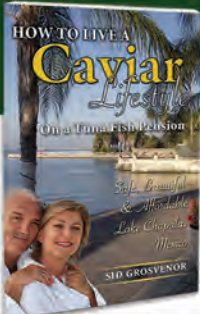
The La Floresta Auditorium in Ajjic, the Plazas del Toros, Lakeside Little Theatre, and Naked Stage are just a few of the popular Lakeside events.



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A casino is located in Centro Laguna, offering a karaoke-sports bar, occasional live entertainment, and electronic slot machines.



**A casinos featuring electronic slot machines and sports bar is located in Centro Laguna.**

**EVENTS**

Yearly events include the Chili Cookoff, Carnaval (Mardi Gras), Feria Maestros del Arte, Northern Lights Music Festival, Regatta de Globos, Spring Home Tours, Los Cantantes del Lago, and Patron Saints Fiestas for each town in the area.

**CLUBS & SEMINARS**

The number of clubs and organizations at Lakeside may well outnumber those offered in cities north of the border!

Meeting days, times and contact people, along with announcements of other Lakeside events, are published in El Ojo del Lago ([www.chapala.com](http://www.chapala.com)), the Guadalajara Reporter ([www.theguadalajarareporter.com](http://www.theguadalajarareporter.com)) and other web sites such as [www.ajijicnews.com](http://www.ajijicnews.com).



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# Mexico health care system ranks in top 5 worldwide

*High-quality care, modern facilities & low-costs attracting medical tourists*

By Teresa Sabin-Simental

According to International Living's Global Retirement Index for 2014, Mexico is among the Top 5 countries for efficiency of their health care system and how well they make for retirement destinations.

Around one million foreigners have pulled up stakes and settled in Mexico. Studies such as the Global Retirement Index say one of the biggest reasons behind this influx is Mexico's high-quality, low-cost health care.

### Medical Tourism

In addition, medical tourism in Mexico continues to grow. Millions of foreigners (mostly Americans and Canadians) visit Mexico every year to obtain significant savings on medical treatment, procedures and prescription drugs.

For example, prescription medications in Mexico (except controlled substances) are usually available over-the-counter at about 40% to 50% less than one would expect to pay north of the border. Generic equivalents are often available for even less. And, a cost comparison of some common procedures shows Mexico pricing to be 75% to 80% lower than in the US.

### Quality of Care

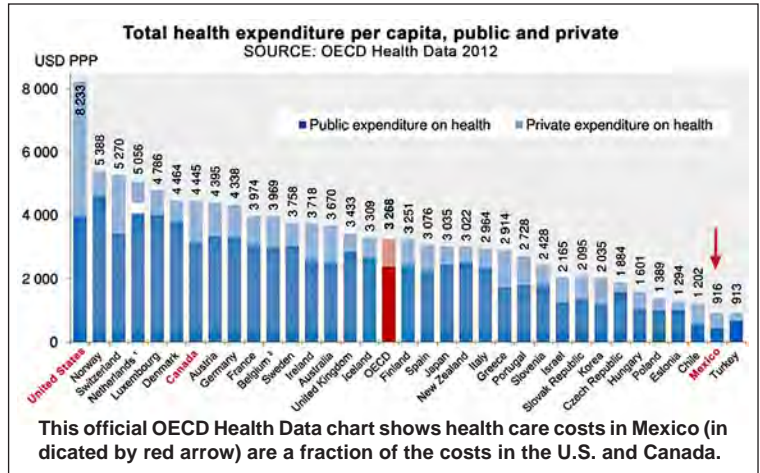
Medical training in Mexico is equal to that north of the border, with the same amount of schooling required. In fact, many physicians have attended U.S. or European medical schools. The vast majority of residents and medical tourists (those who travel to a foreign country for specific medical care) rate the quality of care "as good or better" than that in their native country.

### Health Care Coverage

Mexico offers excellent, low-cost services to anyone within Mexico's borders. Two nationalized health care programs are available to everyone (including expatriates):

- IMSS, which is similar to major medical, costs around \$300 USD annually for an individual, with family discounts
- Seguro Popular, which includes even most prescription drugs, is a free or almost free plan for those who have no other insurance.

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## Even in unfamiliar territory,

By Tara A. Spears

It's always a great time to cruise around on the Mexican highways.

Having just had a scenic trip from Jaltemba Bay to Guadalajara, there are a couple of new items that regular seasonal drivers might note:

- Watch for construction on toll roads, which may involve rock slides, resurfacing and many detours to a single lane. For example, as of this writing, nearly half of the cuota system from Guadalajara to Tepic is getting a facelift.
- A nifty emergency system is being installed: These bright yellow call boxes are situated about ever 10 kilometers, and provide concrete benches to wait for help.



### Tips for Safer Driving

In addition to hyper-defensive driving here are a few other tips to make your Mexican trip safer:

- When driving in Mexico don't just rely solely on brake lights on the vehicle in front of you as the only warning that it is slowing down or preparing to turn: a drooping arm out of the window without brake lights means the same thing.
- Especially for Americans and those driving American-made vehicles, the Mexican speed limits are stated in kilometers (1 mile = 1.6 kilometers), so adjust your speed according.
- In larger towns and cities you will find traffic signals (*semaforos*). Unlike stop signs, traffic signals are more likely to be enforced, and Mexican drivers follow the rules. Yellow lights are a signal to



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# driving on Mexico's highways can be a breeze

stop, not just to slow down. Be aware that traffic signals in Mexico blink before changing, so prepare to stop if you are approaching an intersection with a blinking green light. You can get a citation for taking a right on red in Mexico although you will see many drivers doing it anyway.

- My personal nemesis: *topes*, the famous Mexican speed bumps. *Topes* are frequently unmarked and exist EVERYWHERE to control the speed of traffic. Watch for signs or white lines across the road. Sometimes even a large rock beside the road painted white provides warning of a *tope*.



As always in Mexico, it is helpful to follow the lead of other drivers. If you don't have a turning lane, don't make left turns off major highways if traffic is coming up behind you. If you are hit from behind while driving in Mexico, it is your fault.

## Types of Mexican Roads

What I consider to be a regular highway, Mexico usually will identify with a sign as *Libre* - literally meaning that there is no charge to drive on the road.

These routes are marked in red on a highway map indicating that it is a main road; however, they usually are two lanes without a shoulder and poorly maintained, with potholes, slow traffic, and are very winding in mountain areas.

It is wise to avoid driving on any Mexican highway after 9 pm. Livestock are (illegally) permitted to graze freely and may wander onto the road.

In areas where narcotics traffickers, smuggling, and illegal immigration is a problem, there may be police or military checkpoints and bandits.

A great service provided by the Mexico government is a roaming team of mechanics called the *Angeles Verdes* (Green

Angels). The *Angeles Verdes* provide a free service to any stranded motorist on Mexico's toll ways and are directly summoned by the new yellow "SOS" boxes. Or you can call 078 from any Mexico phone line to speak to a bilingual operator to get help.



The Green Angels' services include protection, medical first aid, mechanical aid for your car, and basic automotive supplies such as oil or antifreeze. This rescue group operates seven days a week from dawn until sunset. You are only charged for parts not for the service.

Should you wish to find toll fees in advance of a trip, visit <http://www.capufe.gob.mx/>, a government agency which has lots of valuable information for travelers. Unfortunately, they have only a limited portion of their website currently translated into English.

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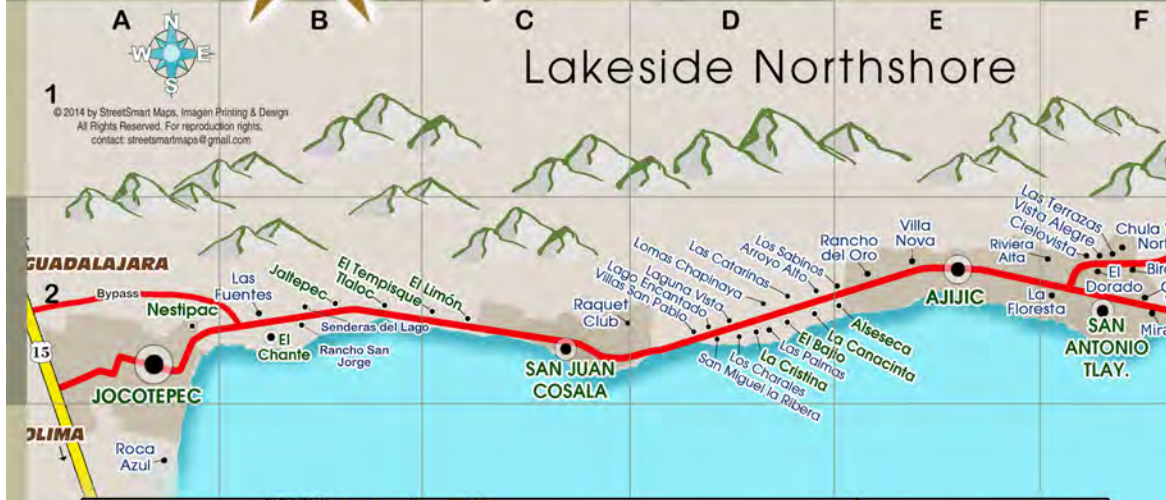
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
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



















**Lake Chapala North Shore ("Lakeside")**

Jocotepec eastward  
to Mezcala 



-  Town or Village
-  Carretera (Hwy)
-  Municipality
-  Subdivisions
-  Freeway
-  Developed Area

**STREET SMART** Map Key

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|--|---|--|
|  Pool or Water Park     |  Gas Station                   |  Basketball                   |
|  Public Tennis          |  Excursion Boarding            |  Fire Department              |
|  Picnic Area            |  Outdoor Market                |  Cinema                       |
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|  Pier                   |  Scenic Overlook               |  Police                       |
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|  Shopping Center      |  Tennis                      |  Hiking Path                |

Read your StreetSmart Maps in the conventional manner, from left to right, beginning at the westernmost end of Lake Chapala's north shore (Jocotepec) and working eastward to Chapala and the area's satellite communities. A street index in alphabetical order by town follows the maps.

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FROM CHAPALA TO:	KMS	MILES
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GDL International Airport	42	25
Ajijic	9	5½
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<b>NATIONAL</b>		
Acapulco	984	611
Barra de Navidad	267	166
Manzanillo	259	161
Mexico City	596	370
Puerto Vallarta	408	254

# JOCOTEPEC

Pop. 18,000±  
Founded 1529

Tianguis (Street Mkt) 8-3 Thurs.

The westernmost town on Lake Chapala's north shore, Jocotepec, possesses some lovely 16th-century buildings, as well as a modern cultural center and library. Jocotepec is known for its beautifully hand-woven goods, and a type of beef or goat stew called birria served in restaurants surrounding the plaza, one of Lake-side's largest.

Roughly a half-hour's drive from Ajijic, Jocotepec is attracting and increasing number of foreign residents who enjoy the town's friendly people and low rents.

### Attractions & Points of Interest:

1 **Malecón & Boat Launch**, This recently constructed boardwalk bordering Jocotepec's Ecological Park affords splendid views of Lake Chapala and neighboring landscapes.

2 **Fiesta Boat Tours**, this party boat offers lake cruises every Saturday & Sunday at 3, 5 & 7 p.m.

### Satellite Communities:

- Roca Azul (South of Jocotepec from Matamoros Sur)



# Jocotepec



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# Lago de Chapala



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**SAN JUAN COSALÁ**

Pop. 6,600±  
Founded 1525±

San Juan Cosalá lies roughly midway between Ajijic and Jocotepec, and is largely known for its Healthful thermal water spas. A large number of American and Canadian retirees living in a development known as the Raquet Club, offering spectacular panoramic views from almost any point.

**Attractions & Points of Interest:**

- 1 **San Juan Hotel.** Located on the east side of San Juan, features a hotel, restaurant, hot-water pools and jacuzzi, this has long been a favorite with tourists and locals.
- 2 **Monte Coxalá Eco Spa,** this complex offers accommodations, massage and beauty treatments, a temascal-spa, and fine dining in an enormous palapa in an impressive pre-Hispanic atmosphere.



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## AJIJIC

Pop. 15,000±  
 Founded 1400±  
 Tianguis (Street Mkt) 8am-3pm Wed

Ajijic is the Lakeside town most heavily influenced by the area's foreign community, most of whom live here. As a result, English is frequently spoken, and the town offers a wide variety of beautiful, North American-style homes, along with familiar imported goods, high-speed, wireless internet service, cyber cafes, shopping centers, cable TV, etc.

The Lake Chapala Society, now in its 53rd year, is located in Ajijic and offers numerous services and facilities to a very large membership of English-speakers.

### Attractions & Points of Interest:

The town of Ajijic, with its large foreign community, offers amazingly diverse activities. It is home to an auditorium, world-class entertainment, horseback riding along the lakeshore, hiking

paths, and a wide variety events and gathering places. Sites of special interest include:

- 1 **Tobolandia Water Park**, Located just off the intersection of the Libramiento and the Carretera, the park offers heated pools, water slides, family areas and concessions.
- 2 **El Tépalo**, A hiking path leading to the scenic El Tépalo waterfall.
- 3 **Capilla de la Virgen del Rosario**, (Chapel of the Virgin of Rosario), built in 1643 and located on the north side of the plaza. Also of interest is the town's catholic temple, built in 1769, just east of the plaza.
- 4 **Parque de Amistad**, at the pier entrance

**Satellite Communities:** Numerous developments exist in and around Ajijic, most notable La Floresta, a very large, well-established subdivision on the east side of Ajijic.

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**Tianguis (Street Mkt):**  
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### Attractions & Points of Interest:

- 1 **Chula Vista Golf Course**, A beautiful, well-maintained nine-hole regulation par-36 golf course located just off Carretera.
- 2 **Lakeside Little Theatre**, offers live theatrical productions throughout the high season.

**Satellite Communities:** Chula Vista, Chula Vista Norte, Mirasol, Riberas del Pilar, and El Dorado are the largest, although many smaller neighborhood developments exist and also offer every modern convenience.





## CHAPALA

Pop. 45,000±  
Founded 1538

Tianguis (Street Mkt) 8am-3pm Mon.

When approaching Lake Chapala from the airport or Guadalajara, Chapala is the first lakeshore town entered. Founded in the early 1500's, Chapala is the administrative hub for the towns of Ajijic, San Antonio, and Chapala proper.

Known for its wide streets, its boardwalk lined with an endless array of hand-crafted items, seafood restaurants, pier and boat launch, Chapala is the epitome of picturesque Mexico. On the weekends, the boardwalk or *Malecón* is filled with tourists and Guadalajarans (called *Tapatíos*).

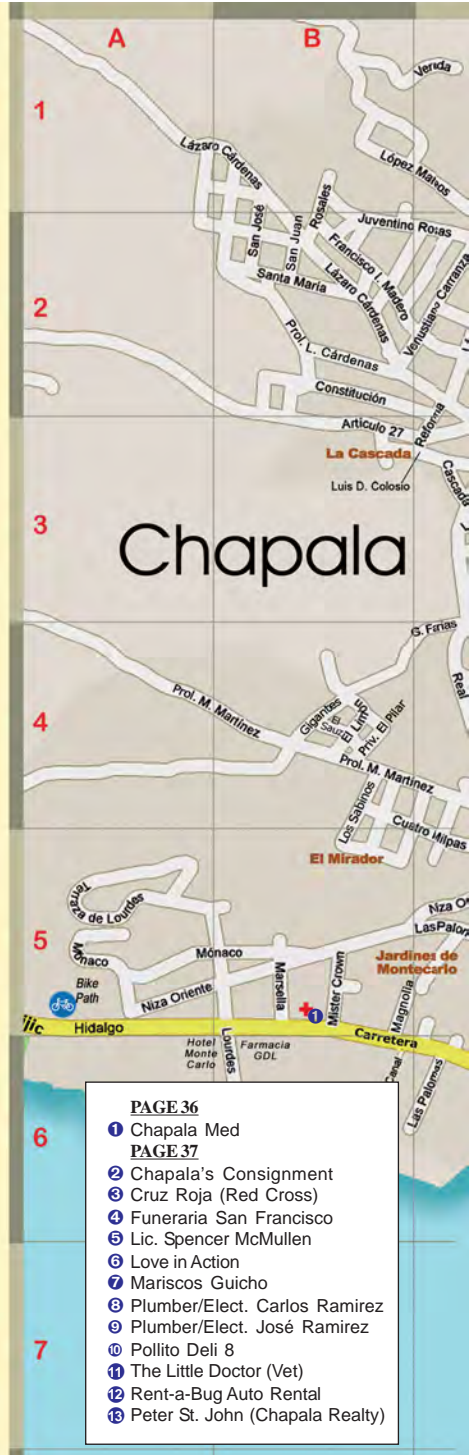
### Attractions & Points of Interest :

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- 2 **The Chapala Tianguis**, the largest outdoor market in the Lakeside area, offering almost everything imaginable.
- 3 **Boat Launches** 30- or 60-minute excursions to the Islands, available from the Chapala pier all week long.
- 4 **The Braniff Mansion**, once the home of the Braniff family of aviation fame, now converted to a restaurant.
- 5 **Chapala Malecón (Boardwalk)** attracts national and international tourists, with a large variety of handcrafted items and souvenirs.
- 6 **The Chapala Plaza** (or town square), with its central kiosk bandstand, is a gathering place for special events — especially on bustling weekends and holidays.
- 7 **Outdoor Mural** by local artist Javier Zaragoza. The 55-meter long mural depicts the area's history from pre-Hispanic era to present.
- 8 **The Old Train Depot**, now restored as a museum-cultural center.

### Satellite Communities:

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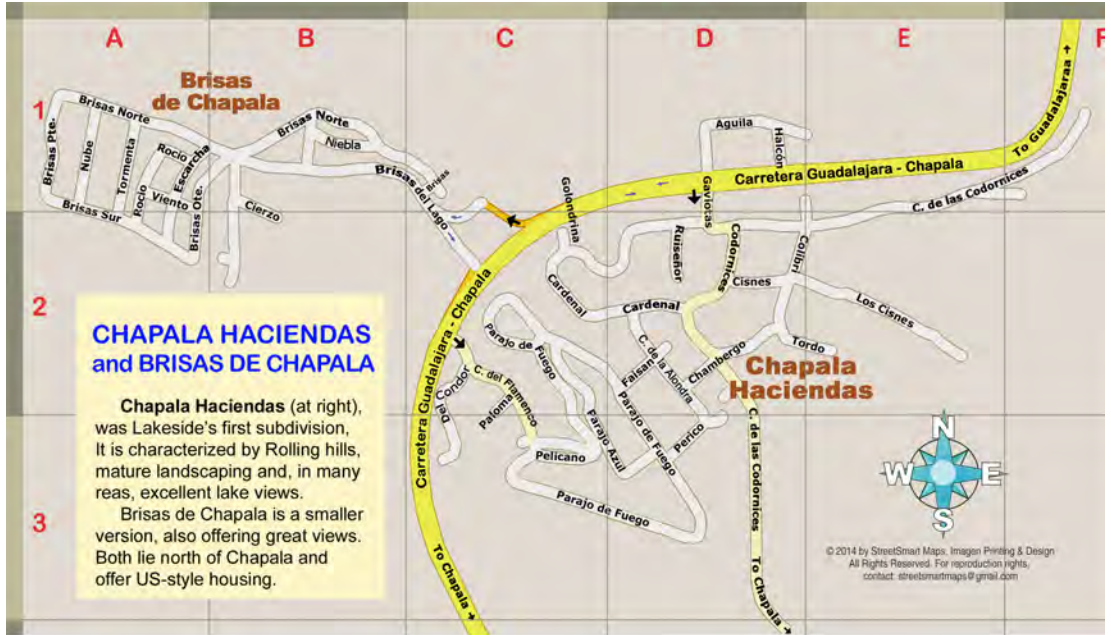
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