



Zihuatanejo

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Zihuatanejo is the perfect combination of Mexican flair, breathtaking nature, and old-fashioned charm. This picturesque fishing town is a unique beach destination, and the perfect place to relax by the shore and enjoy the fresh sea breeze. With Ixtapa, a more frantic party and resort destination only a few kilometres away, you get a two-for-one deal coming here, combining traditional and laid-back Zihuatanejo, and modern, buzzing Ixtapa.

QUIZ

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Are You Based on
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THE CITY



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Zihuatanejo is located on the Mexican Riviera, about 240 kilometres northwest of Acapulco, in the state of Guerrero. The old fishing town is quite small and has great weather all year around. If you plan on coming here, keep in mind that a short rainy season goes on from June until September.

Ixtapa is a tourist destination located only five kilometres north of Zihuatanejo, which was the original settlement. The two cities are often referred to together, as "Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo". Ixtapa was a government planned destination and has been a major tourist resort area since the 1970s, when both Zihuatanejo and Ixtapa became popular getaways for the rich and famous. Zihuatanejo still keeps a calm feel to it, while Ixtapa is more like a miniature Acapulco. Pick one of the two, or combine them for the perfect holiday.

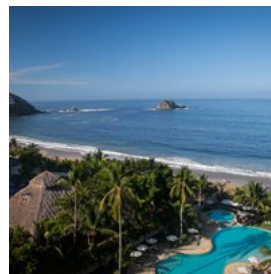
DO & SEE



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Both Zihuatanejo and Ixtapa are great destinations for entertainment and relaxation. Enjoy the vibe at relaxing Zihuatanejo or party it up in Ixtapa. Wherever you go along the Mexican Riviera, you will find an endless array of beautiful beaches, water activities and world-class dining.

Ixtapa Island (Isla Ixtapa)



Taking a boat trip to Isla Ixtapa is one of the most popular daytime excursions for tourists. Isla Ixtapa is a beautiful island with amazing light gold sandy beaches and crystal clear water which makes it a perfect place for snorkeling. You can get there by taking a boat from the Zihuatanejo Municipal Pier or Playa Quieta Pier.

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Address: Ixtapa Island, Mexico

Delfiniti de México



If one of your dreams is to swim with dolphins, it can become a reality by visiting Delfiniti Ixtapa. Six different programs allow visitors to interact

with the majestic sea mammals to varying degrees, tailoring the experience to each person's needs and tastes.

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Address: Lote Anexo 6B, Ixtapa

Phone: +52 755 553 2735

Internet: www.delfiniti.com

Email: info@delfiniti.com

Sailing Cruises



This ultra modern sailing catamaran will take you on remarkable sailing, snorkeling, sunset and adventure tours to Ixtapa, around Zihuatanejo Bay and to nearby reefs. These tours allow you to explore beautiful places and experience some of the most perfect getaways on your vacation.

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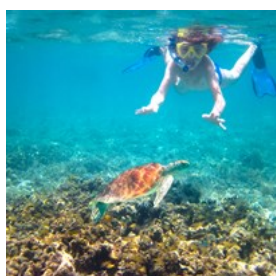
Address: Puerto Mio, De la Noria, Zihuatanejo

Phone: +52 755 554 2694

Internet: www.picantecruises.com

Email: picante@picantecruises.com

Guided Ecological Tours



There is so much to see and explore ashore and below sea level in Ixtapa and Zihuatanejo. Ixtapa Adventours is a company that provides a day full of fun where you can enjoy snorkeling along coral reefs, biking through lush jungles, kayaking in calm and warm ocean waters and admiring native plants, birds, fish and other exotic animals.

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Address: Blvd. Paseo Ixtapa mz 11 lt 5, Ixtapa

Phone: +52 755 553 3584

Internet: www.ixtapa-adventours.com

Email: pablomendizabal@gmail.com

More Info: Across the street from Park Royal Hotel

Xihuacan Museum and Archeological Site

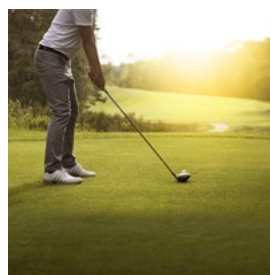


A small village called La Chole, located only 25 minutes away from Ixtapa-Zihuatanejo, houses a fascinating archaeological site. Since the 1930's many artifacts have been found here, such as jewellery linked to many cultures, including the Tarascan, Aztec, Toltec and Olmec. You can also visit an onsite museum with many of these astonishing findings.

Photo: Monkey Business Images / Shutterstock.com

Address: La Chole, Ixtapa, Zihuatanejo

Marina Ixtapa Golf Club



This golf club, designed by Robert Van Hagge and opened in 1994, offers 18 holes and is ranked by Golf Digest as one of Mexico's best courses. Marina Ixtapa Golf Club features all necessary facilities, such as a club house, two tennis courts, lockers, a restaurant, bar and a swimming pool.

Photo: Maatman / Shutterstock.com

Address: Paseo de la Darsena, Ixtapa

Phone: +52 755 553 2180

Internet: www.marina-ixtapa.com

Email: reservations@marina-ixtapa.com

Patio Mexica Cooking School



Mexican food is a delight, and what better way is there to learn more about it than taking part in a cooking class like Patio Mexica? Here you will

learn how to cook traditional Mexican food on the teacher's patio. Monica, the teacher, speaks fluent English and Spanish and will show you how to prepare local dishes from scratch.

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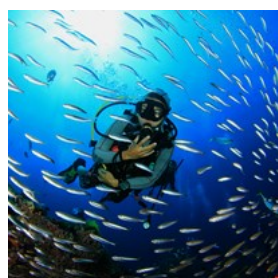
Address: Ntra. Señora de Los Remedios, Playa La Madera, Zihuatanejo

Phone: +52 755 1167211

Internet: www.patiomexica.com

Email: cookingschool@patiomexica.com

Scuba Diving and Snorkelling Tour



Discover the area's fascinating marine life and the hidden paradise that lies just beneath the ocean's surface by taking a diving or snorkeling

tour. There are various tour companies offering daily tours and other water sports activities.

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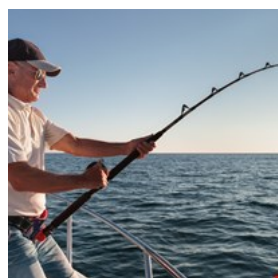
Address: Calle Ejido 43, Colonia Centro, Zihuatanejo

Phone: +52 1 755 557 9787

Internet: www.adventuredivers.com.mx

Email: adventurediversmx@gmail.com

Sport Fishing



Every season is fishing season in Ixtapa and Zihuatanejo, and there are plenty of tour operators who provide fishing tours. Here you

can experience a lifetime of fishing and catching large fish like the yellowfin tuna, blue marlin and trophy size dorado.

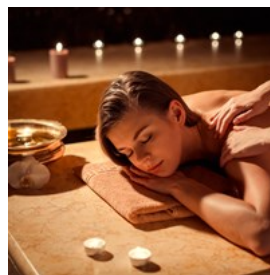
Photo: Federico Rostagno / Shutterstock.com

Phone: +52 755 558 1923

Internet: www.gitanasportfishing.com

Email: gitana@prodigy.net.mx

Sunscape Dorado Pacifico Ixtapa Spa



Pamper yourself with a spa treatment and unwind in a beautiful setting. At Sunscape Dorado Pacifico Ixtapa you can enjoy massages,

facials, soothing signature treatments and couples' treatments. This spa also features a full-service beauty salon offering hair treatments, waxing, manicure and pedicure services.

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Address: Paseo de Ixtapa S/N Lote 3-A, Ixtapa

Phone: +52 755 553 2025

Internet: www.sunscapecororts.com

More Info: Located inside Sunscape Dorado Pacifico Ixtapa

Adventure Park (Parque Aventura)



Parque Aventura in Ixtapa provides a mix of fun, physical challenges and pure adrenaline through activities like zip-lining, hanging and

moving bridges and other fun games and challenges, and is a great option for a day of fun with the family.

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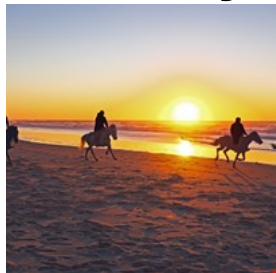
Address: Carretera Nacional Zihuatanejo-Lázaro Cárdenas km. 4.8, Ixtapa

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8:30am-4:30pm

Phone: +52 755 115 1733

Email: parqueaventuraixtapa@hotmail.com

Horseback Riding



Horseback riding on the beach is another way to explore the natural beauty of Zihuatanejo. You can either take a tour in the daytime which

includes lunch at a restaurant or an afternoon tour where you get the chance to admire a stunning sunset on horseback.

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Phone: +521 755 101 54 73

Internet: www.ixtapadaytrips.com

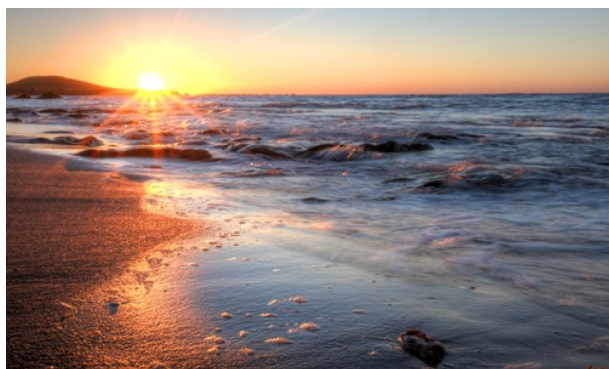
Email: ixtapadaytrips@yahoo.com

Paseo del Pescador

Paseo del Pescador is a pleasant seaside promenade and features outdoor eateries and beautiful cobblestone streets. In the mornings, you can enjoy watching fishermen selling their early morning catches to local restaurants and families. This is a very relaxing spot which is highly appreciated by travelers and locals alike.

Address: Paseo de Pescador, Zihuatanejo

BEACH LIFE



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One of the main attractions in Zihuatanejo is the large bay, most of which is surrounded by beautiful beaches, all located on the foothills of the Sierra Madre Mountains. Because of the bay

protecting the beaches from the stormy ocean, the waves here are mostly gentle, making the whole area great for swimming and other beachside activities. If you are lucky you might come across one or two turtles on the beach, as many hotels sponsor the turtle conservation campaign.

Playa la Ropa



Playa la Ropa is the main beach for swimming and water sports. The beach is about a mile long and usually has mild waves making it perfect for

swimmers and non-swimmers alike. Around the beach you can find several excellent restaurants ranging from simple old Mexican style to four and five star eateries.

Photo: besha / Flickr (image cropped)

Address: Playa la Ropa, Zihuatanejo

Playa Las Gatas



If you would like to go snorkelling, Playa Las Gatas could be the ideal beach for you, whether you are a beginner or a bit more experienced. If

you get hungry you can choose from over a dozen restaurants specializing in seafood.

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Address: Playa Las Gatas, Zihuatanejo

Playa Blanca / Playa Larga



This 15-mile long beach is hard to miss when flying above Zihuatanejo in the daytime. The beach has two names: Playa Blanca and Playa Larga. The

southern end of Playa Blanca is also known as La Barra De Potosí which offers many local seafood restaurants.

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Address: Playa Blanca, Zihuatanejo

Playa Contramar



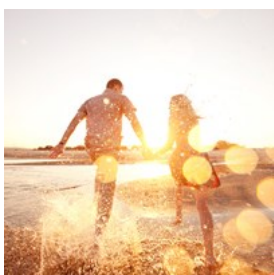
Playa Contramar is a stunning place to go snorkelling. This is not a sandy beach, but is instead made up of surf-polished rocks. On

this small beach the ambiance is tranquil and the water clear.

Photo: Patryk Kosmider / Shutterstock.com

Address: Playa Contramar, Zihuatanejo

Playa Troncones



On this beach you can enjoy fun beach activities such as body- and boogie-boarding, surfing, snorkeling and kayaking.

There are also some local dining spots in the area that offer mouth-watering dishes and live music.

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Address: Playa Troncones, Troncones

DINING



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When dining in Zihuatanejo, the beautiful views over the bay are often included. You can enjoy some great traditional Mexican food and numerous seafood dishes, or try some of the local specialties like Huachinango (red snapper) with tomato or garlic sauce. Zihuatanejo is also surrounded by several mango farms, making them a staple at most tables.

Carmelita's Cafe



Carmelita's Cafe is a much-loved family-run restaurant and cafe. After starting as a small coffee shop in the airport, they have recently expanded

and moved to a new location, now serving fantastic traditional fare in downtown Zihuatanejo.

Photo: Jesus Cervantes / Shutterstock.com

Address: Heroico Colegio Militar, Centro, Zihuatanejo

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-4:30pm, Sun 8am-3pm

Phone: +52 755 554 3885

Email: carmelitascafe@hotmail.com

Rufo's Grill



Rufo's Grill is a local favourite, offering mouthwatering grilled dishes based around meat, fish, shrimp, pork ribs, chicken or

vegetables, among many other options, all in a rustic and elegant setting.

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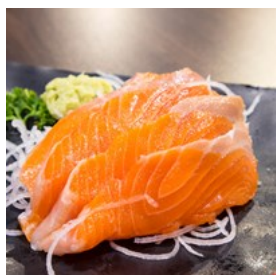
Address: Calle Adelita, Zihuatanejo

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 5pm-11.30pm

Phone: +52 755 1205 494

Email: juanelodi@hotmail.com

Tentaciones



At Tentaciones you can enjoy sophisticated fresh, local seafood specialties and Asian fusion cuisine. With a beautiful location on a mountaintop, the

restaurant offers breathtaking views over the bay. The impeccable service provided here makes the whole dining experience delightful.

Photo: Chatchai Kuntrakornkiti / Shutterstock.com

Address: Escénica La Ropa, Playa La Ropa, Zihuatanejo

Phone: +52 755 544 8383

Internet: www.hoteltentaciones.com/tentaciones/

Email: reservaciones@hoteltentaciones.com

More Info: Tentaciones Hotel

Ristorante Il Mare



Ristorante Il Mare is a cosy and romantic restaurant, with an ideal location on a cliff at "La Madera" beach overlooking the beautiful

waters and beaches of Zihuatanejo Bay. When dining at this restaurant you can enjoy modern

Italian and Greek cuisine.

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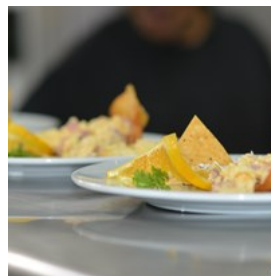
Address: Carretera Escenica a la Ropa Beach, Zihuatanejo

Opening hours: Wed-Mon 12pm-11pm

Phone: +52 755 554 9067

Email: liguria13@hotmail.com

Los Braseros



This highly recommended restaurant features more than 140 delicious dishes with unique Mexican flavours, and is ideally located in the city centre

of Zihuatanejo. Los Braseros is a good value restaurant you can visit for breakfast, lunch or dinner.

Photo: JaiMagazine / Pixabay

Address: Ejido No. 14 Colonia Centro, Zihuatanejo

Opening hours: Daily 8am-1am

Phone: +52 755 544 7522

Email: restaurant_losbraseros@hotmail.com

Coconuts



When dining at this restaurant you will be dining in the oldest building in Zihuatanejo, located in the historic centre. Coconuts serves a

unique mixture of gourmet Mexican and international dishes prepared with fresh and seasonal ingredients. They also host live music and dancing, and screen a lot of major sporting events, making it a great place for drinks on game night.

Photo: cobraphotography / Shutterstock.com

Address: Agustín Ramírez 1, Centro, Zihuatanejo

Opening hours: Daily 5pm-1am

Phone: +52 755 554 2518

Internet: www.coconutszihua.com

Email: coconutsrestaurant@gmail.com

La Perla Restaurant



At La Perla Restaurant you can tickle your taste buds with Mexican dishes prepared with fresh local ingredients. On the menu you will find traditional local cuisine, such as grilled red snapper served with garlic and fresh tortillas, spicy Pacific lobster, octopus, jumbo and medium size shrimp and scallops, to name a few.

Photo: Joshua Resnick / Shutterstock.com

Address: Playa La Ropa S/n, Playa La Ropa, Zihuatanejo

Phone: +52 755 557 0149

Internet: www.laperlarestaurant.net

Email: laperla_zihua@yahoo.com.mx

Bistro del Mar Restaurant



Claimed to be one of the best restaurants in Zihuatanejo, Bistro del Mar Restaurant offers typical Mexican food in an elegant atmosphere next to the sea. The menu offers everything from pizza to meat and fish dishes which are all cooked with the best ingredients.

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Address: Eva Samano de López Mateos, Playa La Madera, Zihuatanejo

Opening hours: Daily 8am-11pm

Phone: +52 755 554 8333

Internet: www.bistrodelmar.com

Email: bistrodelmar_rest@yahoo.com.mx

More Info: Hotel Aura del Mar

Chili Bean's



This inexpensive restaurant, situated on the Ixtapa Boulevard right across from the Emporio Hotel, is a popular place among locals and tourists alike. The friendly staff serve mouth-watering dishes in a vibrant atmosphere, including succulent BBQ ribs or authentic Mexican dishes like chiles rellenos, enchiladas, chicken mole and homemade ground beef chili, only to name a few.

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Address: Ixtapa Plaza 5, Zihuatanejo

Phone: +52 755 553 3313

Internet: www.elmexicano-chilibeans.com/

Email: deborah@elmexicano-chilibeans.com

Cafe Marina



Starting as a pizzeria in the mid 1980's, Cafe Marina has evolved into a beloved Zihuatanejo restaurant and cafe, offering great pizza and local dishes, as well as smaller snacks and great coffee with an unbeatable view of the marina.

Photo: Magdanatka / Shutterstock.com

Address: Paseo del Pescador 9, Zihuatanejo

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 7am-10pm

Phone: +52 755 554 2462

Email: josebw_mx@yahoo.com

CAFES



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In this old fishermen's village, the waterfront is filled with cafés and bars. Here you can sit back and enjoy a cup of coffee while watching the waves roll in. You will definitely not have difficulties finding a place for lunch or a drink on the inviting seaside promenade.

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Phone: +52 755 554 3885

Email: carmelitascafe@hotmail.com

Panaderia Del Buen Gusto



Panaderia Del Buen Gusto ('Good Taste Bakery') offers a wide variety of bread and sweet pastries, but their speciality is definitely

cakes. There is no seating area, so in order to enjoy the bakery's delicious creations, you'll have to order them to go.

Photo: Kei Shooting / Shutterstock.com

Address: Vicente Guerrero 8, Centro, Zihuatanejo

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-10pm, Sun 10am-10pm

Phone: +52 755 100 7685

Mi Tacita de Cafe



Located right in the middle of Zihuatanejo, Mi Tacita de Cafe has pleasant outdoor seating on a small square. They offer small meals and snacks, such as both sweet and savory crepes, as well as high-quality coffee drinks.

Photo: Tatiana Mihaliyova / Shutterstock.com

Address: Ejido 24, Zihuatanejo

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 9am-11pm, Sun 5pm-11pm

Phone: +52 755 128 2357

Email: serna_chrix@hotmail.com

Café Caracol



Café Caracol is another small and cosy cafe in the centre of Zihuatanejo. Besides serving high-quality, organic coffee from the Guerrero region, Caracol also sells organic and locally-produced honey and vanilla.

Photo: Julian Rovagnati / Shutterstock.com

Address: Nicolás Bravo 40, Zihuatanejo

Opening hours: Mon-Sat 8am-6pm

Phone: +52 755 112 1058

Cuatro Cycle Café & Té



As the name might suggest, Cuatro Cycle is a bicycle-themed modern and sleek cafe and tea house with a location in Zihuatanejo and another

in Ixtapa. They only serve coffee produced in Mexico, and their offering also includes a remarkable variety of teas, as well as some creative and delicious cold drinks.

Photo: mavo / Shutterstock.com

Address: Ignacio M. Altamirano 19, Zihuatanejo

Opening hours: Tue-Sun 8am-9pm

Phone: +52 755 554 1641

Internet: www.cuattrocafe.com

Email: quattrocafe.zihuatanejo@gmail.com

Café del Ferrocarril



Café del Ferrocarril is the perfect place to stop for breakfast and a coffee on your way to the beach in Ixtapa. The omelettes come highly

recommended, and the cafe is said to have the best frappes and cold coffee drinks in the area.

Photo: Africa Studio / Shutterstock.com

Address: Plaza Ixpamar, Ixtapa

Opening hours: Daily 7:30am-11pm

Phone: +52 755 553 0764

Email: cafedelferrocarril.ixtapa@hotmail.com

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Email: josebw_mx@yahoo.com

BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Zihuatanejo is not your typical party destination. Instead you will find tranquil bars, classy lounges and romantic hang-outs here. The nightlife lasts until midnight, so if you do not want your evening to end you should head to Ixtapa, which is full of bars and clubs where the party keeps going until morning. Do not forget to try the national drink Mezcal, a strong drink related to tequila.

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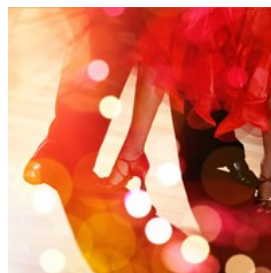
Barracruda Bar



This is a popular local bar that offers ice cold draft beer and mixed drinks. They have live bands playing regularly, as well as dancing, and they screen major sporting events (they're especially fond of American football).

Photo: iraua / Shutterstock.com
Address: Calle Cuauhtemoc num. 6, Zihuatanejo

Bandido's Restaurant Bar



If you feel like dancing while in Zihuatanejo, head over to Bandido's Restaurant Bar. Here you can dance salsa to a live band, drink a cold beer, mingle with the locals in or just relax on the outdoor patio.

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Address: Av 5 de Mayo esq. Pedro Ascencio S/N, Centro, Zihuatanejo
Phone: +52 755 553 8072

Señor Frog's



Señor Frog's is a very entertaining nightclub, bar and restaurant, where shared tables, tasty drinks and good music create a fantastic ambiance. This venue has a laid back mood where you can chat up with friends and dance to mixed music until well into the night.

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Address: Ixtapa Lote 5, Centro, Zihuatanejo
Opening hours: Daily 5pm-3am
Phone: +52 755 553 2282

Christine Club



Christine Club is a huge world-class disco and nightclub with a great stage and dance floor, located at the Hotel Krystal in Ixtapa. It is wildly popular with both locals and tourists, and is one of your best bets for a memorable night out.

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Address: Boulevard Paseo Ixtapa s/n, Ixtapa
Phone: +52 755 553 0456

SHOPPING



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There is a wide selection of shops both in Zihuatanejo and Ixtapa, including clothing boutiques, beachware shops, and great places to find souvenirs, particularly in downtown Zihuatanejo. There are also numerous galleries that showcase the best of Mexican art and traditional crafts, as well as fine jewelry in gold and silver.

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Zihuatanejo Fish Market



Zihuatanejo is in essence a fishing town, and the daily fish market is a sight to behold.

Fishermen gather on the beach and display their catches and the beach becomes a raucous affair with plenty of haggling and the absolute freshest fish available.

Photo: Michel Piccaya / Shutterstock.com
Address: Playa Principal, Zihuatanejo

Central Market



Zihuatanejo's central market isn't very large, but it's packed tight with stalls selling everything from produce to knick knacks. It is a buzzing centre of commerce and life in the city, and is definitely worth visiting for a bit of local flavour.

Photo: RIGOYRBK / Pixabay
Address: Mercado Municipal, Avenida Benito Juárez, Zihuatanejo

Craft Market



Zihuatanejo's crafts market, located on Cinco de Mayo Avenue, has numerous stalls showcasing local arts and crafts in the form of rugs, pottery, wood carvings and much more. It is perhaps the best place in town to shop for souvenirs to take back home.

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Address: Cinco de Mayo, Zihuatanejo

Casa Marina



The area of Casa Marina, near the harbour, is home to several small shops that offer some other examples of traditional Mexican crafts and products, such as hammocks, rugs, art and some home decor items.

Photo: Luna Vandoorne / Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Alvarez 21, Zihuatanejo

Phone: +52 755 554 2373

Lupita's



Lupita's is a unique boutique that showcases beautiful, bright and colourful women's apparel from Mexico and the surrounding region.

Pieces include handmade items from Oaxaca, Yucatán, and even neighbouring Guatemala.

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Address: Calle Juan N. Alvarez 5, Zihuatanejo

Phone: +52 755 554 5977

Internet: www.zihuatanejo.net/lupitas/

Email: lupitas@zihuatanejo.net

La Fuente



Located in Ixtapa, La Fuente is a small but colourful boutique with a fantastic selection of clothing for women and good options when it comes to housewares and other assorted items (often good as gifts to take back home).

Photo: Aurora Angeles / Shutterstock.com

Address: Centro Comercial Los Patios, Ixtapa

Opening hours: Daily 10am-9pm

Phone: +52 755 553 0812

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Zihuatanejo International Airport



Zihuatanejo is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Mexico.

From Zihuatanejo International Airport you can reach Mexico City,

Houston and Los Angeles with non-stop flights. The airport is located 19 kilometers southeast of the city.

You can easily reach the city by taxi or van services by buying your ticket at the taxi kiosk. The rates depend on your final destination and the number of passengers. You can pay with cash or credit card. Taxi and van services operate between 6am-9pm.

Auto Transporte de Zihuatanejo
+52 755 554 3298

Enlace Terrestre Aeroportuario
+52 755 553 6313

Transporte Turístico Aeropuerto de Zihuatanejo
+52 755 554 7914

There are several car rental companies

represented at the airport.

Europcar

+52 755 553 7158

www.europcar.com.mx

Hertz

+52 755 554 2952

www.avasamexico.com.mx

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Zihuatanejo International Airport, Zihuatanejo

Phone: +52 755 554 2070

Internet: www.oma.aero/es/aeropuertos/zihuatanejo/

Tourist Tax



Nearly every commercial airline flying into Mexico now includes the Tourism Tax (known as DNI - Derecho No Inmigrante) in the price of each flight

ticket. Request an itemised receipt from your tour agent or airline, where the DNI charge is normally listed, and present it at check-in and/or immigration in order to avoid double payment.

If, however, your airfare does not include this tax, or if you've been travelling by land, the tax will need to be paid separately. If you're leaving Mexico by air, the easiest way to pay this tax will be at the check-in counter for your departing flight/the airport immigration office. Note that the tax can only be paid in cash, in USD, Mexican pesos or Sterling. The exact fee is subject to change; at the time of writing, it amounts to just under \$30 per person.

If you are departing by land, you are still required to pay this tax, which can also be done at a bank. Note that those arriving by land and departing from Mexico within 7 days are exempt

from paying the fee.

The DNI tax is not to be confused with the Mexican Airport Departure Tax, which will be automatically included with any flight ticket purchase, and will also appear on the itemised receipt.

Make sure to hold on to any receipts, slips or documents issued to you by Mexican immigration authorities throughout the entire trip.

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Passport/Visa



Visa exemption applies to citizens of all EU countries, most countries in the Americas, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, and

more. Both tourists and business visitors from these countries may stay in Mexico for up to 180 days. For Russian, Turkish and Ukrainian passport holders, electronic authorisation (SAE) is required, which then grants travellers from these countries the right of a single entry followed by a stay of up to 30 days. Please consult an official source/consulate in your home country for the latest information on visa requirements.

When travelling to Mexico, you will need to fill out a Forma Migratoria Múltiple (FMM), which is essentially a visitor's permit for Mexico. All travellers are encouraged to do so online prior to travel, and present the printed out document upon entering the country.

Photo: TukTukDesign/Shutterstock.com

Internet: www.mexicotouristcard.com

Public Transport



In Zihuatanejo you can easily walk around or use the public buses called "micros". The buses operate regularly in the city and between the city

and Ixtapa, often stopping at many of the beaches along the way.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Taxi



Taxis in Zihuatanejo are easy to use and can be hailed just about everywhere. You can also reserve a taxi for sightseeing. Make a habit

of asking how much the taxi driver charges before getting in the car.

APAAZ Taxis
+52 554 3680

UTAAZ Taxis:
+52 755 554 39 00

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Post



Post offices are the safest and fastest places for dropping off post cards.

Hotels can also help with sending post cards. Post Office:

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Calle del Cartero, Zihuatanejo

Opening hours: Mon-Fri 8am-6pm, Sat 8am-12pm

Phone: +52 554 2192

Internet: www.correosdemexico.com.mx

Pharmacy



It is easy to find pharmacies in Zihuatanejo. They are generally open from 8am-9pm and you can easily spot the red, blue

and white signs. "Farmacias Similares" has four branches in Zihuatanejo, including one at:

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Avenida Ciruelos 13, Zihuatanejo

Phone: +52 755 554 6078

Internet: www.farmaciasdesimilares.com.mx

Telephone



Country code: +52 Area code: 755

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



120 V, 60 Hz

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

City: 62,000

Municipality: 105,000

Currency

Mexican peso (MXN) 1 = 100 Centavos

Opening hours

Shops in Zihuatanejo are generally open Mon-Sat 10am-8pm, with a break over lunch between 2pm-4pm. Shops are open on Sundays at their own discretion.

Newspapers

La Voz de Zihuatanejo
Another Day in Paradise (for tourists)
Diario de Zihuatanejo
Despertar de la Costa

Emergency numbers

Emergency: 066, 112 (cell phone)