

## ***Travel and Hotel Reservations***

Commercial airlines provide scheduled flights from Montréal, Toronto and Vancouver to Mexico City. Canadian Airlines International operates a flight that originates in Montréal, stopping in Toronto en route to Mexico City (and, beginning in May 1995, to Monterrey). Japan Airlines (JAL) flies direct from Vancouver to Mexico City. Consult your travel agent for schedules and fares. Frequent internal flights link Mexico's major centres. Upon arrival in Mexico City, it is advisable to reconfirm your next flight. For international departures an airport tax is applicable and is usually included in the cost of your international ticket.

There are taxi and minibus services available at a flat rate between the Mexico City airport and major hotels. Pre-pay your taxi fare in the arrivals area of the airport. Taxi service is relatively inexpensive. Fares are often not metered, hence it is recommended that a price be agreed upon with the driver beforehand. Tourist taxis available at hotels are generally in superior condition and their drivers often speak English. Fares charged by them are more expensive. You should book your hotel well ahead of your visit. This holds true during the height of the tourist season (November to April) in particular. A 10 percent value-added tax (IVA) is charged on hotel accommodation and restaurant meals, where tips ranging from 10 to 15 percent are expected.

## ***Entry Regulations***

If you enter Mexico for business purposes, you must obtain one of several categories of business visas. The card and a valid passport or birth certificate must be presented on entry.

Within the NAFTA framework, Mexican immigration authorities have issued a new migratory form for Canadian and U.S. persons going to Mexico, on business, for less than 30 days. This form, referred to as the FMN (Forma Migratoria de Negocios), is intended for persons travelling to Mexico for business discussions, conferences, trade fairs, commercial purposes or to provide after-sales service to their clients in Mexico. The FMN is free of charge, does not require the presentation of passport or pictures to obtain it and is available from Mexican Consulates, ports of entry, and airline companies.