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Every year on September 16, Mexicans celebrate Mexican Independence Day with mariachi performances, traditional dances, food and drink fests, locally-inspired games, fireworks and more.

Here's where and how to celebrate **Mexican Independence Day** like a local in Puerto Vallarta, Los Cabos, Playa Mita, Cancun, Playa Nayarit and elsewhere along the Maya Riviera coast,



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**Secrets Vallarta Bay** and **Now Amber** in Puerto Vallarta will offer plenty of opportunities to feel the spirit of Mexican Independence Day. The two neighboring resorts are hosting an entertainment contest, and there will be Mexican grill and Margarita stations, accompanied by the lovely sounds of Mexican mariachis.

That's during the day. At night, the properties' Grand Salon will be filled with Mexican food stations, a Tequila bar, mariachis and will wrap up with a patriotic Mexican show.

**Sunscape Puerto Vallarta Resort & Spa** will be properly adorned with Mexican flags and other patriotic decorations for the entire month. On Independence Day night, this resort hosts a Mexican Fiesta including a special menu with authentic Mexican dishes, such as pozole, tacos and Mexican candies.

The celebration will also feature on-going entertainment, from mariachis and traditional dancers taking over the floor, to spectacular fireworks towards the end of the night.

**The Iberostar Playa Mita**, a five star, all-inclusive and family-friendly property will showcase Mexican folklore, offer Mexican games for kids and grownups, and host a special mariachi performance by its entertainment team, *Star Friends*.

The night will also include the presentation of its famous ***Grito de Independencia*** to rightfully commemorate the country's heroes.



**Grand Velas Riviera Nayarit** is hosting the month-long **"Guacamania" Fest**, celebrating the avocado and its Mexican heritage by showcasing avocados in food, spa treatments, cocktails and more. Specifically, it will be offering a mobile guacamole cart that will allow guests to make fresh guacamole, spur of the moment, with the option of adding insects (chicatanas, maguey worms, chapulines) for increase in flavor. The spa treatment of the month is special body and hair treatments using coconut oil and avocado, topped with a shot of avocado with

almond milk and a chocolate sphere filled with avocado ganache to finish up the 50-minute treatment.

Additional amenities include enjoying avocado popsicles at the poolside, eating avocado-filled macarons and other desserts, and sipping avocado-infused drinks such as smoothies and margaritas.



**Temptation Cancun Resort** an adults-only all-inclusive with a topless optional pool, hosts the annual VIVA MEXICO! Mexican Independence Day party with lively decorations, adult-entertainment and the best of Mexican cuisine. During the day, guests can head over to the Sexy Pool, for traditional music and a festive atmosphere.

Remember to pack your favorite Mexican wrestler mask to stick with this year's themed dress code and be ready to kick off the nighttime festivities at 11 p.m. at the outdoor nightclub Bash, for the traditional ***"Grito de Dolores,"*** or cry of independence.

**Fiesta Americana Puerto Vallarta All Inclusive & Spa** celebrates with a mariachi band, a Mexican folkloric ballet performance, and a special holiday buffet of traditional Mexican dishes. Activities include an ***"El Grito"*** shouting contest, tequila and mezcal tasting, a chef's parade with the traditional dances and a taquiza by the pool.

This family-friendly all-inclusive includes piñatas and a children's party, and a carnival for the entire family can enjoy.



**Grand Fiesta Americana Coral Beach** is celebrating with the mariachis and musical trios, along with the live broadcast of the “Independence Day Ceremony” directly from Mexico City.

**Grand Fiesta Americana Los Cabos All Inclusive Golf & Spa** celebrates with the “*el Grito de la Independencia*” being broadcast live from the zocalo in Mexico City, plus fireworks, and live music.

**Hotel Xcaret Mexico** is an opulent resort on the pristine beaches of Riviera Maya surrounded by the local lush rainforest, coves and rivers. The vast majority of the hotel’s décor was handcrafted in Mexico, including bathroom tiles painted by a nearby Quintana Roo community, and lamps created by Cancun prison inmates. Jalisco candy is offered at turndown service.

On September 16, the resort hosts the sixth edition of **XPLOR Bravest Race** to celebrate Mexican Independence Day at XPLOR, Xcaret’s adventure park featuring zip-lines, underground rivers, and buggy trails. It is a 5K obstacle race open to over 3,000 participants that crosses the park and is set to boast exciting surprises along the course that highlight the very best of Mexico.

Book at least two nights to get a 35% discount on registration for the race. **Xcaret Park**, the brand’s first and signature park, organizes a yearly Mexican fiesta with activities for the entire family in honor of Mexican Independence Day.

**Solmar Hotels & Resorts**, a collection of seven all-suite properties in Los Cabos, is offering a **62% discount per room per night**, for reservations made until September 30th for stays until December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2018, it is the perfect opportunity for visitors to celebrate Mexican Independence Day alongside traditional exquisite Mexican flare and joyous celebrations at multiple properties.

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