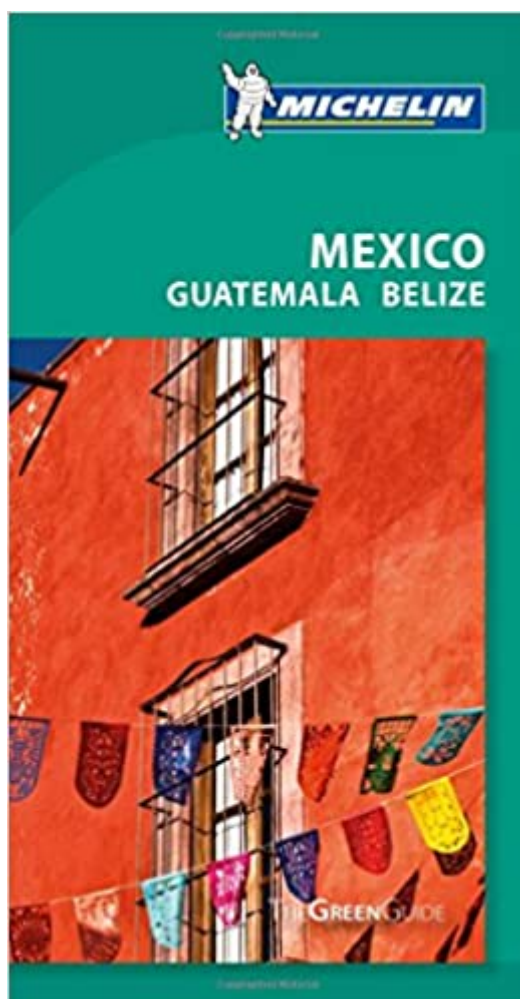


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# Michelin Green Guide Mexico (Green Guide/Michelin)



## Synopsis

Swim with sea turtles at Akumel, stay at Taxco's quaint inns, marvel at Chichen-Itza's pyramid temple, shop for local handicrafts at Zacatecas. Find the best places to stay and the finest tacos to eat in the dedicated address book. With vivid illustrations, informative features and detailed maps, the newly updated Green Guide Mexico will help you plan, explore and enjoy this exotic country. With the guide's broad range of activities, plus walking and driving tours, discover the best Mexico has to offer.

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## Customer Reviews

I don't deny the problems so vividly portrayed by other reviewers, but I guess I'm so addicted to the Green Guides that for the most part I'm willing to overlook them. The Green Guides are still the only game in town when it comes to trip planning, with their "worth-a-trip", "worth-a-detour", and "interesting" ratings that make it so much easier to decide where to focus one's travels, and that's true even when, as other reviewers have pointed out, the maps fall well below the norm for Michelin. I haven't actually used the guide in Mexico yet, and may change my mind later this year, but for now it's still the guide I will pick up first. In any case, let's hope for a new edition soon.

I lost my old green guide for Mexico (notes from guiding 600 students there in past years) and I thought I was ordering a MEXICO guide on the Internet. I was surprised when it arrived to find two other countries added. I just returned from taking another group to Mexico and I did not use the

guide except for Taxco. Why did you change the guide book? I do not need the additional bulk of two additional countries when traveling. I missed the excellent time line in the old green guide. Several of my students found the MEXICO only version in the Museo de Antropologia in Mexico City; wish that they had purchased it for me. Is the old guide available anywhere?

A good GENERAL guide to the places we went. Next time I'll buy the more detailed versions - for example, of Mexico City - if they are available. It's main failure - which we have not experienced before in Michelin Guides - is that the sites are not necessarily listed on THE MAPS, which can make them difficult to find. Certainly, this is sub-par as far as a Michelin Guide goes.

I like Green Guides, but they take some getting used to. Index is not detailed enough. the organization is unlike most other guidebooks; they alphabetized the sites, with no grouping by region. Doesn't rely on tips and insider info the way Rick Steves or Lonely Planet do.

What kind of a traveler are you? Do you like to see as many sights as possible? Are you looking for the best accommodations, to be pampered and waited upon? Are you an outdoorsman or ecotourist? Certain types of guides meet the needs of certain types of travelers. The Green Guides are written for cultural and heritage tourists. If history is your thing, the Green Guide is your book. It's not so much the structure of the book that is unique as it is the content. The structure is what you would expect to find, with the chapters arranged geographically. The introductory chapters contain most of the summary of historical and cultural contexts, as well as practical matters. You may not know that Michelin publishes separate Red Guides of listings for lodging, dining, etc... that are NOT part of the Green Guide series. You're not going to find comprehensive listings for those items here, which seems strange for a travel guide but is good in this case, as the content is focused on history, culture and geography. The internal content is the real feature here, and is the reason you should buy the book. The historical and cultural information included with each city, town or location is rich and insightful. It's dense enough to be engaging, but concise enough to avoid boring you. While so many other guides will tell you what, or when, the Green Guide tells you why. There are three countries included here, but Mexico is the obvious standout. Southern Mexico and Guatemala blend together culturally, and there's good coverage of pre-Columbian and colonial Guatemala. Anyone familiar with the Green Guides knows that these books use a rating system that assigns relative priority to the featured sites. Generally, though subjective, those ratings are what you would expect, and there's a good balance between the three major tourist draws - tourist beaches, meso-American

sites, and colonial cities. Michelin takes good care of your, and you're not going to miss much if you stick to their recommended itineraries. It's a bit ironic that with a publication known so well for its rating of lodgings and dining options that those items are thinly represented in this book, but as noted earlier, that is by design, not neglect. There is no Red Guide for Mexico, so any of the other mainstream guidebooks will have a better handle on important practical matters and detailed listings. There's plenty of good photography, nice color diagrams and simple maps to keep your eyes satisfied without overpowering the text. It's a good, balanced mix that has worked for Michelin for decades. Buy this book as your historical and cultural companion, but don't rely on it for sleeping and eating, or getting you out of a scrape. And it's certainly not a backpack companion, rather, these are the books most likely to be used by city slickers more than any other. Personally, I love these books for exactly that reason, that they teach as well as inform. It's done with careful attention to detail without ever becoming tedious.

Michelin Green guides are great to plan the outline of a trip & this one is no exception quite happy with it.

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