SIX REASONS TO RETIRE IN MAZATLAN

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# There are a million reasons to retire in Mazatlan, but why not start with just six....

"Whether you are young and single, raising a family or in your golden years, Mazatlan's warm weather and equally warm people will capture your soul. Experience quality living at prices well below major U.S. and Canadian cities... and certainly at a fraction of the cost of living on the beach in Hawaii, California, Florida or the Caribbean. "Enjoy so much, but peso little."

Patrick Hobson, Resident

#### Close to home.

Mazatlan is the closest resort destination south of the border. Driving time from Nogales, Arizona is only 12 hours on the four-lane highway, although leisurely motorists tend to stop overnight. By bus it's only 16 hours. By air, it's a scant 2 hours from Phoenix or Houston, 2½ hours from Los Angeles, less than 3 hours from Denver or Salt Lake City, the gateway cities that serve as hubs for further travel on Alaska Airlines, U.S. Airways, Continental, Delta, Frontier, Aero Mexico, and Mexicana — the airlines that serve Mazatlan.













### A lower cost of living.

Retirees find that their pensions go one-third farther than back home. You can still get a cart full of groceries for less than \$50, and household help is affordable and readily available. And when did you last pay \$3.50 for a movie ticket? A city of 500,000, Mazatlan has an excellent transportation system with bus fares running about 70 cents, and taxis only charging \$4 or \$5 for most trips around town. You don't really need a car.

#### Reasonably priced health care.

Quality health care is accessible and reasonably priced. For example, Mazatlan's Sharp Hospital, modeled after its name-sake in San Diego, is up to big-city standards in the U.S., and is where the Mexican Riviera Cruise Lines send their ailing employees. Some doctors still make house calls! Local dentistry is professional and affordable. Mazatlan's retirees have access to high-quality treatment - hospitals, doctors, and dentists - at a fraction of the cost of comparable care north of the border.

# Culture, tradition and substance.

Mazatlan is a several-hundred year old seaport city where people trace their ancestry back 4 or even 5 generations. Mazatlecos are naturally warm and welcome strangers with a smile and a friendly "hola". They passionately embrace traditional cultural festivals, street parades and particularly Mazatlan's pre-Lent Carnaval, the third largest Mardi Gras in the world.

The Angela Peralta Theater, faithfully restored to its 1860's glory in 1992, anchored a renaissance to the surrounding neighborhood, a historic quarter full of neoclassical buildings. Mazatlan is the only beach resort in Mexico with an opera house suitable for all the performing arts - symphony, chamber music, grand opera, ballet, jazz and rock - all of which take place during the course of the year.

## Best of both worlds.

As a popular beach resort destination with a well-established tourism industry – the employees of Mazatlan's hotels, restaurants, nightclubs, golf courses, and deep sea fishing charter companies - are accustomed to dealing with English-speaking customers. With the 6,000 American and Canadian retirees already living in Mazatlan, groups have formed to socialize and establish volunteer community service groups.



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