



Tower Bridge Hostel

Guide for guests





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WELCOME!

We have created this information to give you an idea about our hostel and activities you can enjoy in Puerto Escondido.

Our hostel is intended to be a safe place for everybody and provides a relaxed atmosphere for everyone. **We believe that each person has the same value, regardless of their age, gender, sexual orientation and religion.** Therefore, we do not accept any behavior against this principle. Guests exhibiting this behavior will be instructed to leave without refund and, if necessary, will be reported to the local authorities.



respect for one another is very essential for establishing our inclusive atmosphere, please make yourself familiar with our policies.

Reception

- open from 8 am to 10 pm
- check-in after 2 pm
- check-out until 11 am**
- free use of storage room for luggage free on date of arrival and departure

Restaurant

The friendly team of the restaurant situated on our property is happy to serve you delicious breakfast.

Housekeeping

With respect to your privacy we only enter your rooms on your request. If you want the room to be made, need new linen/sheets or towels, please address to the reception before 11 am.

Bar

- is open from 6pm/7pm until midnight
- please pay when you order, we cannot run tabs
- alcoholic drinks from outside are not permitted in the communal areas when bar is open

Tranquility of night

- is from 12am to 8 am for a sound sleep for everybody

Children

The hostel's layout and activities are neither adequate nor secure for minors.

Safety

- The front door is closed at night times. We provide you with the door code at the reception. -There's security staff present during the night.
- We provide keys to the private rooms and for lockers (deposit 200 ps).



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- There are safety boxes in all rooms and the storage room. Lockers in the dorms have power outlets so you can charge electronic devices without guarding them.
- There are thirteen cameras installed in the communal areas that record 24/7
- Riding taxis is safe
- In the touristic zone of Zicatela please be aware that, especially at night time, the police of Santa Maria Colotepec is arresting people on beaches and streets, and accuses them of nudity, consumption of illegal substances and other misdemeanors. Our advice is to not visit the beaches at night, and to move on the streets in groups.

Animals

We love animals. You can bring small pets with you to stay in the private rooms.

Smoking

You can smoke in the outside areas under the palapa and in the bar area. Please do not smoke in or in front of rooms, lobby or pool table.

Environment

We try to be environmentally responsible because we are of the belief that we can do better than exploiting our planet. A big step for us was avoiding the use of plastic at the hostel. All drinks are available only in returnable glass bottles. Please do not toss them away, but return them to the reception or the bar.



We have installed a water purification system that you can use for free! There are reusable drinking bottles available at the reception.

The water from this system has an amazing quality: only 8 ppm (parts per million) are not H₂O. Comparison: a bottle of 'Ciel' water from the store has 65 ppm, the tap water 135 ppm.

Plates and cups are made of wheat straw or ceramic.

In the future we plan the installation of solar panels on the roofs.

We have installed non-electrical ventilation in private rooms and do not use a/c because of gas leaking into the atmosphere and electric consumption.

Please help us avoiding electrical hazards by switching off lights and fans when you leave your room.



WELCOME!

Kitchen

Everybody loves a clean kitchen. You can use our well-equipped kitchen from 8 am to 10 pm; please make sure to wash, dry and restore what you have used.

For hygienic reasons we clean the fridges regularly. Unlabeled items will be tossed. Please use our labels to identify your goods.

Space in fridges is limited, so we do not allow alcoholic drinks in them. We will have to remove them if found.

Pool

Healthy conditions in the pool are important to us. There is a daily service coming to check on the pool. We kindly ask you to shower before you use it. Especially if you have dyed hair, you should protect it by showering first, so the chemicals in the pool cannot change its color.

Map

You might want to download our [map](#) which shows you recommendations of restaurants, shops, short cuts to the swimming beaches and much more. The map works fully offline with only GPS activated on your device.





AMENITIES

The **bar of Tower Bridge Hostel** is famous for being a very social place. Guests and friends of the house enjoy the easy atmosphere, affordable drinks and make new friends.



On many occasions a bunch of people heads out at midnight together to grab taxis and head to the party zone on Zicatela beach.

Don't miss events like the beer pong tournament or futbolito night!



There is a **restaurant** on the property that serves breakfast buffet from 8:30 am to 12 pm. Start the day having delicious food and a coffee next to the pool.

On special occasions Luci, Omar y Sergio serve food also in the afternoons or evenings.





GOING GREEN

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We are convinced, that the path to a healthier world lies within less consumption.

That is why we have focused since 2015 to reduce our negative impact on the world by following some principles and ideas.



No plastic – our cups are made of ceramic, bowls and plates of wheat straw. We use biodegradable trash bags.

Detergents and other chemicals are delivered in **reusable bulk containers** in order to save plastic wrapping.

Our **water purification** saves up to 72,000 one-way plastic bottles per year that end up burning on land-fills.

<http://web.archive.org/web/20230923083031/https://elsoldepuerto.com/hostel-adopts-environmental-measures/>

It is at times hot and humid in tropical Puerto Escondido. Still, we do not believe that installing air condition is beneficial to a heating up planet. There is an excellent article about this on “The Times” <https://time.com/6077220/air-conditioning-bad-for-planet-how-to-fix/>

Our **measurements against heat** are:

- ventilation chimneys in the private rooms (installed in 2023)
- anti-thermal water-proofing on roofs (installed in 2004)
- solar panels to consume less energy and cast more shade on roofs (planned for 2025/26)
- maintain our beautiful garden pool

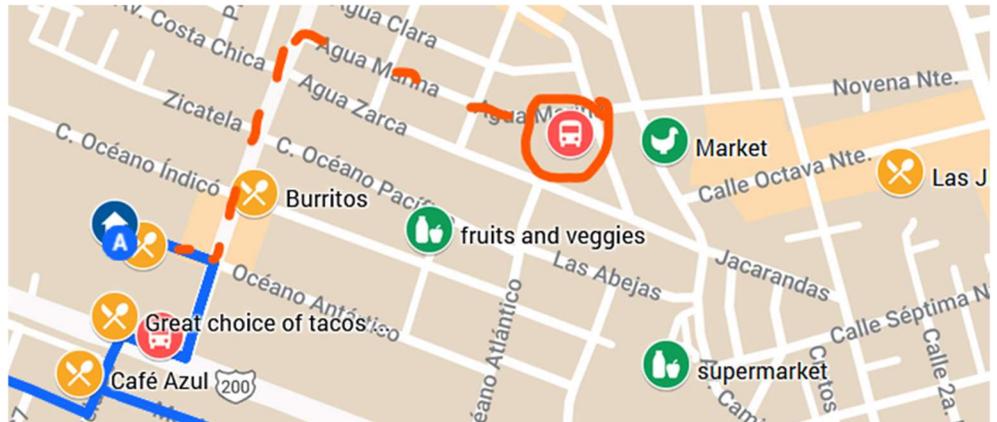
If you have any recommendations or complaints regarding our green path, please let us know. We appreciate any discussion!



PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Colectivos are easy and cheap, but they only run during day-time. Most lines run from the suburbs (e.g. **La Punta de Zicatela**) to the main colectivo station near market Benito Juárez, which is 750 meters from Tower Bridge Hostel. You will find it in our GPS map.

The fare is 12 pesos (enero 2025)



Minivans to **Chacahua** leave from the gas station just outside from Tower Bridge Hostel. 10 kilometers past Río Grande you will get off and hop on a colectivo towards Zapotalito. From there you can take private or colectivo boats to the peninsula.

Buses to **Mazunte, Zipolite, Pochutla** and colectivos in direction **San Pedro Mixtepec, San Gabriel Mixtepec** leave from the station near Benito Juárez (Transportes Delfines). At Las Cruces de San Antonio you need to disembark and get on a colectivo towards Mazunte, San Agustinillo, Zipolite or Puerto Ángel.

From Pochutla you can take mini vans to **San José del Pacífico / San Mateo Río Hondo**.

Buses to **Acapulco** and **Ciudad de México** leave from Terminal Turística.

Buses to **Oaxaca de Juárez, Tuxtla Gutiérrez** and **San Cristóbal de las Casas** leave from the ADO station.

There are **flights** from and to these destinations:

Ciudad de México, Oaxaca de Juárez, Monterrey, Guadalajara, Tijuana.





TRANSPORT - TAXI

A more comfortable way of getting around is going by **taxi**. There are eight taxi cooperations in Puerto Escondido. We recommend Sitio Puerto Escondido, A.C., as we have fares guaranteed. You can call them to the hostel or ask our receptionist to call them for you.



Suggestions for riding safely:

- take a photo of the car's side showing its number (helps when you forget an item on the taxi) or you would like to complain about the service (excessive prices, bad driving)
- confirm the fare before you enter the taxi
- in between stops are priced as two legs
- payment is in cash only

Confirmed rates are from Tower Bridge Hostel to (and vice versa):

Playa Carrizalillo / Rinconada	70
Zicatela	100 – 120 (depending on traffic)
La Punta de Zicatela	150 – 180 (depending on traffic)
Adoquín / Bahía Principal	80
Playa Puerto Angelito	80
Playa Bacocho	80
Mercado Benito Juárez	50
Airport (Autopista)	100 (one person) – 150 (four persons)
Terminal ADO	70



TRANSPORT - RENTALS

If you would like to be more independent or plan to visit remote places, a **car, scooter, motor-bike** or **bicycle rental** may be an option for you.

Please contact your friendly receptionist in this case. Most of the rental agencies bring the vehicle within a few minutes to the hostel.

There is limited **parking space** for cars in the public street in front of the hostel. Please ask at reception where you can park without blocking the garbage collection and neighbor's gates.

We have a larger area for motor-bikes and scooters just outside the main door.

Security advice:

- the roads are partially in rough condition, please do not speed!
- there are speed-bumps (topes) which are sometimes not shown by signs, are uncolored and easy to miss
- under no circumstances ride a vehicle after the consumption of any drugs
- at night time visibility can drop instantly when traffic coming towards you uses their high beams
- we are happy to help you with the rentals, but we are not responsible for the vehicles nor any accidents that do occur
- please wear a helmet
- a national driving license from your home country is sufficient





ACTIVITIES - HIKING

Since 2020 there is a group of enthusiasts that love hiking in our beautiful nature:

The Hikers of Puerto Escondido.

Usually twice or three times a week there is an activity in nearby nature. Explore mountains, rivers, waterfalls and beaches with this non-commercial group. There is a contribution for the private vehicles they are using, though.

You can check the hikes of the upcoming week on [facebook](#) and [instagram](#). For signing in please talk to reception or use the comments' function on the platforms.



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ACTIVITIES

We are working since many years with **small local businesses and families**, not having travel agencies as intermediates. This is the reason for reasonable prices of all tours.

BIOLUMUNISCENCE

Take a boat at night into the beautiful lagoon of Manialtepec

Discover the rare phenomenon of bioluminescence: swim through the plankton laced water and see your body shimmer with what appears to be little sparkles and stars.



FISHING TRIP

Hire a boat for 5 hours!
Bring your catch and prepare it on our BBQ



HORSEBACK RIDING

to Hot Springs or to a beautiful peninsula. You will leave from the hostel by minibus and will be expected by a member of a nice family at the bus stop near San José Manialtepec.
Lots of wildlife on both trips!



GETTING AROUND

Dolphin and Turtle Spotting

approx. 6:30 am until 10:30 am
Watch dolphins and turtles (and between November and March also whales) with certified fishermen. Ask for life jackets.



La Reforma Waterfall

You will spend the day with a family from the mountain village of La Reforma. Highlight is a swim spot at the 26 meters water fall. Min. 4 participants. Optionally you can stay a night in their beautiful cabañas at a river.

Scuba Diving

Explore our marine life with Blue Dive Diving Center.

You can also obtain a diving license with the Italian owner of the place which is situated at Playa Zicatela.





ACTIVITIES



Surf Lessons

Our experienced surf instructor is happy to show you the best waves and sets you up for catching your own waves after school.

Turtle Liberation

Learn about sea turtles, and how we can protect the species.

Depending on season and amount of people the price is around 200 pesos per person, if you wanted to release a freshly hatched baby turtle into the sea.





GETTING AROUND

Mexico City

There are several flights to Mexico City (1 hour) every day. Various connections per week also to Guadalajara, Monterey and Tijuana.

By bus:

- From Terminal Turistica 2 connections a day, 13 1/2 hours
- From OCC/ADO station 2 connections a day, 12 hours



Oaxaca

By plane with Aerotucán: two daily flights from Monday to Saturday, 2,400 pesos

By bus:

- With ADO 3 hours, several connections daily
- Minibus Villa del Pacifico on Carretera Costera, almost every hour between 4 am to 11 pm, 7 hours, 230 pesos
- Minibus Villa Escondida on Avenida Hidalgo, hourly connection between 3:30 am and 9:30 pm, 7 hours, 230 pesos
- 2nd class night buses from Terminal Turistica, 10 hours, for about 250 pesos

Chacahua (Laguna)

Take a colectivo at the nearby gas station in direction 'Rio Grande' or 'Zapotalito'. There change to a colectivo heading 'Zapotalito' which is on the border of the lagoon. You now have two options:

1) Get on a boat at the first pier which will take you in 45 minutes to the peninsula and village of Chacahua. This is a very nice and scenic ride through the mangroves but will cost around 400 pesos per person.

2) Get on a colectivo boat on the second pier for 60 pesos. This will bring you to the island, but you need to take a land transport on a bumpy road for 30 minutes (60 pesos) until you reach the village.

Huatulco

From OCC/ADO station, 9 connections a day, 2 hours, 210 pesos



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Pochutla

From OCC/ADO station, 9 connections a day, 1:20 hours

Local buses 'Transportes Delfines' from colectivo terminal near the market, during day-time every 30 minutes, 1:45 hours, 70 pesos.

San Jose del Pacifico

Go to Pochutla. From there take a minivan to Oaxaca on MEX131 and get off at San Jose del Pacifico, 3:15 hours, roughly 200 pesos

San Cristóbal de las Casas

From OCC/ADO station 2 connections a day in the evening, 13 hours.

Zipolite, Mazunte and San Agustinillo

Microbuses 'Transportes Delfines' to 'Las Cruces de San Antonio' from colectivo terminal near the market, during day-time every 30 minutes, one hour

From Las Cruces de San Antonio take a colectivo or a taxi (Mazunte 8 minutes, San Agustinillo 15 minutes, Zipolite 25 minutes)





GAMES

We offer a variety of fun articles for you at the front desk.

FREE

- chess
- poker
- card games
- slackline
- pool table
- futbolito
- beach umbrella



FOR SALE

- beach balls
- reusable water bottle



FOR RENT

- snorkels and masks
- yoga mats

