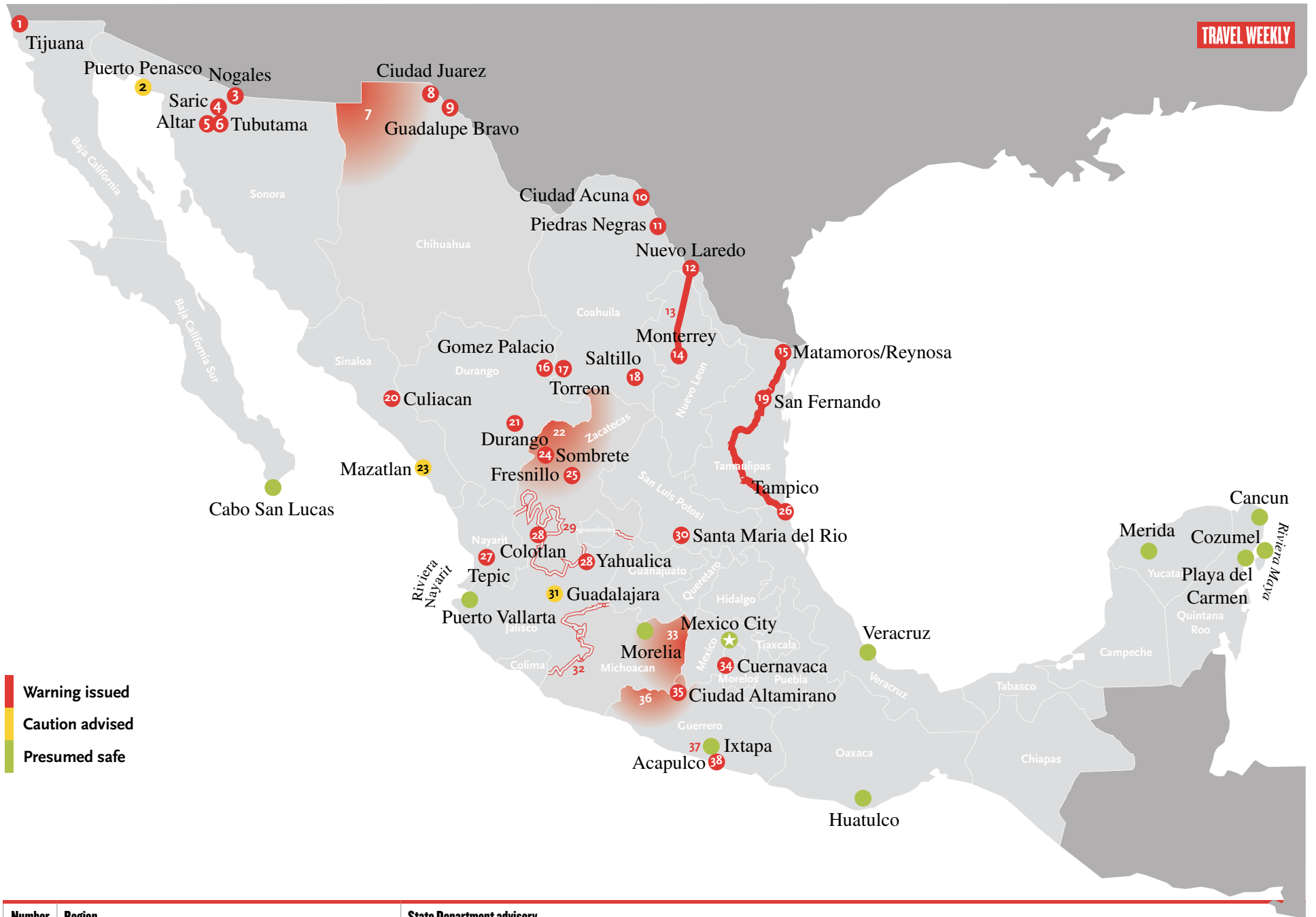


Traveler Safety in Mexico



Number	Region	State Department advisory
1	Tijuana	Exercise extreme caution, particularly at night.
2	Puerto Penasco	Exercise caution; limit travel to main roads during daylight hours, cross border at Lukeville, Ariz., to limit driving through Mexico.
3	Nogales	Exercise extreme caution.
4	Saric	Defer nonessential travel.
5	Altar	Defer nonessential travel.
6	Tubutama	Defer nonessential travel.
7	Northwestern Chihuahua	Defer nonessential travel.
8	Ciudad Juarez	Defer nonessential travel to city.
9	Guadalupe Bravo	Defer nonessential travel. Carjacking, highway robberies are serious problems.
10	Ciudad Acuna	Defer nonessential travel.
11	Piedras Negras	Defer nonessential travel.
12	Nuevo Laredo	Travelers on highways between Nuevo Laredo and Monterrey are frequent targets for robbery and violence, often caught in crossfire between criminals and police. Avoid "Boys Town" entertainment in Nuevo Laredo area due to violent crime.
13	Highway between Monterrey and the U.S.	Travelers targeted for robbery and caught in crossfire. Exercise caution.
14	Monterrey	Elevated levels of violence and insecurity. Travelers strongly advised to lower profiles, avoid displaying evidence of wealth that might draw attention.
15	Matamoros/Reynosa	Travelers on highways to and from Monterrey (through Nuevo Laredo and Matamoros/Reynosa) are frequent targets for robbery and violence, often caught in crossfire between criminals and police.
16	Gomez Palacio	Defer nonessential travel.
17	Torreon	Defer nonessential travel. Frequent incidents of cartel-related violence.
18	Saltillo	Defer nonessential travel. Frequent incidents of cartel-related violence.
19	San Fernando	Many crimes reported in area, especially armed robberies and carjackings on highways north and south of San Fernando.
20	Culiacan	Defer nonessential travel; exercise extreme caution; avoid toll roads in remote areas.
21	Durango	Defer nonessential travel.
22	Northwestern Zacatecas	Dangerous and insecure; remote area without police patrols.
23	Mazatlan	Visit during daylight hours; exercise caution during late-night and early-morning hours.
24	Sombrete	Avoid Highway 45 linking Sombrete and Fresnillo.
25	Fresnillo	Avoid Highway 49 north to Durango. Defer nonessential travel.
26	Highway between Matamoros and Tampico	Many crimes reported; be aware of risks posed by armed robbers and carjackings.
27	Tepic	Site of crime and violence. Exercise extreme caution.
28	Colotlan-Yahualica highway	Defer nonessential travel due to roadblocks and gun battles.
29	Border area between Jalisco and Zacatecas	Site of violence and crime. Exercise extreme caution.
30	Santa Maria del Rio	Cartel violence and highway lawlessness are continuing security concerns. Defer nonessential travel on main highways, especially east toward Tampico.
31	Guadalajara	Due to recent cartel-mounted blockades between the Guadalajara airport and the Guadalajara metropolitan areas, U.S. government employees are only authorized to travel between Guadalajara and the airport during daylight hours.
32	Border area between Jalisco and Michoacan	Site of crime and violence. Exercise extreme caution.
33	Eastern part of state of Michoacan	Defer nonessential travel.
34	Cuernavaca	Exercise extreme caution. Numerous incidents of narcotics-related violence.
35	Ciudad Altamirano	Exercise extreme caution.
36	Northwestern Guerrero	Exercise extreme caution.
37	Coast road between Acapulco and Ixtapa	Exercise caution due to risk of roadblocks and carjackings.
38	Acapulco	Exercise extreme caution in downtown area; do not visit at night; remain in clearly identifiable tourist areas.