



Preparing for the 8th Annual Meeting

The Eighth Annual Groningen Declaration Network (GDN) Meeting will be held in the city of Puebla, Mexico, and will be hosted by UPAEP, the Universidad Popular Autónoma del Estado de Puebla. The UPAEP campus is located downtown, enjoys excellent traffic infrastructure, and is blessed with a spectacular landscape view.

Here are some logistical details to plan for the trip.

Official Tourism Site: "Puebla es mi destino" (<http://puebla.travel/en/puebla>) offers trusted information on tourist packages, restaurant recommendations, events and experiences to live at the city.

Telephones

Country Code: +52

Puebla City Code: 222

Emergency reports: 911

Money Matters

Currency: Mexican Peso (\$1 MXN \cong 0.052 USD; \$1 MXN \cong 0.046 €), depending on the exchange rate of the day.

Value –Added Tax (VAT): Mexico has a value-added tax of 16% percent on purchases and services. For more information consult:

http://omawww.sat.gob.mx/english/Paginas/English/obligations_who_make_payments_to_foreigners.aspx

Banking hours: 9am to 4pm (weekdays).

International banks available in Puebla: Citibank (Citibanamex); HSBC; Santander; BBVA (BBVA Bancomer); Scotiabank (Scotiabank Inverlat).

Credit cards: Most shops, restaurants and hotels accept major credit cards.

Prepaid debit cards are also accepted. American Express is not well accepted in some consumption or service places.

Tipping: A 10 percent tip is standard in restaurants.

Electricity: In Mexico the common voltage is 127 V, 60 Hz for frequency. Plugs can be A or B type:



Puebla City

Area: Municipality - 534.32 km² (206.30 sq mi); Metropolitan area - 689,87 km² (269.48 sq mi)

Altitude: 2,135 meters above sea level (7,005 ft)

Population: Municipality - 1,576,259; Metro area - 3,250,000

Languages: Spanish

Time: UTC-6

Practical Safety Tips

-Avoid carrying large sums of cash. Do not carry cameras in plain sight, and do not leave belongings unattended.

-When walking, hang your bag over your head, crossing your body, and keep it in front and closed.

-Avoid walking in deserted and dark places at night.

-Do not take a car service on the road, only use certificated transportation as: "Taxi UPAEP", Uber, Cabify, Easy, Didi.

-Carry photocopies of your valuable documents as passport; other documents keep in a safe place.

- Weather forecast (Celsius):

SUN 4/21	MON 4/22	TUE 4/23	WED 4/24	THU 4/25	FRI 4/26	SAT 4/27
						
27° /15°	27° /14°	27° /15°	28° /12°	24° /12°	23° /13°	24° /13°
An afternoon shower	A couple of afternoon showers	A couple of afternoon showers	A couple of afternoon showers	Periods of rain	A morning shower; cloudy	Rather cloudy, a few showers
Hist. Avg, 26°/11°	Hist. Avg, 26°/11°					

For more information please see:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puebla_\(city\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Puebla_(city)) | <https://www.visitmexico.com/en/main-destinations/puebla/puebla>

<http://puebla.travel/en/puebla>