Guanajuato Scouting Weekend: the itinerary

Friday to Sunday in Guanajuato City with Paul | MyMexicoMove.com

Three days in Guanajuato City with Paul, for people who are seriously considering moving here. You walk the neighbourhoods, view real rentals, work through healthcare and residency with the site's own verified data, and leave with written next steps. Paul leads every session and every walk, in English. The group is at most 10 people, plus Paul. No other guide, no hired local host.

Price: from $1,495 per person, by city. Full payment at booking. Dates: any Friday to Sunday weekend through mid-March 2027. You choose the weekend at booking. Bookings close 7 days before the weekend.

Meeting point: the lobby of Casa del Rector Hotel Boutique, Positos 33, Centro Historico, Friday 17:00.

Friday: arrive and settle in

Fly into Guanajuato International Airport (BJX) in Silao, about 30 minutes from the historic centre, or arrive by first-class bus (Mexico City 4 to 5 hours, Guadalajara 3 to 4 hours, San Miguel de Allende about an hour).

17:00 Paul meets the group in the lobby of Casa del Rector Hotel Boutique, Positos 33, Centro Historico.

18:00 to 19:30 Welcome walk: Jardin de la Union, the Teatro Juarez from the outside, Plaza de la Paz, and the Plaza del Baratillo. Paul frames the weekend and briefs the group on safety in person.

19:30 Welcome dinner, included, at a restaurant in Centro.

Saturday: the core day

08:30 Meet at the hotel.

09:00 to 10:00 Mercado Hidalgo, the cast-iron market hall built in 1910: the working food market below, crafts above, cash in hand, little English at the stalls.

10:00 to 11:30 Walking tour of Centro Historico: Plaza del Baratillo, Calle Alonso, the Alhondiga de Granaditas, and the Teatro Juarez, including how the tunnels and alleys work in practice.

11:30 to 13:00 Rental viewings: three to four real rental properties across Centro Historico, Marfil, and San Javier and Presa de la Olla, chosen by Paul nearer the date and shared with the group 7 days before the weekend.

13:00 to 14:00 Lunch, included, at a restaurant in Centro, including the city's signature dish, enchiladas mineras.

14:00 to 15:00 Healthcare session: how care works in Guanajuato, from the site's verified data, including the honest limit that serious cases go to Leon, 45 to 60 minutes away. Paul presents the system; he gives no medical advice and no personal medical recommendation.

15:00 to 16:00 Residency session: the routes, the consulate income and savings figures, INM fees, and the 30-day canje window, using the site's own verified Residency Table and consulate data.

16:00 to 17:30 The funicular up to the Pipila monument and the viewpoint, then the walk down through the callejones.

18:00 Free time.

19:30 Group dinner, own expense, then the Saturday callejoneada, the traditional student serenade walk through the alleys, included in the price. If no callejoneada runs that weekend, Paul leads an equivalent guided evening walk instead.

Sunday: practical day and departure

09:00 to 10:00 Marfil and San Javier and Presa de la Olla, the flatter, more residential south of the city, the "where you would actually live" half of the weekend.

10:00 to 11:00 Practical errands: a supermarket run, a pharmacy stop, and a SIM and eSIM stop.

11:00 to 12:30 Valenciana, up by the famous church and the old silver mine. Group transport by taxi, included.

12:30 to 13:30 Sunday lunch, included, at a restaurant in Centro.

13:30 to 14:30 Wrap-up: each person leaves with a written next-steps sheet, their city shortlist, their residency route, and their dated next three steps.

15:00 Departures, own travel to BJX (about 30 minutes) or the Central de Autobuses.

There is no San Miguel de Allende day trip. The weekend is Guanajuato only, and three days is not enough to do both cities honestly.

Where you stay, and where we meet

Recommended hotel: Casa del Rector Hotel Boutique, Positos 33, Centro Historico. A boutique hotel in the historic centre, about 300 metres from the centre and a 5 minute walk from the Teatro Juarez, with a rooftop bar and valet parking. Rooms start from about US$196 per night, with a published range of about US$205 to US$557 depending on room and date (rates checked November 2026; check the current rate when you book). The hotel is adults only. If you are travelling with children, book another central stay and meet the group at the hotel lobby.

Meeting point: the lobby of Casa del Rector Hotel Boutique, Friday 17:00. Check-in is your own; the group gathers in the lobby. You book your own stay. No group rate has been negotiated, and the hotel charges its own rate for your room.

Included: three days with Paul, three group meals, real rental viewings, and a written next-steps sheet. Not included: travel, your stay, breakfasts, and travel insurance.

Guanajuato state is at Level 3 (Reconsider Travel) in the US State Department Mexico advisory dated 11 August 2026. Paul briefs the group on it at the Friday welcome walk.