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Guanajuato Per-City Pack

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A UNESCO World Heritage colonial city built into a canyon in the Bajío highlands. Paul has lived here since 2018. The culture is the headline: the Festival Internacional Cervantino each October, the Teatro Juárez, and a university city with more than 30,000 students.

How this pack was built

Every figure in this pack is taken from the free Guanajuato profile at mymexicomove.com/cities/guanajuato/, verified November 2026. This edition goes beyond the free profile: it adds a fill-in budget worksheet built on the profile's own figures, a first-30-days plan sequenced from the profile's own sections, a rental viewing checklist, Spanish phrases for renting and for healthcare visits, and the consulate and canje steps from the site's residency guides. Where the profile states a gap, this pack states the same gap, honestly, in the Honest gaps section and in the worksheet.

What is in this pack

- The snapshot: monthly totals, rents, climate and healthcare at a glance.
- Costs and rents, with the profile's own monthly totals and rent ranges.
- Neighbourhoods, streets, markets, healthcare and IMSS, Spanish, expat life, retirement fit, work, families and schools, food, and safety.
- Climate by the month, from the profile's own published source.
- Honest gaps: what the profile does not verify, stated plainly.
- New in this edition: a fill-in budget worksheet, a first-30-days plan for this city, a rental viewing checklist, Spanish phrases for renting and healthcare, and the consulate and canje steps.
- A printable, dated checklist for this city: what to check before you sign, and your first 30 days.

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The snapshot

The profile's own headline figures, as the profile prints them.

Figure	Value	Basis
Monthly total, one person	$1,100–$1,500	One person, modest but comfortable
Monthly total, a couple	$1,800–$2,500	A couple, comfortable
Rent, Centro Histórico, 1 to 2 bedrooms	$450–$800	Per month, 2026 range
Climate	Highland spring	About 6,600 feet; days in the upper 70s to low 80s
Healthcare	Majors in León, 1 hr	Local care in town; serious cases 45 to 60 minutes away

Travel advisory: Guanajuato state is at Level 3 (Reconsider Travel) in the US State Department Mexico advisory dated 11 August 2026.

Costs and rents

Monthly total, one person: $1,100–$1,500 (One person, modest but comfortable).

Monthly total, a couple: $1,800–$2,500 (A couple, comfortable).

Rents

Rent	Range	Note
Centro Histórico, 1 to 2 bedrooms	$450–$800	More for renovated places with terraces
Marfil, houses and apartments	$400–$700	
San Javier and Presa de la Olla	$500–$900	
Valenciana, houses with space	$500–$1,000	
Callejón living, small places	$250–$450	

Realistic 2026 ranges for decent long-term rentals. Furnished and short-term places run 30 to 60 percent higher. Listings aimed at foreigners run high; the best rentals still move through local Facebook groups, signs in windows, and word of mouth.

Utilities and daily prices

Item	Figure	Basis
Electricity (CFE)	$10–$25	Per month, mild climate
Water	$5–$10	Per month
Gas	$15–$25	Per month
Internet	Around $25	Per month; fiber 100 to 300 Mbps typically $20 to $35
Market lunch	From $3	Per meal

Neighbourhoods

Centro Histórico

The postcard: theaters, plazas, restaurants at your door. You trade stairs, weekend noise, and zero parking for total walkability.

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Marfil

Down the hill toward the city entrance, flatter, more residential, popular with longer-term expats who want calm and easier driving.

San Javier and Presa de la Olla

The leafy, established residential zone near the reservoir, bigger homes, quieter streets.

Valenciana

Up by the famous church and the old silver mine, stunning views, cooler air, more car-dependent.

Callejón living

Small places tucked into the alleys, character in abundance, storage and parking not included. Wonderful at 35, a negotiation at 65.

Streets and getting around

Guanajuato is a walking city first and a driving city second. The historic center is compact: from the Jardín de la Unión to the Mercado Hidalgo is ten minutes on foot, and most daily errands in Centro, Marfil and the lower callejones are walkable. The price is stairs, steep alleys and cobblestones, and there is no flat route through the center. Cars are more burden than freedom here: parking in Centro is scarce and the alleys were not built for SUVs. Most long-term residents who keep a car live in Marfil, San Javier or Valenciana. City buses run the main routes and are cheap; taxis are plentiful and inexpensive for intra-city trips. Guanajuato International Airport (BJX) sits in Silao, about 30 minutes from the historic center, with direct flights to Mexico City, Tijuana, Monterrey and Cancún, and to US hubs including Houston, Dallas/Fort Worth, Atlanta, Los Ángeles and San Francisco. Authorized airport taxis run about MXN 500 to 700 to the center, and shared shuttles run about MXN 200 to 300 per person (verified November 2026, confirm before you travel). First-class buses run to Mexico City in 4 to 5 hours, Guadalajara in 3 to 4, San Miguel de Allende in about an hour, and Querétaro in about 1.5 to 2 hours, with ETN Turistar and Primera Plus the main operators.

Markets and daily shopping

Daily shopping splits three ways: the market, the neighborhood shops, and the supermarket run. The Mercado Hidalgo is the center of it, a cast-iron market hall built in 1910 on the

edge of Centro. The ground floor is a working food market, produce, meat, cheese, bread and fondas serving cheap set lunches, while the upper floor sells crafts and souvenirs. Go in the morning, bring cash, and practice your Spanish, because little English is spoken at the stalls. For the weekly supermarket shop, Soriana sits on Avenida Juárez at the edge of Centro, Bodega Aurrerá is on Calle del Cantador, and Mega and Ahorremas cover the Pozuelos and Alhóndiga sides of town. Imported goods cost more and are patchy, so most