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Tepic

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Tepic (Spanish pronunciation: [teˈpik] (listen)) is the capital and largest city of the western Mexican state of Nayarit, as well as the seat of the Tepic Municipality.

Located in the central part of the state, it stands at an altitude of 915 metres (3,002 ft) above sea level, on the banks of the Río Mololoa and the Río Tepic, approximately 225 kilometres (140 mi) north-west of Guadalajara, Jalisco. Nearby are the extinct Sangangüey volcano and its crater lake. Tepic is the primary urban center of this rich agricultural region; major crops include sugarcane, tobacco and citrus fruits.

The city was founded in 1531 as *Villa del Espíritu Santo de la Mayor España*.

Population

Indigenous population

Tepic has the second-largest indigenous population in the State of Nayarit, 4,375. The most prominent groups among them are the Huichol or Wixárika^[1] (3,276), Cora (527) and Purépecha (101).

Religion



Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Catholicism is the most prominent religion in Tepic with 94.2% of the population. Its Catedral de la Purísima Concepción, dedicated to the Immaculate Conception, is the cathedral episcopal see of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Tepic, a suffragan see in the ecclesiastical province of the Archdiocese of Guadalajara.

Notable people

- Juan Escutia**: Boy hero of the Battle of Chapultepec. Born in Tepic, between 1828 and 1832, on the morning of 13 September 1847, he fought to prevent invading U.S. forces from capturing Chapultepec Castle in Mexico City. After a brave defense, he is

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Top:Panoramic view of Tepic and Sangangüey Volcano, from Santiago Hills, **Second**:Tepic Cathedral, Al Niño Heroe monument in Juan Escutia Park, Independent Obelisk in Bicentenario Square, (left to right) **Third**:Tepic Government Palace, **Fourth**:A crucifix statue in Cruz Hills, **Bottom**:Tepic Institution Technology Center (Instituto Tecnológico de Tepic)

reported to have wrapped himself in the national flag and leaped to his death.

- Luis E. Miramontes: Chemist, co-inventor of the first contraceptive pill
- Amado Nervo: Poet and diplomat.
- Antonio Rivas Mercado.
- Emilia Ortiz: Contemporary painter, caricaturist and poet, after whom the major downtown *Centro de Arte Contemporaneo Emilia Ortiz* has been named.
- Gustavo Ayón: NBA basketball player
- Francisco Guerrero: Mayor of San Francisco, 1836-1842.
- Luis Ernesto Franco: Mexican actor.
- Joaquín Cosío: Mexican actor.
- Manuel Lozada.

Sports

Nayarit had small stadiums built for football and baseball. Both now demolished, there are plans to construct new, modern, and bigger stadiums; the state has three sport private clubs. There are multiple football fields and places to play "cascaritas" (pick-up games), indoor football courts, a basketball center and gym (with wooden flooring), several volleyball courts, and a bowling alley. In addition to common sports, in the city's main park there is an olympic swimming pool and a squash field. In Tepic, tennis is a popular sport, but the most popular is football (soccer). Futsal is also commonly played in the city. The city also has a bullring, as do most Mexican cities. Tepic has several state teams, one or more for each sport. Both the football and the basketball teams are named "Coras".

Geography

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Climate

Tepic has a humid subtropical climate (Köppen climate classification *Cwa*), with most rain falling in the wet season from April to November, sometimes in December.



Coat of arms



Location in Mexico

Show map of Nayarit

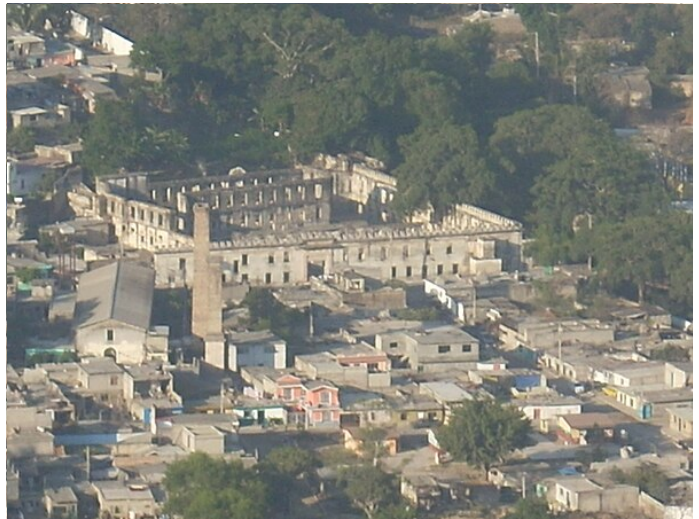
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Country	 Mexico
State	 Nayarit
Municipality	Tepic
Founded	November 18, 1531
Founded as	<i>Villa del Espíritu Santo de la Mayor España</i>
Founded by	Nuño de Guzmán
Government 	
 • Municipal president	María Geraldine Ponce Méndez Morena <small>morena</small> PVEM <small>VERDE</small> PT <small>PT</small> Panal <small>panal</small>
Elevation 	920 m (3,020 ft)
Population (2010)	
 • City	332,863
 • Metro	489,511
 • Metro density	21,141/km ² (54,750/sq mi)
 • Demonym	Tepicense

Time zone	UTC−7 (MST (Zona Pacifico))
• Summer (DST)	UTC−6 (MDT (Zona Pacifico))
Website	www.tepic.gob.mx (http://www.tepic.gob.mx/)







View of the ruins of Jauja

Climate data for Tepic (1951–2010)													[hide]
Month	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	Year
Record high °C (°F)	31.5 (88.7)	33.5 (92.3)	34.5 (94.1)	38.0 (100.4)	35.0 (95.0)	39.0 (102.2)	37.5 (99.5)	38.5 (101.3)	35.2 (95.4)	39.5 (103.1)	36.0 (96.8)	36.5 (97.7)	39.5 (103.1)
Average high °C (°F)	24.6 (76.3)	25.6 (78.1)	26.8 (80.2)	28.7 (83.7)	30.0 (86.0)	29.2 (84.6)	28.2 (82.8)	28.2 (82.8)	28.0 (82.4)	27.8 (82.0)	27.1 (80.8)	25.3 (77.5)	27.5 (81.5)
Daily mean °C (°F)	16.3 (61.3)	16.6 (61.9)	17.6 (63.7)	19.4 (66.9)	21.4 (70.5)	23.3 (73.9)	23.4 (74.1)	23.3 (73.9)	23.3 (73.9)	21.9 (71.4)	19.3 (66.7)	17.5 (63.5)	20.3 (68.5)
Average low °C (°F)	8.0 (46.4)	7.6 (45.7)	8.4 (47.1)	10.1 (50.2)	12.9 (55.2)	17.4 (63.3)	18.5 (65.3)	18.5 (65.3)	18.5 (65.3)	16.0 (60.8)	11.5 (52.7)	9.7 (49.5)	13.1 (55.6)
Record low °C (°F)	1.5 (34.7)	−0.4 (31.3)	1.0 (33.8)	0.0 (32.0)	5.5 (41.9)	8.0 (46.4)	12.5 (54.5)	10.0 (50.0)	11.0 (51.8)	6.0 (42.8)	4.0 (39.2)	1.5 (34.7)	−0.4 (31.3)
Average precipitation mm (inches)	29.5 (1.16)	10.1 (0.40)	7.4 (0.29)	9.1 (0.36)	8.9 (0.35)	169.7 (6.68)	378.6 (14.91)	285.6 (11.24)	221.5 (8.72)	72.9 (2.87)	17.5 (0.69)	29.1 (1.15)	1,239.9 (48.81)
Average precipitation days (≥ 0.1 mm)	2.6	1.2	0.4	0.6	0.8	10.7	22.2	20.9	18.1	7.3	1.8	2.8	89.4
Average relative humidity (%)	68	66	64	62	65	73	78	79	79	76	71	69	71
Mean monthly sunshine hours	229	247	298	305	321	234	186	192	183	236	254	226	2,911
Source 1: Servicio Meteorológico Nacional (humidity 1981–2000) ^{[2][3][4]}													

Transport

Tepic is served by Tepic International Airport, with two commercial passenger airlines flying to it.

Twin towns – sister cities

-  Havana, Cuba
-  Paramount, California, United States
-  Caborca, Sonora, Mexico
-  Compostela, Nayarit, Mexico

See also

- Tepic Territory

Notes

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