



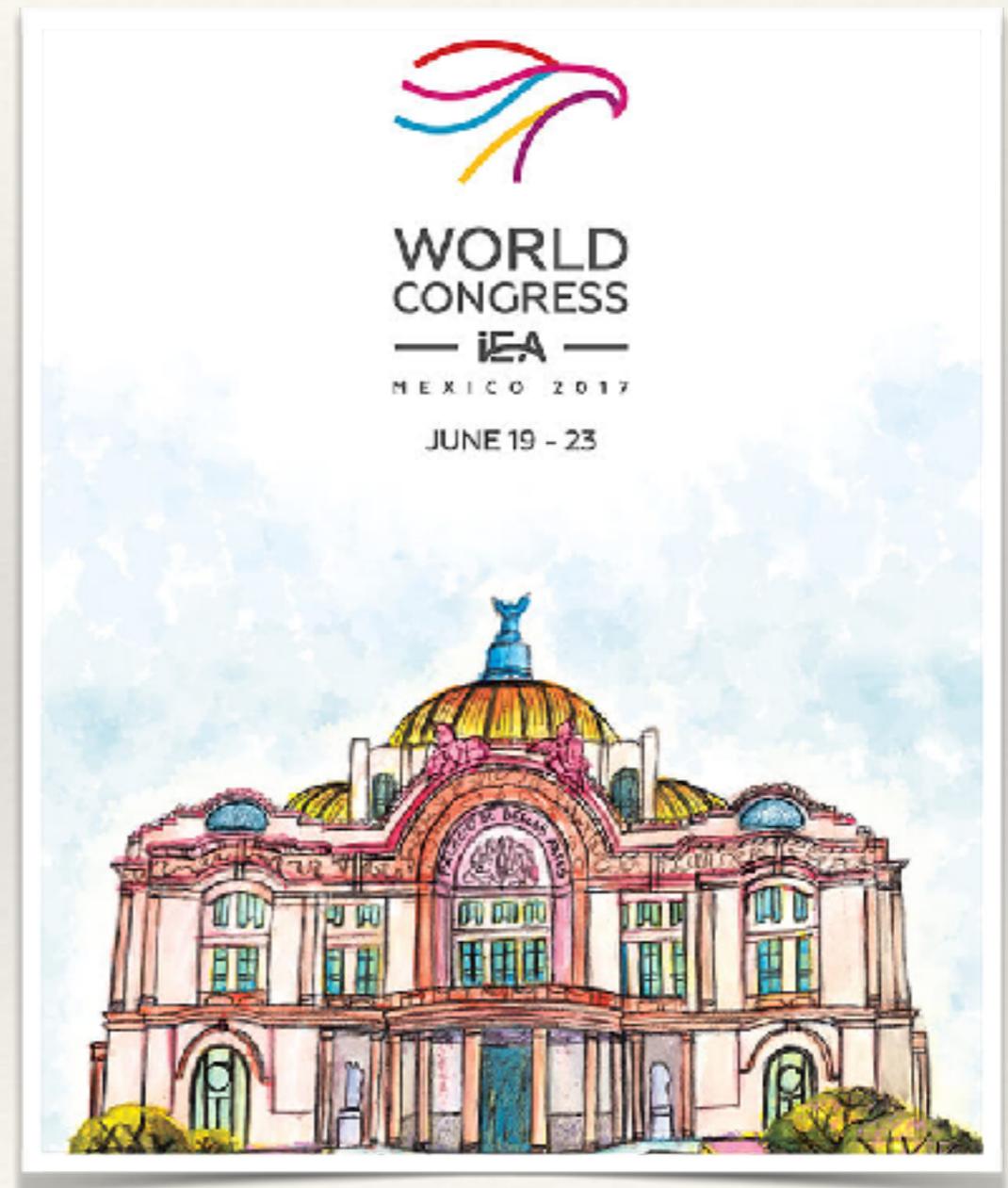
Mexico City

The International Economic Association (IEA) and the Centro de Investigación y Docencia Económicas (CIDE) welcome you to the Eiteenth World Congress.



Facts about Mexico City

- ❖ Political, economic and cultural capital of Mexico.
- ❖ Mexico City's metropolitan area is one of the largest urban areas in the world with over 20 million population.
- ❖ Hosts about 100,000 events per year, one in every 6 minutes, including the GP Mexico Formula 1.
- ❖ The 18th richest city in the world (2nd in Latin America behind São Paulo). If Mexico City were a country, it would have the 40th largest GDP.



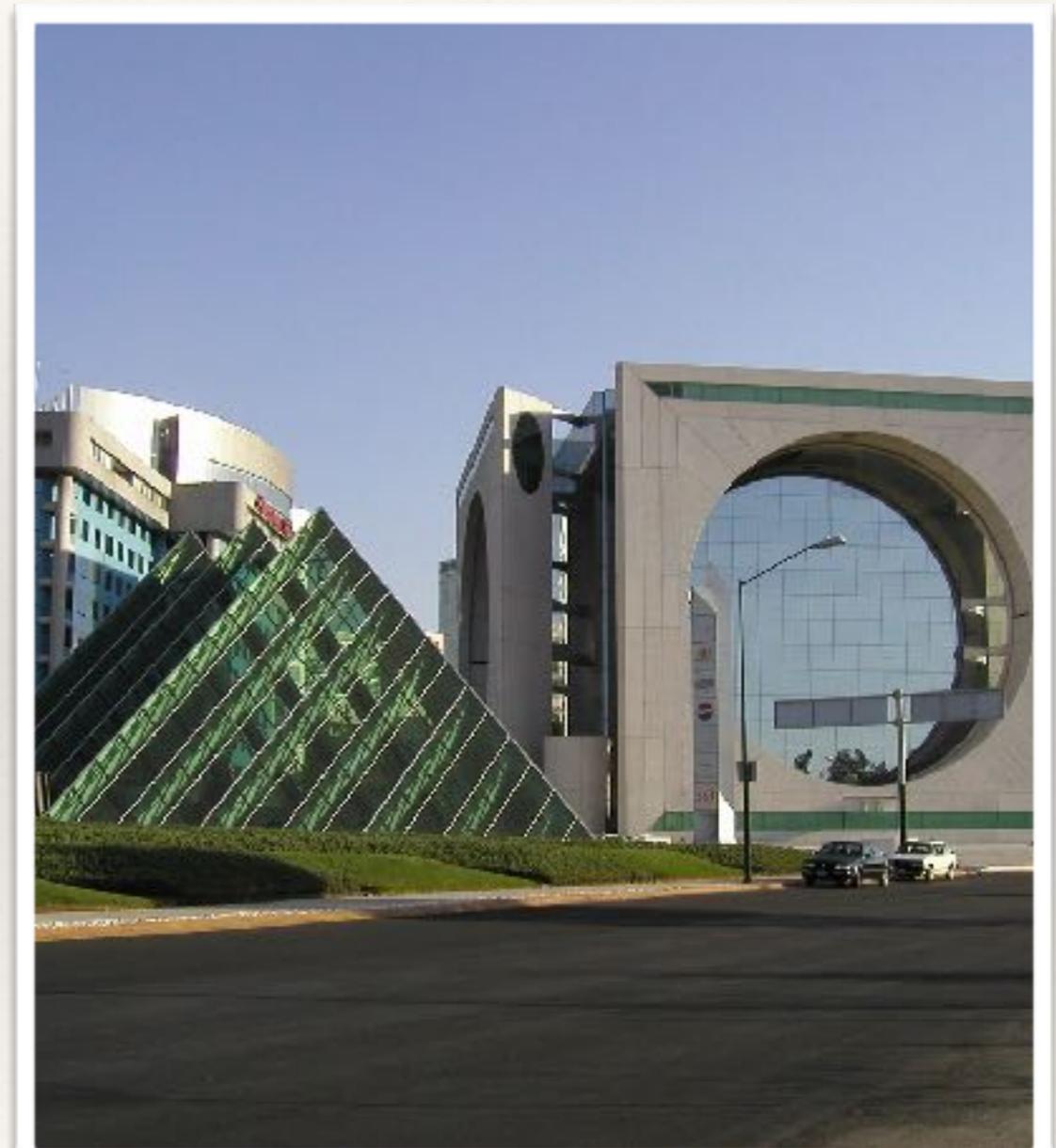
Safety first

- ❖ The safety issues in Mexico City are not as bad as they are portrayed by the Western media.
- ❖ Santa Fe is the newest and fastest growing district of Mexico City. You will be in a nice modern business neighborhood, but be aware of the hazards of a huge city.
- ❖ Walking **alone** in the streets during the late hours of night is not highly recommended. Avoid wearing expensive jewelry and watches.
- ❖ You can hire taxis from the hotels for getting around in the city. They are relatively expensive but safe. A cheaper alternative is UBER (**no cash payment!**) which works extremely well in Mexico City. Any restaurant can arrange for taxis to the hotels. **Make sure that you do not flag down cabs in the street as they are not safe.**



Safety first

- ❖ The hotels in Santa Fe, including Camino Real and Sheraton, are in general very safe as they maintain rigorous safety standards.
- ❖ Make sure that you always have on you the address and telephone phone number of your hotel.
- ❖ Answer telephone calls only from people you know. In very rare occasions you may receive telephone calls in your hotel room from unknown persons speaking nonsense. **Do not continue the conversation even if it may seem serious and urgent, HANG UP.**



The venues

Camino Real and Sheraton are adjacent to each other.

Camino Real

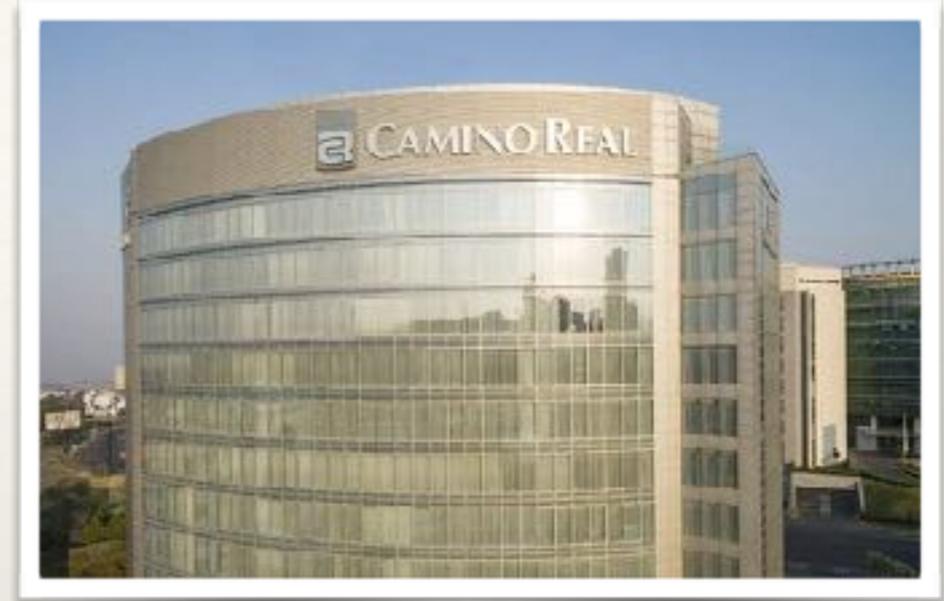
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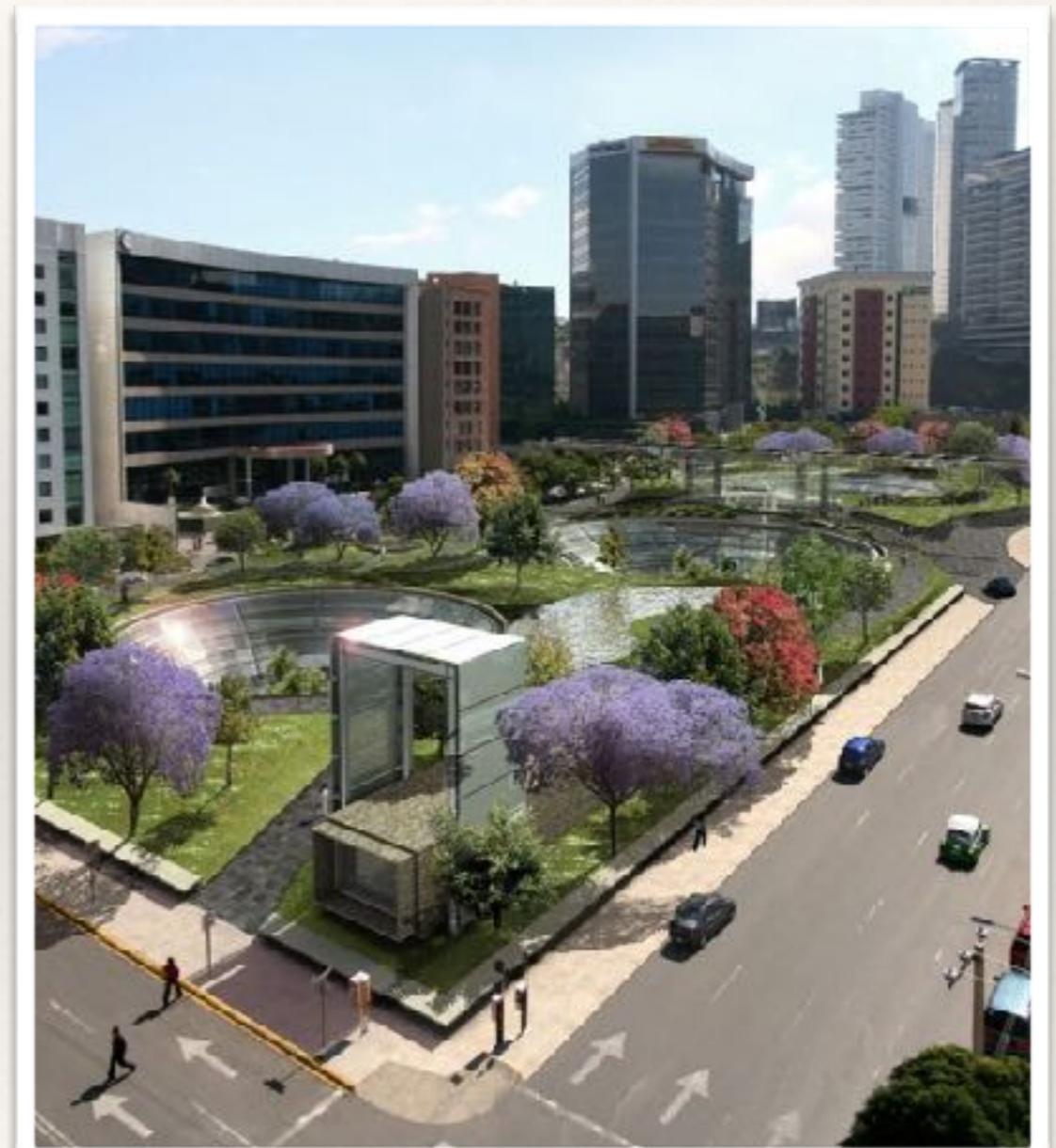


From the airport

- ❖ Mexico City airport has two terminals. Both terminals have **authorized taxi services**. The modules are located in the arrival halls (near gate F in Terminal 1 and main arrival hall in Terminal 2). These are pre-paid services. You can pay either by cash or by cards. Tell them that you will go to Santa Fe, and you will be charged accordingly (**should not be more than 400.00 MXN=20.00 USD**).
- ❖ An alternative is UBER. The App recognizes the terminal and gate number. **Whenever you ride a UBER cab make sure that the registration plate matches the number that appears in the App.**
- ❖ There is a very **low probability** that the drivers **speak English**. Do not worry. Tell them which hotel in Santa Fe you are heading to; they will take you there safely. **A 1.00 USD tip to the drivers of the airport taxis is enough. UBER does not accept tips.**
- ❖ The normal travel time between the airport and the hotels is about **75 minutes**. Remember that during peak hours the traffic in Mexico City can get really bad, and hence, this travel time may **go up to 2 hours**. **GPS apps such as Waze** work well here, which may come in handy to find out the ETA before traveling anywhere.

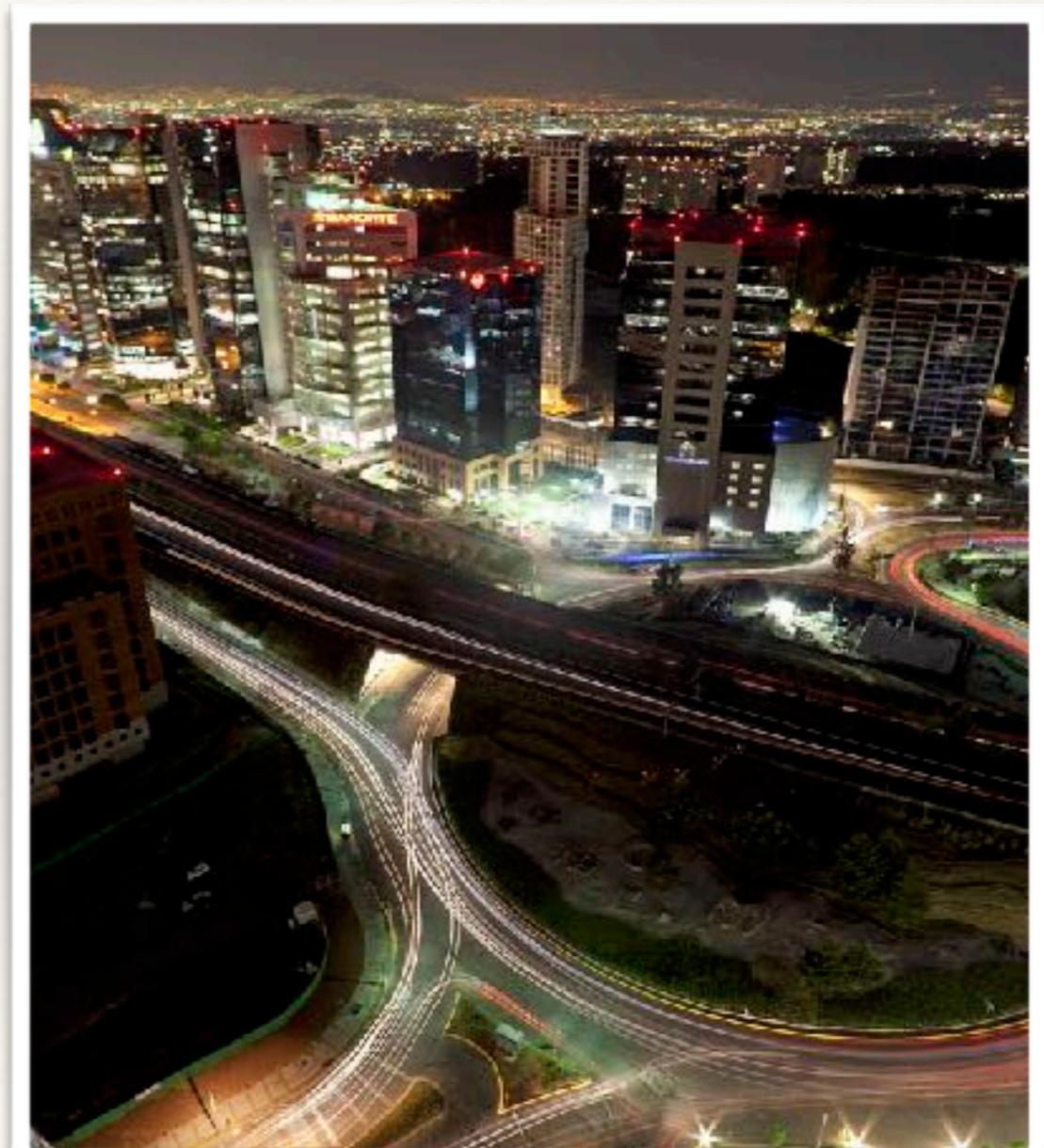
Where to eat

- ❖ **Santa Fe** area, being the business district of Mexico City, is **full of good and fancy restaurants**.
- ❖ Both hotels have decent restaurants serving both **Mexican and international food**.
- ❖ **The restaurants in Santa Fe are clustered in several areas** — the loop of Guillermo Gonzalez Camarena and Garden Santa Fe, Samara Shops, Centro Comercial Santa Fe (the shopping mall), Park Plaza, Calle (street) Juan Salvador Agraz and Arcos Bosques.



Where to eat

- ❖ **Foursquare** is a reliable restaurant search tool for Mexico City. A better one is **Queremos Comer** (only in Spanish).
- ❖ Service charges are not included in the bill. The standard **tip** amount is **10%**, but it is **15% for large group** (more than 5).
- ❖ Many restaurants may have menus in both **Spanish and English**, but this is not a norm to have English menu.



Where to eat

Here is small list of restaurants you may be interested in:

Mexican: Bajío (in Sheraton), Los Canarios, Guadiana, Mercado Gourmet Samara (food court in Samara Shops), Mi Gusto Es.

American: Market Kitchen (Park Plaza), Palm, Beer Factory (in Centro Comercial Santa Fe), B-Town, Hamburger Club, Debbie & Peponne (Park Plaza).

Argentine: Puerto Madero (in Arcos Bosques), El Rincón Argentino.

Brasilian: Fogo de Chão, Texas de Brasil.

French: Au Pied de Cochon.

Italian: Cafe Torino, Quattro (in JW Marriott), Prosecco (in Centro Comercial Santa Fe).

Japanese: El Japonéz, Murasaki, Moshi Moshi (Japanese-Mexican).

Spanish: Guria, Casa Tíos.

Breakfast/Café: Bajío, Giornale, Cafe Torino, Los Canarios.

Mobile telephone and internet

- ❖ Mexico's two main mobile telephone and 4G LTE services providers are **Telcel and AT&T**.
- ❖ Visitors from the U.S. please check with your providers for roaming plans to Mexico. AT&T's **Unlimited Plus** and **Unlimited Choice**, and T-Mobile's **ONE** and **Simple Choice North America** offer **free and unlimited** data, text and voice services while in Mexico.
- ❖ It is also possible to buy **prepaid SIMs** at the Telcel and AT&T stores nearby.

Miscellaneous

- ❖ Santa Fe has an altitude of **2,500 meters (8,000 feet)**. The mornings are cold throughout the year. Moreover, it will be **raining in June**. So, a pullover or jacket and an umbrella will come in handy.
- ❖ People are very polite in Mexico City, but **do not expect them to speak English**. **Google translator** or something similar would help.
- ❖ Outside Camino Real on your left (about 100 meters) there is a shop called **Farmatodo** which is a **24 hour pharmacy cum convenience store**.
- ❖ In the lobby areas of both Camino Real and Sheraton there are **ATMs** which dispense cash in the local currency.

Travel in Mexico City

- ❖ There are hundreds of places to visit in Mexico City, although they are not very close to the Santa Fe area.
- ❖ The local **ministry of tourism** and **Lonely Planet** provide decent travel guides for Mexico City.

