

Canadian found beaten to death on Mexican beach

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MEXICO CITY, Mexico -- A Canadian man has been found beaten to death on a beach at the Mexican resort of Los Cabos.

Prosecutors in the state of Baja California Sur say the 50-year-old man appears to have been beaten with a blunt object. The state prosecutors' office said Wednesday that the cause of death was severe head trauma and a skull fracture.

Canada's Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development declined to confirm the man's identity or hometown, or confirm the circumstances of the death.

PHOTOS



The Canadian's body was found on the El Tule beach, midway between Cabo San Lucas and San Jose del Cabo in Mexico.

His body was found early Wednesday on the El Tule beach, midway between the twin resorts of Cabo San Lucas and San Jose del Cabo.

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elliott

14 days ago

I don't care what the statistics are. I will never travel to Mexico. Yes it is a beautiful place, and there are pockets of relative safety (popular tourist areas).....but the country as a whole is clearly corrupt, violent, and out of control.

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Jilly Baker

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I've never seen armed guards in the schoolyards in Canada. I did in Mexico.

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Scott Thomas

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Never Vacation in Mexico, go to Cuba instead.

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Trina Mingo

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I live in a small town...people don't walk around carrying ak47s like in Mexico....mexico is dangerous!

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Raj

15 days ago *(edited)*

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A man was beaten to death where I live, a few blocks away. Mexico is just as safe as here

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Dan West

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Right, with a murder rate 14 times higher than Canada.

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Tamara Matechuk

15 days ago

Why do people insist on saying things like "Oh don't travel to (place name)" when these kind of things can happen anywhere. If you're that afraid of something bad happening you might as well not leave the house. It's unfortunate what happened and I hope his family all the best in his untimely passing.

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BigD

15 days ago

This is a case of not being careful where and when you go to certain areas. I have been to Cabo and the city is well policed. The beach area is fine in the day time but not a place to go alone at night.

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Max in BC

15 days ago

Apparently none of you have been to Surrey, BC - and there are no warm Water beaches ...

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Bill

15 days ago

simple don't travel to Mexico

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Blackcomb O

15 days ago

exactly, I don't intend to, keep reading too much of this, and corrupt police that help those that pay the most is not right either, not that they help much from what I have read.

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elliot

15 days ago

I'm not saying that there is a huge chance of being assaulted or murdered when you visit Mexico. However clearly the government is unable to control crime, the drug cartels being the prime example. Corruption among the police is rampant. Is Mexico safe?....I really don't think so.

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arly

15 days ago

I had just finished reading the comments written. I man was beaten to death. No one so far has talked about him, did he have a wife, children. So sad all you can do is argue about safe holiday vacations. And go on to justify. This article was not about Mexico crime vs Canadian crime. So very sad

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Kimberlee Atkinson-Ross

15 days ago

He had 2 sons and lots of family who will miss him dearly :(

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JoJo

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Our back deck is spacious and lovely, readily accessible from the back door, free to me and my family and friends and neighbours who come and sit in a deck chair and shoot the breeze and relax. We put our deck furniture out as soon as the Canadian winter snow is gone, and we leave it out there until well after the Canadian Thanksgiving. We have a fireplace out there for chilly evenings, and ambient lighting so that we can enjoy summer nights. We control the insects with the many products available on the market. No, there is no beach off our deck, but there is one within a very short drive from our house. We can't afford the thousand\$ it takes to fly to an island destination, and more and more, because of the danger of violence in such places, we prefer our deck and use the money we've saved by NOT flying somewhere exotic to

radio news, it's called a staycation. We love it latest news



Blackcomb O

15 days ago

yes as I found out on moving over, in Canada we do not need to go anywhere we can find it all and more right here in Canada :)

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Diane Koble

15 days ago

Good for you! I have never had any problems travelling to Cabo, it's about \$500 to fly down and you can even shop at Walmart for food. The people are so nice, no matter where you go someone will talk to you or listen to your story. Enjoying the culture & food of another place is wonderful, gives you some perspective on how lucky we are to live in our country. Never felt unsafe there, but you can find trouble if you want to, same as in Calgary. Always be aware & don't travel around alone at night. I wouldn't do that here so why do it somewhere else? Sad day but I hope people know this isn't happening everywhere in Mexico, so up to you if you want to go or not. I love it in Cabo!

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Tamara Matechuk

15 days ago

Staycations are lovely. I live in the northern part of Canada and once in awhile a staycation is just what the doctor ordered. However that's not the point. People go places for vacation for different reasons. While you and yours are comfortable staying at home, others leave for a change of scenery or to explore different cultures or to simply get sun that may otherwise not be seen too often. Neither is better than the other since it's all a matter of personal preference and as you noted, costs. But overall yes, it is much easier to avoid dangerous situations if you don't leave the house though still not guaranteed.

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Sarah Whitford

15 days ago

I have been to Mexico multiple times and i have always felt safe. The thing is going to mexico you have to be smart. We always leave the resort and never have i felt unsafe. I stay with the crowds and where the tourists are. If you stay in these areas there is no reason to just stay on the resort. Mexico has some amazing things to see.

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GoLightly

15 days ago

People get murdered all over the world. In every city, in every country. I am a canadian living in Mazatlan, Mexico and in three years I have not witnessed even one act of violence or aggression. I have also spent some time in Los Cabos. The problem with Cabo is, the disparity in the rich and the poor. The very wealthy tourists are spending their days drinking and making bad choices, while the Mexicans that are there for the service industry, live in squalor. Go behind the lovely picturesque city, and you will find shanty towns littered with filth. I don't know how someone wearing an expensive rolex can, in good conscience, barter over 5 dollars with a beach vendor. It's sickening to watch and I feel ashamed to be a foreigner at times here. Like any tourist visiting a developing country, use your head, don't go flashing your wealth, stay sober and be kind. Bad things happen, but let's not crucify an entire nation.

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Amber Temple

15 days ago

Well, just over two years ago, while releasing baby sea turtles on the beach near El Cid our tour bus was broken into and my then 5 yr old's back pack was stolen. Just saying.

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Allison Neal

15 days ago

Your sons back pack could have easily been stolen in Canada at a park as well. It happens. My sisters wallet was stolen in her local mall out of the back of her stroller at Christmas time. Just saying!!

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Chris Rothbauer

15 days ago

Met an Australian woman this weekend who had her cell phone and wallet stolen in

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John D

15 days ago

Seems there is a split crowd on the degree of safety in Mexico. I have had almost all positive experiences over annual trips to the Cancun area. Use common sense and do not wander around while intoxicated should keep you safe. I feel more at ease and safe there than I have felt in other major cities in North America. That being said, there are certain parts of Mexico that I would avoid. Cabo would not be one of those however.

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Honour

15 days ago

I will go to Mexico anytime. Surrey BC on the other hand not a chance.

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Sheryl Hamilton-Boucher

15 days ago

You know we are leaving next week for Tulum and i am not afraid to go to Mexico, eventhough i have never been, but a lot of friends have and say its great, oh and what are our cities in canada like, we have a lot of deaths in our cities of our own people and these lives are taken for no reason, just sayin.

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steve coyle

15 days ago

You never hear of tourists being murdered at an alarming rate in Canada like you do in Mexico. That's a fact. It boggles my mind how many people refer to Canadian cities in comparison to Mexico.

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Brian Dennehy

15 days ago

Tourists in Mexico are murdered at an alarming rate? That's news to me.

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GroovieGhoulie

15 days ago *(edited)*

Can you source this for me please? I am very curious about any instances that are deemed not to be foul play. Any stats to support the "alarming rate"? Canada would be quick to issue a travel warning if that was the case and I have not heard any travel warnings as of late. No disrespect to the statement I just am unaware and very curious as we travel to Mexico once or twice a year with nothing but positive experiences.

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Joel Smith

15 days ago

murders happen here in BC too just remember. Turn on the nightly news and you'll hear about someone getting shot up.

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iceman

15 days ago

that means that the murder rate would have to be 365 in a year. i dont even think our national average is that high.

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J.C.

15 days ago

I read the comments on this board with interest, especially those claiming how safe it is in Mexico. I wonder if the 50 year old fellow in this article was previously one of those telling us how safe it is. As for the comment from Stewie who slept there with his doors wide open well, maybe he was just lucky this time. It is true that anything can happen anywhere but why go someplace that it is known to happen. Just my thoughts on the subject.

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Blackcomb O

15 days ago

Exactly.
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Jon in Burl.

15 days ago

I don't think it matters if it is Mexico or the Caribbean islands, if you stray too far from the resort you are opening yourself up to potential trouble. Many of these islands are a cut above a third world country, people are poor and earn next to nothing. It is the same in Cuba, Dominican Republic, Jamaica etc. As romantic as it sounds, going for a walk on the beach at night, or going into town on your own at night is not advised. I have spent the last thirteen years going to Punta Cana without an issue. Just follow a few simple rules and you will have a great time.

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Sylvie Gagné

15 days ago

I've been to the Mexican Riviera last Easter with my 10 year old son. It was my first foreign trip (excluding northern States of USA). I was very nervous at the airport, when you have to push the big red button to see if your luggage were going to be searched or not. The shuttle was ok but we were the last ones to be dropped off. It was past midnight. I understand some Spanish but just enough to get by. It was a sight of relief once we got to the resort. We felt very safe at the resort. We took an excursion to Chichen Itza and one of the operators inquest was safety. They provided us with a trilingual guide. The excursion was great and we felt safe. But you do have to be smart about where you go. Tip for services well rendered, be polite and stick to the place and the company you deal with. Make sure you don't wander off by yourself where there are no tourists or alone at night.

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Moe

16 days ago

My brother's architectural firm has clients in Mexico City. Whenever he goes there for business he is under guard at all times. He is allowed to go from the hotel to the main office and back to the hotel only. Says a lot about this country doesn't it? Who would ever want to go there for a vacation?

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Brian Dennehy

15 days ago

I've been to Mexico twice on vacation, and loved it both times. You take a risk anywhere you go, including out to Whyte Ave on a Saturday night, but as a Canadian you are probably safer in Cabo than you are in Edmonton. They rely on tourism a lot there, and this kind of incident also hurts the people that work at the resorts, golf courses, restaurants, etc.

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iceman

15 days ago

I grew up in Tucson AZ and the average murder rate there is 365 per year. I have been living in Canada for 13 years in Ottawa I think there was 20 murders last year. Now let's look at the murder rate for Mexico City. I would walk in the worst part of town in Ottawa at midnight and have no worries of bad things happening. Can't say that about Mexico.

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Julie Thompson

15 days ago

I lived in Mexico for 1/2 a year and never had a problem walking alone at night or anything.. Some of the best people I've met are from Mexico.

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Jenny Bator

16 days ago (edited)

We just returned from Cabo and it was the most amazing place I've been to so far. Beautiful people, beautiful town. We will be back again. Media stretches the truth.

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Vet Ottawa

15 days ago

There have been a number of people killed in Mexico, what you have to do is be careful and not go to places where things like this might happen. Mostly it's those with a good deal of money that thieves want there as they are quite poor. If you are in a special area that normally offers special trips then you are alright, it's those "off the beaten track" that have the problems. Mexico City itself is not so nice to go to and it is quite dangerous. When a person is killed, robbed or beaten to death, it's not the media stretching the truth, it's the media letting you know where you should not

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Marty Smith

15 days ago (edited)

...stay in your resorts... What is the point then?

Save your money. Stay home.

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Patriot

15 days ago

Drug invested, dirty, unsafe. Oh yes, a BEAUTIFUL place.

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Brian Dennehy

15 days ago

Cabo is a lot cleaner than Edmonton.

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iceman

15 days ago

at the resort go back behind the resort and a little further into the city. its filthy. garbage everywhere.

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Brian Dennehy

15 days ago (edited)

I've been in both Cabo San Lucas and San Jose Del Cabo, and the worst parts of both cities are comparable to Edmonton, they just happen to have some dirt roads.

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Tony Kennedy

15 days ago

Canada is drug infested too. What's your point?

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Mama

16 days ago

Well, I have to say that things changed for me last year in Mexico. I have been there 5 times in 10 years and absolutely LOVED it, never felt threatened at all, but last year on my honeymoon, I didn't feel so safe in Punta Mita outside of Puerto Vallarta. We tried to leave the 5 Star Palladium Resort to meet friends that were staying about an hour away in Guayabitos and we had pre-arranged a taxi with a reputable husband-wife taxi service. They were to come pick us up and take us. Our hotel staff wouldn't let us leave because they said we HAD to use their hotel taxis. We felt threatened, our taxi guy was not allowed on the property and we were told afterwards that the hotel staff were part of the cartel and they wanted their money. We ended up having to pay a "fee" to be able to leave the resort. VERY uncomfortable at the least. Time to take a break from Mexico I think. I have never felt so unsafe and I have been there with my two kids alone and on an all-girls trip and never once did I feel threatened as in this case, quite the opposite actually. Last year changed my perspective completely. Just beware. There is a lot more going on than we know with regards to crime.

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steven tonge

16 days ago

The ignorance of those who honestly claim to know what Mexico is all about from a tourist standpoint is staggering! I have been going to Mexico twice a year for the last 8 years and feel safer there on the Mayan Riviera than I do in most large Canadian cities. If we think that every incident in Mexico is the result of some helpless innocent individual who ends up in the wrong place at the wrong time give your heads a shake! These incidents are taking place in resorts full of Americans and Canadians and Europeans! The Mexican people are some of the most generous and kind people I've met and not deserving of the fear mongering that follows every incident in a country that is under the microscope. Pick your places and be smart! the same as you would be in Toronto or Vancouver or LA!

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rata

16 days ago

The people making these comments have evidently never gone to Mexico in spite of their claims. I started my day at Starbucks and helped my mother-in-law do some upgrades to her house by

Pin CSNews.com at Starbucks and help my mother-in-law

shopping at Home Depot. These people wouldn't even know they even have Home Depot in Mexico. In Vancouver we lack the high end boutiques that are common place in Paris Dubai and Mexico....instead we complain about how sad it is that Target is leaving Canada! Target??? Are you guys kidding me and have the audacity to suggest the Mexicans are all poor and dreaming of a day to make it big so that one day they too can afford to shop at Target or Wal-Mart. Sigh!

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Smart Betty

16 days ago



I worked for Doctors without borders for 24 months, 5 of those spent in Mexico and I can tell you Mexico is an extremely dangerous place. If you go to a tourist area within a compound, stay in the compound. The hotels aren't part of the cartel, they just know it's not good for business if the guests get beaten or killed. People's vision of Mexico is like Disney's visions of animals, everything is cute and friendly but I can tell you, it's not like that, it's very dangerous in most areas. The crime stats (and that's only those crimes that are either discovered or reported) make Detroit look like a child's day care centre. So go, but stay in a protected area.

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Robert Toscani

15 days ago

How many of you have been to the Dominican Republic or Jamaica? Did you know that the rate of crime against tourists in those two countries is greater than it is in Mexico? When was the last time you read a story in our local paper that talks about a murdered tourist in either of those countries? Folks, please get your facts straight. Mexico is not the safest place, but this nonsense about locking yourself in your hotel is ridiculous. One big problem is that tourists behave in ways they never would in their own country. I travel a lot and I do not wander off alone at night in any city, including some neighbourhoods in Toronto. Respect the country you're visiting, respect the local people, and above all, understand that you are NEVER 100% safe anywhere, so always be aware of your surroundings.

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Brian Dennehy

15 days ago

I've been to Cabo as well as Playa Del Carmen, and both times we ventured into town and to the local shops, restaurants and bars and we never felt threatened or scared. Cabo might as well be part of the US because of all the American expats living there. It is a very clean area full of expensive houses that surround golf courses, and this is a rare incident for the area. Cabo, Cancun and the other resort areas are a lot different than Juarez, Reynosa and Nuevo Laredo.

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Blackcomb O

15 days ago

And the fact you worked there too is valid, well said, I listen to you more than those assuming they are safe.

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iceman

15 days ago

does home depot and starbucks make it any safer. i thinks not.

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Elsbeth

15 days ago *(edited)*

It's not ignorance but informed thinking and decision making. One only has to do research. I will also take my information from people who actually live there and know just how dangerous Mexico is, including at resorts.

While many cite that Canadian and U.S. and other cities are dangerous, the difference is that foreigners are not being targeted and one can trust the authorities.

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Bubba in Redcliff

15 days ago

If it is so good in Mexico, why then are so many Mexicans illegally entering the US for work, and to attempt to gain US citizenship? Why are Americans not entering Mexico in droves, taking Mexican jobs, and attempting to illicitly gain Mexican citizenship? And, the same goes for Canada.

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iceman

15 days ago

im most familier with mexico lived in tucson for 31 years. 60 miles from mexico. i know what its all about and the havoc is caused border states. i would trust cuba more than mexico. people there that are bad are ruthless. and our national murder rate in canada is far less than the just one city in mexico, mexico city which has about the same population as canada it self. facts speak louder than words

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cjpt

16 days ago

I went with my family to the same resort where that Canadian couple were killed several yrs ago - my son came back with Type 1 diabetes!! Seriously, he did, but we were not murdered. Bad things can happen anywhere - just try to minimize those chances and you'll be fine. I hear 2 CANADIANS were shot in the same building last night - better void Toronto, I guess....

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Sanjesh Roop

16 days ago *(edited)*

It's not possible to contract Type 1 diabetes from a particular event or instance. It is not an infectious disease.

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cjpt

15 days ago

Actually, it's an auto-immune disease that can be set off by an innocuous infection, which is what happened to my son. He could just have easily got it in Canada. My point was to take a sly dig at posters claiming Mexico was unsafe - I hink the rest of my post made that clear. But please do continue to educate those you know about Type 1 - thanks!

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Scott Thomas

16 days ago

Cannot get diabetes from travelling to a different country, you can yet hepatitis a and b, but not Diabetes.

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cjpt

15 days ago

Thanks Scott. Check out my reply above.

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Debbie Gauthier

15 days ago

From one type 1 diabetic you definitely don't catch diabetes when travelling. Read up on the disease.

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cjpt

15 days ago

Thanks Debbie. Check my reply above - trust me, I know MORE about Type 1 DM than I EVER wanted to. Sorry that you and my son both have to deal with Type 1 DM.

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rata

16 days ago

I'm married to a Mexican and have actually lived in Mexico City. Nothing ever happened to me. Its like Surrey. You hear about the killings but like most people never seen it. Anyway the Mexican state of Quintana Roo is by far safer than Florida. Florida is by FAR more dangerous statistically yet Canadians dont know it. Its because our foreign affairs department doesn't warn us. Go check out the FBI crime stats for the state of Florida snd compare them to cancon.

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Elsbeth

15 days ago

There is a big difference and one well knows it. In Florida, tourists are not being targeted and the authorities can be trusted.

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Brian Dennehy

15 days ago

Are you joking? Tourists are definitely targeted in Florida, and I know several people who have been mugged there.

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Johnny B

16 days ago

Statistically , per 100,000 visitors , Canadians are more likely to get murdered in Dominican Rep , Australia , or China (Stats Can). And the most violent Western country in the world is the USA . Gosh , why go anywhere ??

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cambob

16 days ago

Actually, per violent crime ratio, Greece is the most violent western country.

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Vanda Pietrantonio

16 days ago

Mexico is full of crime. You are safe till you are in the wrong place at the wrong time. Stay in the resort and you risk falling off the balcony. If it is so safe why are many of their citizens trying to get to the States or Canada. I agree with Pete Mexico is full of crime, violence and corruption. I went in 1980 but it was much different then. My mother and I walked around Acapulco and felt quite safe.

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Brian Dennehy

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You can go to Cabo San Lucas and feel completely safe in 2015.

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Taylor Fonstad

13 days ago

The whole world is full of crime, best not leave your home ever.

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cambob

16 days ago

Why do tourists still go to Mexico? It's not cheap. It's obviously not safe. The water curse is legendary.

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steven tonge

16 days ago

Really the water curse? Did you read that in a 30 year old magazine?

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Elsbeth

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Actually, it is one of the cheapest places to go. That's why people flock there. Cheap over safety!

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Brian Dennehy

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Cabo isn't really that cheap. And a lot of people go there for the golf, which isn't cheap there at all.

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