

Driving to Mexico Checklist

Your vehicle, paperwork, and the safest route south

Vehicle paperwork

- ☐ Vehicle title and current registration (driver's name)
- ☐ Mexican auto insurance policy (US policies are not valid)
- ☐ Temporary Import Permit (TIP) via Banjercito — online up to 60 days ahead
- ☐ Driver's license valid for your entire trip

Route & safety planning

- ☐ Plan toll (cuota) highways — safer and faster than free roads
- ☐ Drive only in daylight hours; plan overnight stops in advance
- ☐ Download offline maps; cell coverage drops between cities
- ☐ Carry pesos in cash for tolls (many booths don't take cards)
- ☐ Emergency numbers: 911 works throughout Mexico; Green Angels: 078

In the car

- ☐ Printed copies of passport, visa/FMM, TIP, and insurance
- ☐ Spare tire, jack, jumper cables, basic tool kit
- ☐ Water, snacks, and a phone charger for long stretches

This checklist is general guidance, not legal or immigration advice. Requirements change — verify with official sources or ask us.
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