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## HOTELES DE BARRIO

**CATEGORIES:** Boutique, Hotels

**Visit Website:** <http://www.hotelesdebarrio.com/home.html>

**Get Directions:** Mexico City, CDMX, Mexico

Ten different boutique hotels in Mexico City have grouped into [Hoteles de Barrio](#) to offer visitors a chance to stay in cozy places all over the megalopolis. They are all charming, beautiful and you will probably want to stay at least ten days in the city to move around all of them.

## CAFEBRERÍA EL PÉNDULO

**CATEGORIES:** Books & Magazines, Coffee & Sweets, Shopping

**Make a Call:** +525552804111

**Visit Website:** <https://pendulo.com/paginas/Direcciones>

**Get Directions:** Alejandro Dumas 81, Polanco, Polanco IV Secc, 11550 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

*Alejandro Dumas 81 | Polanco and other 5 branches across CDMX*

*Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 8am to 11pm*

*Thursday and Friday from 8am to 12midnight*

*Saturday from 9am to 11pm*

*Sunday from 9am to 10pm*

El Péndulo is a book lover's paradise. With bookshelves spread across two floors and piled up all around the place, you can browse for hours and stumble into fantastic books, DVDs and CDs. There is a very nice café and bar at this Polanco branch and the atmosphere is inviting. You can bring your laptop, order a michelada (beer with lemon juice and salt) and tap away for hours. It has long opening hours and other branches spread around the city.

## XOCHIMILCO

**CATEGORIES:** City Areas, Sights

**Get Directions:** Calle Del Mercado No.1, Xochimilco, Barrio Xaltocan, San Jerónimo, 16090 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

It took me four visits to Mexico City to finally make it to Xochimilco, a UNESCO Heritage Site on the shores of a pre-Hispanic lake. Several canals and islands shape the neighborhood and you must board a *trajinera* (local colorful boat) to be taken around. Most *trajineras* are on the Embarcadero Flores Nativitas, where you negotiate the price and duration of your tour before boarding. Add music and drinks to make it more of a fun day out. Along the canals, you will be approached by other *trajineras* carrying mariachis, quesadillas, beer, souvenirs and much more. It is an ideal program for a small group of friends or family. If you get there by yourself, try to mingle with other tourists to make the tour together and share the costs.

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## QUINTONIL

**CATEGORIES:** Eating, Fine Dining

**Make a Call:** +525552802680

**Visit Website:** <http://www.quintonil.com/>

**Get Directions:** Av. Isaac Newton 55, Polanco, Polanco IV Secc, 11550 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

*Isaac Newton 55 | Polanco | Mexican | \$\$\$*

*Monday to Saturday from 1pm to 5pm and from 6:30pm to 10:30pm*

Quintonil is one of the exceptional wave of new Mexican of restaurants to spring in CDMX. Chef Jorge Vallejo passed through various famous kitchens before setting sail on his own and receiving several accolades. The food is superb and the setting intimate, ideal for a long lunch. I had the tasting menu in order to try most of his creations and did not regret. Would book a ticket to Mexico just to eat there again!

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## CÓRDOBA 25

**CATEGORIES:** Arts & Culture, Books & Magazines, Fashion & Accessories, Galleries, Gifts & Specialties, Shopping

**Visit Website:** <http://cordoba25.net/>

**Get Directions:** Córdoba 25, Roma Nte., 06700 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

*Córdoba 25 | Roma*

On the corner of Puebla and Córdoba, in the leafy and hip Roma Norte neighborhood, you will find this house with a bell on the main door. Ring it to have the door open and inside you will discover the [Casa Bosques bookshop](#) selling magazines and art books, [Galería Machete's art exhibitions](#) and cool clothes by [Apartment 25](#) and [Naked Boutique's showroom](#).

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## MUAC CU

**CATEGORIES:** Arts & Culture, Museums**Make a Call:** +525556226972**Visit Website:** <http://muac.unam.mx/>**Get Directions:** Av. Insurgentes Sur 3000, Cd. Universitaria, Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico*Insurgentes Sur 3000 | Coyoacán**Wednesday, Friday and Sunday from 10am to 6pm**Thursday and Saturday from 10am to 8pm*

The Museo Universitario de Arte Contemporáneo (MUAC) in the heart of the University campus hosts many exciting exhibitions of contemporary art. The modern building offers a striking contrast to the brutalist architecture of the university. It is a good idea to combine a visit to the campus with other areas of southern Mexico City such as Xochimilco and Coyoacán.

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## PUJOL

**CATEGORIES:** Eating, Fine Dining**Make a Call:** +525555454111**Visit Website:** <https://www.pujol.com.mx/>**Get Directions:** Tennyson 133, Polanco, Polanco IV Secc, 11550 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico*Tennyson 133 | Polanco | Mexican | \$\$\$\$**Monday to Thursday from 1:30pm to 10:30pm**Friday and Saturday from 1:30pm to 11pm*

If there is one experience I could not recommend enough in Mexico City is a meal at Pujol, Mexico's best restaurant. Chef Enrique Olvera, featured on Netflix's Chef's Table, brings the most exquisite ingredients and recipes from his home country to a fine dining menu. The setting, the menu, the service and of course, the food, make this a memorable meal. Please book ahead and have a fantastic time!

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## MUSEO NACIONAL DE ANTROPOLOGÍA

**CATEGORIES:** Arts & Culture, Museums**Make a Call:** +525540405664**Visit Website:** <http://www.mna.inah.gob.mx/>**Get Directions:** Paseo de la Reforma, Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico*Paseo de la Reforma and Avenida Grutas | Polanco**Tuesday to Sunday from 9am to 7pm*

The mammoth anthropology museum is one of Mexico's greatest treasures. Almost every civilization that had blossomed in the area before the Conquistadores arrived is featured here. The sheer scale of the place is impressive, with stone heads, Aztec calendars, tombs, decorative temples and much more. With a very 1970s look, you could easily spend a whole day wandering the museum's galleries. If you are really into history, book a guided tour, otherwise just take it all in and be impressed by how many civilizations there were.

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## EL PARNITA

**CATEGORIES:** Casual Dining, Eating**Make a Call:** +525552647551**Visit Website:** <http://www.elparnita.com/>**Get Directions:** Av. Yucatan 24, Hipódromo, 06700 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico*Yucatán 24 | Roma**Tuesday to Thursday from 1pm to 6pm**Friday and Saturday from 1pm to 7pm**Sunday from 1pm to 6pm*

The very local and informal El Parnita serves some excellent tacos and beers in the “hipper” area of Colónia Roma. It is very no-frills and it gets quite busy, especially from Friday onwards. (<https://mrbonespumpkinpatch.com/>) If you are a group of four or more, call ahead and book a table. I was lucky enough to be by myself and found a place at the bar. The crowd is an interesting mix of foreigners, hipsters and families.

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## TEOTIHUACAN PYRAMIDS

**CATEGORIES:** City Areas, Out of Town, Sights**Visit Website:** <http://whc.unesco.org/en/list/414>**Get Directions:** San Juan Teotihuacan de Arista, Méx., Mexico*Teotihuacan de Arista on the outskirts of Mexico City*

One of the greatest visits in Mexico City, the mega-temples of the Sun and the Moon have once been the biggest citadel in the Americas. It takes around 45 minutes to an hour to reach the site in the northeast fringes of the metropolis. You can set up a fare with a cab to drive you there and wait while you explore before taking you back to the city or book an organized tour with a local operator recommended by your hotel concierge.

Go early, after a hearty breakfast, to have all the energy necessary to climb the steep steps of the tall Sun Pyramid and see the day slowly coming to a start from high above. Then walk towards the Moon Pyramid and take the best pictures of the day with the corridor of smaller pyramids.

I recommend some advance reading before you head there (or download some info on your phone to read while on site) because there is a lot to take in and the rituals and ways of life of the people who once lived there are very interesting. The visit takes around one hour.

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## BARRIO ALAMEDA

**CATEGORIES:** Casual Dining, Eating, Shopping, Shopping Areas & Malls**Visit Website:** <http://www.barrioalameda.com/>**Get Directions:** Calle Dr Mora, Colonia Centro, Guerrero, 06000 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico*Doctor Mora 9 | Downtown*

Barrio Alameda is an art deco building in the leafy Alameda Central park, marking the entrance to the historic district of the city. The place has been refurbished and transformed into an entertainment center, with pubs, restaurants, shops, a hostel and a rooftop bar. Timings vary depending on the venue, but there is always something going on at Barrio Alameda. It is a

great place for a michelada (beer with lemon juice) before heading into the narrow streets leading to the Zócalo.

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## MUSEO TAMAYO

**CATEGORIES:** Arts & Culture, Museums

**Make a Call:** +525541228200

**Visit Website:** <http://www.museotamayo.art/>

**Get Directions:** Paseo de la Reforma 51, Polanco, Bosque de Chapultepec I Secc, 11550 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

*Paseo de la Reforma 51 | Polanco*

*Tuesday to Sunday from 10am to 6pm*

Museo Tamayo is worth a visit first and foremost for its architecture. Founded by talented artist Rufino Tamayo in 1981, the concrete, steel and glass structure is a brutalist island in the middle of the Chapultepec Forest. The sculptures around the main museum are on display 24-hours a day and you can also enjoy a break at the museum's restaurant and café before continuing your CDMX explorations.

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## EL PALACIO DE HIERRO POLANCO

**CATEGORIES:** Eating, Food Markets, Shopping, Shopping Areas & Malls

**Make a Call:** +525552837200

**Visit Website:** <https://www.soytotalmentepalacio.com/tiendas/el-palacio-de-hierro-polanco>

**Get Directions:** Av Molière # 222, Polanco, 11540 Miguel Hidalgo, CDMX, Mexico

*Molière 222 | Alto Polanco*

*The shops are open daily from 11am to 9pm*

*The restaurants are open Monday to Wednesday from 1pm to 11pm, Thursday to Saturday until 12midnight and on Sundays from 1pm to 9pm.*

The Palacio de Hierro in Polanco is the greatest of the Palacios in Mexico City, a luxury department store chain. So important it is that people refer to it as the *palacio de los palacios* and a visit to the store will confirm your suspicions. It is an impressive consumer experience, not only for the presence of luxury brands but also for the architecture, the way things are displayed and, my favorite, the Food Hall on the top floor. I am not a big department store fan, but I truly enjoyed visiting the Palacio and having tacos on their sunny terrace.

In 2015 they published with [Travesías Media](#), a Mexican niche publisher, [The Yellow Guide](#) to Mexico City, with excellent travel tips. You can download it for free by clicking on the link.

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## MUSEO JUMEX

**CATEGORIES:** Arts & Culture, Museums

**Make a Call:** +525553952615

**Visit Website:** <https://www.fundacionjumex.org/en>

**Get Directions:** Blvd. Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra 303, Amp Granada, 11520 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

*Miguel de Cervantes Saavedra 303 | Alto Polanco*

*Tuesday to Sunday from 11am to 8pm*

The Fundación Jumex de Arte Contemporáneo is a very comprehensive Mexican Art Foundation owned by the Jumex group, a gigantic juice producer. They showcase their art collection and other exhibitions at their state-of-the-art Museo Jumex. The David Chipperfield building in Alto Polanco, at a busy intersection, is there to bring their art collection closer to the general public. It is a much enriching experience than the Museo Soumaya, across the street. However, you will be able to take nice photographs of the futuristic Soumaya from Jumex's terraces. Visit both, of course.

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## MERCADO ROMA

**CATEGORIES:** Eating, Food Markets

**Visit Website:** <http://mercadoroma.com/>

**Get Directions:** Calle Querétaro 225, Roma Norte, 06700 Cuauhtémoc, CDMX, Mexico

*Querétaro 225 | Roma | Food market*

*Mezzanine stalls from 10am to 7pm*

*Ground floor and patio from 9am to 9:30pm*

*First-floor restaurant and terrace from 1pm to 1am*

*Mercado Roma closes late on weekends*

The Mercado Roma is a one-stop shop for good food, good drinks and good times. The market is filled with stalls, restaurants and bars on two floors plus a sunny terrace. It offers variety and plenty of choices, from sushi and empanadas to craft beer and cheese. It is almost always busy, especially on happy hour and weekends.

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## SANTA CLARA

**CATEGORIES:** Coffee & Sweets

**Visit Website:** <http://www.santaclara.com.mx/es/home/>

**Get Directions:** Av. Pdte. Masaryk 194, Polanco, Polanco V Secc, 11560 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

*Presidente Masaryk 194 | Polanco*

*Daily from 10am to 9pm*

Santa Clara is a Mexican heritage brand of dairy products with quite a few ice cream shops spread around the city. However, this fairly chic space in the glamorous Presidente Masaryk thoroughfare makes it an appealing stop for a creamy scoop of ice cream to enjoy while window shopping in the area. The Mexican Chocolate flavor is my favorite. (<https://mclaneedgers.com>)

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## TIERRA GARAT

**CATEGORIES:** Coffee & Sweets

**Make a Call:** +525552076298

**Visit Website:** <https://www.facebook.com/tierra.garat/>

**Get Directions:** Av. Pdte. Masaryk, Polanco, Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

*Presidente Masaryk 86 | Polanco*

*Monday to Friday from 7am to 10pm*

*Saturday and Sunday from 8am to 9pm*

The Garat Café has revamped its interiors and brand with Tierra Garat, a brand new concept featuring amazing coffee and chocolate with cakes, fruits, salads and other nibbles to accompany your beverage. The Cacao con Cacao with Chili may sound weird, but tastes great, with that little peppery feel at the end. A really nice place for a quick breakfast and for takeaway coffee. Millions of times nicer than Starbucks.

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## BELLOPUERTO

**CATEGORIES:** Eating, Nice Restaurants

**Make a Call:** +525552810980

**Visit Website:** <http://www.bellopuerto.com/>

**Get Directions:** Calle Julio Verne 89, Polanco, Polanco III Secc, 11550 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

*Julio Verne 89 | Polanco with two others in Roma and Santa Fe*

*Sunday and Monday from 1pm to 6pm*

*Tuesday and Wednesday from 1pm to 11pm*

*Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 1pm to 12midnight*

Bellopuerto brings to Mexico City the pleasures of the seaside with great Mexican seafood and excellent service. The tuna tacos or tostadas are to die for as well as the octopus tacos. Actually, everything is delicious. One of my favorite restaurants in CDMX.

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## KURIMANZUTTO

**CATEGORIES:** Arts & Culture, Galleries

**Make a Call:** +525552562408

**Visit Website:** <http://www.kurimanzutto.com/en/>

**Get Directions:** Gobernador Rafael Rebollar 94, San Miguel Chapultepec I Secc, 11850 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

*Rafael Rebollar 94 | San Miguel Chapultepec*

*Tuesday to Thursday from 11am to 6pm*

*Fridays and Saturdays from 11am to 4pm*

Kurimanzutto started as a low-budget itinerant art space created to promote young Mexican talent at home and abroad. For a while, the owner's apartment was all the space they had to exhibit the art. Nowadays Kurimanzutto sits on a large space in a leafy residential area of Mexico City and represents over 30 global artists. One of Mexico City's top art destinations. (<https://ausoma.org/>)

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## XINÚ PERFUMES

**CATEGORIES:** Gifts & Specialties, Shopping

**Make a Call:** +525575895572

**Visit Website:** <http://xinu.mx/>

**Get Directions:** Alejandro Dumas 161, Polanco, Polanco IV Secc, 11550 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

*Alejandro Dumas 161 | Polanco*

Xinú is a place to let your senses loose, to discover and experiment textures, smells and colors. The high-end perfume concepts are second-to-none and developed from local ingredients and valuing exclusivity and design. The shop a little hidden away. You ring a bell and climb up a flight of stairs before getting to the showroom, where you can have a guided tour of the mood board display. ([Ambien](#)) I am sure you will leave with one of the scents in a shopping bag.

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## ENO

**CATEGORIES:** Casual Dining, Delicious Bistros, Eating

**Make a Call:** +555255318535

**Visit Website:** <http://eno.com.mx/>

**Get Directions:** Petrarca 258, Polanco, Polanco V Secc, 11560 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

*Petrarca 258 | Polanco and other three locations in CDMX (Roma, Virreyes and Palmas)*

*Monday to Friday from 7am to 11pm*

*Saturday from 9am to 11pm*

*Sunday from 9am to 5pm*

Eno is part of Enrique Olvera's culinary empire. While his prized Pujol offers high-end Mexican cuisine, Eno is a very casual, bistro-like environment opened all day long for either a quick cappuccino and cake to an elaborate salad or pasta with a glass of wine. Service is efficient and prompt and the food is tasty, at the end of the day, Olvera's hand is behind the concept. Eno is a great place to work away on your laptop for a few hours or to have a small meeting with friends for lunch. I love it.

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## GALERÍA OMR

**CATEGORIES:** Arts & Culture, Galleries

**Make a Call:** +525552071080

**Visit Website:** <http://galeriaomr.com/>

**Get Directions:** Córdoba 100, Roma Nte., 06700 Ciudad de México, CDMX, Mexico

*Córdoba 100 | Roma Norte*

*Tuesday to Thursday from 10am to 2:30pm and from 3:30pm to 7pm*

*Friday from 10am to 4pm*

*Saturday from 11am to 4pm*

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Galería OMR has been a feature of Mexican contemporary art since 1983. It is well worth a visit on your explorations of Colónia Roma. The industrial-looking space with three floors is also full of interesting art. OMR is also present in the major art fairs around the world. ([Phentermine](#))

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