# Arriving in Mérida – practical information

When arriving to Merida International Airport, there are four different ways to get into the Mérida downtown area; following is the essential info on all of them. As a reference, consider that the venue is located at Calle 60 x 57. The streets in the center of Mérida are not named, they are organized by even and odd numbers, in a grid.

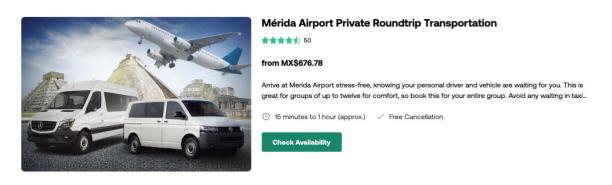
#### Option 1. Taxi

A taxi ride into downtown Mérida lasts 20-25 minutes and should not cost more than \$315 Mexican pesos (MXP), roughly \$15.50 US dollars. Tickets are bought **inside** the airport, in the kiosks found after the arrivals hall, next to the rental car offices.

**NOTE**: there are relatively few taxis in Mérida, so sometimes you must wait 30-40 minutes for a cab to be available; so, please ask about availability before deciding to take a taxi or be ready for a long queue.

### **Option 2. Shuttle**

You can book a private shuttle in advance, to transport up to 12 people. For approx. \$700 MXP (ca. U\$34.50) per person, you can have your private transport waiting for you shortly after arrival.



For further info and reservations, please visit this website:

https://www.viator.com/tours/Merida/Merida-Airport-Private-Round-Transportation/d5195-56603P7

### Option 3. Uber and Didi

Both Uber and Didi are available in Mérida – with a catch: they are not allowed to pick up passengers from the international airport. On the way back, you can arrive to the airport with Uber/Didi without any restriction. So, if you want to use Uber or Didi on arrival, you must walk out to the main road outside from the airport federal zone, past the rental car parking lots. The walk takes 5-7 minutes, and it can be relatively hot in Mérida, with January temperatures around 30 °C (86 °F). Mérida is a very safe city, so you could also walk this short distance in the evening, should you decide for this mode of transportation.

The ride into downtown is around \$150 MXP (ca. U\$7.50).



#### Option 4. Public bus

There is a public bus service called "Va y ven" joining the airport and downtown Mérida for a modest \$45 MXP (ca. U\$2.20).

This bus service has six stops; the stop closest to the ISFP venue is Plaza Santa Lucía (Stop No. 2. Calle  $60 \times 55$ ). The tickets are sold in the "**ADO**"

**aeropuerto**" desk, next to the TAXI ticket booth. Please be advised that **this bus service can only be paid for with cash in Mexican currency**; they do not take any credit or debit cards. There are several ATM machines inside the airport terminal, so make sure to withdraw some MXP if you want to use this mode of transport.



# Some sites of interest in central Mérida, shown below:



#### SITIOS DE INTERES

- 1 Plaza Grande
- 2 Catedral
- calle 60 x 61 y 63 3 Casa de Montejo calle 63 x 60 y 62
- 4 Palacio Municipal calle 62 x 61 y 63
- 5 Centro Cultural de Mérida Olimpo (†) 13 Iglesia San Juan Bautista calle 62 x 61 y 63
- 6 Palacio de Gobierno
- calle 60 con 61 ■ 7 Teatro Daniel Ayala Pérez calle 60 x 59 y 61
- 8 Teatro José Peón Contreras calle 60 con 57

- **9** Iglesia Tercera Orden calle 60 con 59
- 10 Teatro Mérida calle 62 x 59 y 61
- 11 Teatro Felipe Carrillo Puerto calle 60 x 59 y 57
  - 12 Universidad Autónoma de Yucatán calle 60 con 57
- 14 Iglesia de la Candelaria calle 64 x 67
- 15 Mercado de Artesanías Bazar García Rejón calle 60 x 65 y 67
- 16 Iglesia Monjas calle 64 con 63

- 17 Parque Santa Lucía calle 60 con 55
- 18 Iglesia Santa Lucía calle 60 x 55
- M 19 MACAY
- calle 60 x 61 y 63
- 20 Mercado Portales calle 56-A x 65 y 67
- 21 Mercado Lucas de Gálvez calle 56 x 65 y 67
  - 22 Arco de San Juan calle 64 con 69

- 23 Museo de la Ciudad calle 56 No. 529 x 65 y 65 A
  24 Mercado San Benito calle 56 no. 529A x 65 y 65A

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We look forward to seeing you soon!!