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You have arrived at the Official GradWeek Celebration! GradWeek is committed to seeing that you have the vacation of a lifetime. This Destination Guide is your link to all the info you need to know. Where are the best parties, restaurants, nightclubs, and deals? It's all in here!

HELPFUL SAFETY & TRAVEL TIPS

The Buddy System - Although Cancun is a popular tourist and resort destination, we highly recommend you use the buddy system. Make sure that at all times your roommates and friends know where to find you. When going back to the hotel at night, always make sure you're with a group. It's always better to be safe than sorry. Do not walk on the beach, or anywhere, alone at night and never get into a taxi cab by yourself.

Money - The current currency exchange rate in Mexico is about 10 pesos to 1 U.S. dollar. However, exchange rates change daily. If you're looking for the best rate, you will want to exchange your money at one of the exchange booths located throughout Cancun. If you're looking for convenience, most hotels will exchange money at the front desk.

Hotel Safe Deposit Boxes - We strongly recommend that you store all of your valuables in your hotel safe deposit box immediately upon check-in. If a box is not provided in your room, you can request one from the front desk.

Tourist Visa Card - On your flight into Mexico you were required to fill out a Tourist Visa Card and present it to a Mexican immigration official. The official should have returned a portion of the card to you. **DO NOT LOSE THIS CARD!** Make sure you store it in a safe place. You will be required to present this card prior to leaving the country. Replacement cards can cost \$50.00 U.S. dollars or more.

Need to Call Home? - Calling the United States from Mexico can be very expensive. Unless you're on an international cell phone plan, even if your cell phone is able to make calls, you are likely paying a premium for the service. To avoid cell phone service charges, you can make a collect call from a landline. To place a collect call simply dial 01-800-674-2328. If you call from your hotel room, the hotel will impose an access fee and per minute surcharge that you will be responsible for paying at check-out. To avoid these fees, you can make the call from a pay phone.

Cancun Public Transit System - Cancun's Public Transit System runs passenger buses 24 hours a day during the summer months. The bus route covers the entire length of the Hotel Zone and cost only 6.5 pesos per person. The public buses are the easiest and least expensive way to get where you need to go in Cancun.

Taxi's - Taxis in Cancun run all day and all night. The cost is anywhere from \$5 to \$35 depending on how far you are going. Rates are negotiable. We recommend that you always agree on a rate before getting into the taxi. You should never ride in a taxi alone, especially at night.

Drugs - Just say no! Drug use is illegal. Do not use, buy, or sell drugs anywhere! This is one of the easiest ways to get kicked out of your hotel, sent home, or end up in a foreign jail for a long time. It's simply not worth the risk.

Motorized Water Sports - All water-sports activities are strictly optional. If you choose to participate, you are doing so at your own risk. The equipment is locally owned and any damage to the equipment will be your responsibility. If you decide to rent equipment be careful! Be sure to check the equipment before use and to document the damage with its owner. Some students have reported being charged for damage they claim not to have caused.

Mopeds - We strongly recommend that you do not rent mopeds. Moped collisions are a common occurrence in Cancun. Additionally, some students have reported being charged for damage they claim they did not cause. Again, it's simply not worth the risk.

Ocean - The currents off the coast of Cancun can be very strong and have a deceptively strong undertow. During the day please check with your hotel for the day's conditions. Many hotels also use a flag warning system to warn against potential hazards. Respect all posted warnings and swim in the ocean with caution. Regardless, do not go into the ocean at night. It is extremely dangerous!

Balconies - Do not sit on the edge of your balcony at any time and under no circumstances should you try to jump from one balcony to another. Doing so can result in serious injury or death. If caught, you will be immediately kicked out of your hotel and sent home from the trip at your own expense. This is a zero tolerance policy.

Crossing the Street - While it may seem simple enough, this is one of the most dangerous activities in Cancun. Always look both ways and take it seriously. Cars and buses drive very fast down the roads and often do not yield to pedestrians. Unlike the U.S., pedestrians do not have the right of way. Use extreme caution when crossing the road and only cross in designated crosswalks.

Money Wire Service - If you run out of money, don't worry! GradWeek is here to help. Simply call home and have your parents call the GradWeek Corporate Office at (916) 850-1976 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time. Our office will process your parents' credit card for up to \$300 and GradWeek will pay you on-site at our 24 Hour Room. Money wires are distributed Monday through Friday between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. You will need to bring a photo ID with you to receive your money.

Wristbands - You should have received your GradWeek wristband at your on-site welcome orientation. This is separate and apart from your Action Pac wristband. All travelers receive a GradWeek wristband. Do not lose your wristband and make sure to wear it at all times. You will need your wristband to attend all GradWeek functions and events, to receive your discounts, and to board the plane home. If you lose your wristband, please go to the 24 Hour Room. You may be charged an additional fee for a replacement wristband.

Hotel Room – Your hotel room is your responsibility. If damage is caused to your room, you and your roommates will be held responsible regardless of who caused the damage. Do not let strangers into your room. Keep your doors locked at all times, including your balcony slider. If you lose your room key, please inform the front desk immediately. Do not keep valuables such as iPhones, digital cameras, jewelry, sunglasses, purses, etc. in open view. Keep items such as these in your safe deposit box when not in your room. Also, please respect your roommates' space.

Hotel Checkout – On the day of your departure, you will need to vacate your room, return your room keys, and take care of any incidental balances such as phone charges, room service, and pay per view movies. You must be checked-out and in the hotel lobby 3 hours prior to your scheduled flight time. If your flight is not until late afternoon or evening, you must be checked-out by Noon. At most hotels you can check your bags with the bellman after checkout. Please check the activity board in the lobby for departure information the night before your flight. It is also highly recommended you pay all room charges, if any, the night before to avoid long lines at checkout. You must present a clear checkout sheet to board the shuttle to the airport. If you miss your airport shuttle, it is your responsibility to get yourself to the airport at your own expense.

The Laws of Mexico – In general, all laws that apply in the United States also apply in Mexico. The difference is in Mexico you will be tried as an adult regardless of your age and unlike the U.S., in Mexico you are essentially treated as "Guilty Until Proven Innocent." Use common sense and treat others with respect and you shouldn't have any trouble. However, using, possessing, buying, and/or selling drugs, fighting, urinating in public, vandalism, theft, and climbing hotel balconies are ways tourists often find themselves in a Mexican jail. If you taunt or harass a law enforcement officer, you will be arrested. Also, do not walk on the beach or swim in the ocean at night. GradWeek travelers may be required to provide identification to enter certain nightclubs and restaurants.

Grad Week 24 Hour Office

GradWeek staff is available to help you on-site 24/7. We have staff housed at every hotel where we have students staying and staff is present at all GradWeek sponsored events. However, if you are unable to locate a GradWeek staff member, please call 891-5555, or head to the Hyatt Regency and ask for the GradWeek 24 Hour Room. The Hyatt Regency is GradWeek's headquarters in Cancun!

In Case Medical Attention Is Needed

Local Number: 881-3700
From U.S. Phone: 011-52 (998) 881-3700
24-Hour Phone Line: 01 (800) 900-9009

Hospiten Hospital
Avda. Bonampak
Lote 7, MZA.2, S.M. 10
77500 Quintana Roo-Cancún, Mexico

24 hour emergency medical services are available through Hospiten Hospital. Hotel visits can also be arranged and English-speaking staff members are available. Travel insurance is accepted. If you need medical attention, please call Hospiten at one of the numbers above and also contact a GradWeek staff member.

GradWeek staff members are not doctors and thus will not make any judgment calls on whether or not medical attention is necessary for any reason. This decision is entirely up to the traveler and his or her parents. If you are in doubt as to whether medical attention is needed, we strongly recommend you contact your parent(s) and/or guardian(s) and ask for advice.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

GradWeek 24-Hour Numbers—

24-Hr Room at Hyatt Regency: 891-5555

24-Hr Cell: 001-52-1-916-884-5224

24-Hr Txt: 916-884-5224

Hospiten Hospital Cancun: 881-3700 or 01-800-900-9009

American Express: 881-4020

American consulate: 883-0272

Police: 885-0569 & 884-1913

Fire: 884-1202

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EVENT SCHEDULE

These events are optional and attendance is not required. Attendance at the event, mode of transportation to and from the event, length of stay at the event, and the purchase and consumption of alcohol at the event is at the sole discretion of the traveler. Please check the reader board in your lobby for additional events, activities, and pool parties.



SUNDAY

NOON: Kickin' it poolside at the Hyatt Regency
Bring it down to the best pool area in all of Cancun to enjoy a day of contests and fun while chillin' with your buddies in the sun. **GW**



8:00PM: "Cheesburger in Paradise" – Escape to Margaritaville for a delight, enjoy a great meal and start your night out right! With eating, singing and dancing you're sure to engage and don't be surprised if the waiters and waitresses put you on stage. Here at Margaritaville, it's more than just music, you'll bring home great memories and souvenirs! **AP**

11:00PM: We declare, TOGA wear! – At Club Basic, togas and swimsuits are your best bet, because here getting wet is a promise, not a threat! Located right across from the Hyatt Caribe, Club Basic is Cancun's only nightclub on the water! You'll be dancing the night away with water jets shooting through the wooden dance floor and the open-air skylight will keep you cool to dance some more. **GW**

MONDAY

8:00PM: Traffic light dinner, can you find

a WINNER? Dinner Party at Terrasta! Come dressed in GREEN if you're single, YELLOW if you're playing the field, and RED if you're taken! The event begins with eating and dancing to get your pre-party on before the main event! Dinner is an all-you-can-eat buffet. **AP**



11:00PM: Stomp and Go at Dady'O!

That's right, Terrasta was only the beginning, we're moving the party right next door where there's definitely **NO PARKIN' ON THE DANCE FLOOR!** But don't forget to be alert and see who's wearing what color shirt! **GW**



TUESDAY

8:00PM: Welcome Dinner at Hard Rock Café!

Tonight GradWeek welcomes you with an all-American dinner with some added Cancun soul, where they spread the spirit of Rock 'N Roll. So come and enjoy a yummy American meal, the taste is so close to home, it's unreal! **AP**



11:00PM: Vegas Night at Mandala

At Cancun's hottest new night club, you better believe there will be a "full house!" Dress in your Vegas style attire for a night on the strip! However tonight put on your poker face and act like the stage is your table and since there will be no gambling to blow your money... the terms drop, high, and low should be used on the dance floor honey! **GW**

Late Night Suggestion: Viva Las Vegas Night at Coco Bongo

*Voted by E! Entertainment as Cancun's hottest club, we're bringing Vegas to Coco Bongo! Spend the night with all the celebrities. Lights, camera, action we're sure you don't want to miss one of Cancun's hottest attractions. **GW***

GradWeek Special: \$15 cover charge reduced from \$50.00!

WEDNESDAY

8:00PM: Get the night kickin' at Hooters!

Let's get the night kickin' with some Hooter's chicken. GradWeek is

welcoming everyone to Cancun with a great dinner at World famous Hooters. So come eat and do ya thang while enjoying some good ol' chicken wangs! **AP**

10:30PM: Senior Frog's Glow Party!

Tonight at Senior Frog's the theme is "Save Water, Shoot Glow!" That's right, you'll be sure to have fun shooting glow from a water gun. We recommend you wear white, because with the glowing paint & black light you'll be sure to shine bright! **AP**



THURSDAY

5:00PM: Sunset Cruise – (CHECK YOUR TICKET FOR ACTUAL CRUISE DAY) Forget the black ties it's no formal affair, just come as you are for that casual flair, but don't forget some comfy shoes as you join us on the Sunset Cruise. Meet at Playa Tortuga (next to Dos Playas Hotel) for sailing and dancing aboard a triple-decker cruise ship loaded with live music and refreshments. Departs promptly at 6:00pm. Mexican buffet on Isla Mujeres with audience participation games awaits you. **AP**



10:00PM: I wear my sunglasses at night! – At SWEET Club without shades, your outfit is not complete! Who says sunglasses should only be worn during the day? Come show off your stunna shades, we say it's okay! Wayfarers, aviators, shutta shades we don't care, just show up wearing your hottest pair! **GW**



FRIDAY

8:00PM: Let's eat and party at Carlos

'n Charlie's The party will be real hot, the food will too, some come and join us cuz we want to see you! As one of the best-known party restaurants in all of Mexico, you'll have a great time with live music, karaoke, dancing and a whole lot more! **GW**



11:00PM: Black & White Party Night!

At The City Nightclub wearing Black & White is how you should appear, this party's for you class of 2011, to celebrate your senior year! So come dressed to impress and full of style, because we expect you'll stay awhile! **GW**



SATURDAY

8:00PM: Let's get the week HOPPIN' at Senor Frog's! – GradWeek is welcoming everyone to Cancun with a great dinner at Senor Frog's. This is where enjoying a great meal and fun is combined, there's dancing, singing, and even conga lines! There are no rules or regulations at Frog's. Check out the great student menu and food specials. **AP**

11:00PM: Jersey Shore Night at Bulldog Café

Tonight we want to see look-a-like guidos and guidettes fist pumping like champs! Every Saturday at Bulldog there's a "situation." Bulldog hosts the hottest Bikini Contest in all of Cancun where your "JWOW" screams or your sounding "grenade whistles" will determine the best looking guidette! **GW**



Please check your individual hotel reader board for additional events and pool parties. All events should be confirmed at your hotel lobby or with a GradWeek staff member, as there is a remote possibility of schedule changes. The GradWeek 24-Hour Office is located at Hyatt Regency. Contact the GradWeek staff room for all money wires, lost tickets or baggage, etc. The Hyatt Regency phone number is 891-5555

GW – Free with GradWeek wristband

AP – Free with Action Pac wristband & appropriate ticket



FLASH THE GRADWEEK WRISTBAND & GET HOOKED UP



Margaritaville
15% off all
menu items



Surfin Burrito
15% off all
menu items



Hard Rock Café
15% off all
menu items



Carlos n Charlie's
15% off all
menu items



Senor Frog's
15% off all
menu items



Hooters
15% off all
menu items



ask for promos

** You must present your GradWeek wristband to your server before ordering making it clear that you are to receive a discount. Ask your server about additional discounts and check the GradWeek reader board in your hotel lobby for additional discounts not listed above.*

CURRENCY EXCHANGE

These currency comparisons are approximations only. Exchange rates change daily. This chart is intended only to give you a rough idea of the approximate value of Mexican currency as compared to the U.S. dollar.

LIST OF US CURRENCY = PESOS



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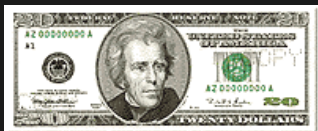
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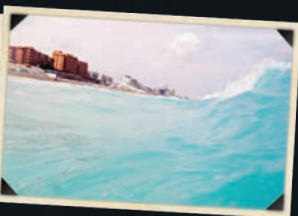
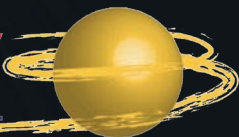


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Jungle Tour

Enjoy the thrill of driving your own super fast craft in a ride through the lagoon and mangroves jungle to Punta Nizuc's coral reef. Once there snorkel to view the magnificent reef full of marine life. Included: Snorkeling gear, life jackets and guide (5USD reef tax not included).

Regularly: \$66 GradWeek: \$59



Jungle Snorkeling Cruise

View the sights of Cancun Island as you enjoy the beautiful waters of the bay. Soon you will sail to a coral reef, part of the second largest in the world, where you will explore and see the virgin corals and colorful tropical fish. (\$2 USD reef tax and \$4 USD pier tax not included).

Regularly: \$55 GradWeek: \$42

Lost Island Cruise

Main event of the week! The most fun party in the Caribbean. Experience non-stop music, dancing and fun while you cruise on the boat to Isla Mujeres. Once on the island, enjoy an all-you-can-eat dinner buffet, a special floorshow, contests, dancing and more.

Regularly: \$50 GradWeek: \$45



Dolphin Interactive Program

This incredible educational experience with dolphins is SAFE and FUN and available to anyone. Reservations required.

Regularly: \$79 GradWeek: \$60



B.O.B. BREATHING OBSERVATION BUBBLE

The most exciting underwater adventure; the beauty of the coral reef will live you breathless. Observe multicolor plants and fish from your personal submarine. Previous experience of scuba diving or snorkeling is not required to ride the B.O.B. (5 USD reef tax not included)

Regularly: \$85 GradWeek: \$60

Sport Fishing

Luxury equipped boats and friendly, experienced crew members guarantee an unforgettable day! Charter a private boat or share with up to 6 people.

Regularly: \$110 GradWeek: \$100



Discover Scuba

Discover the wonders of the underwater world when you visit the second largest reef in the world. Whether you are a certified diver or a beginner, it will be a scuba diving experience of a lifetime.

**Regularly: \$88
GradWeek: \$80**



Prices and available days subject to change.

CALL 881-1361

LETTER FROM THE CANCUN CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Dear GradWeek,

We would like to welcome you and your student groups back to Cancun this summer. We are excited that you are coming back and wish you great successes. Your groups are always excellent. The leadership and commitment shown by your staff is outstanding, and you are to be commended.

Mexicans have a saying, "mi casa es su casa" (my house is your house). It's an expression of our famous hospitality. Rest assured that the people of Cancun will give you a warm welcome to our home.

We hope you have a wonderful time. Enjoy all that Cancun has to offer: great beaches, a tropical climate, water sports, and a lively night scene—but do not go overboard. Please don't do here what you wouldn't do at home. Please take into account the following guidelines:

- **In Mexico, you are penalized for breaking the law at the age of 16.**
- **If you break the law, you will be treated as an adult.**
- **The legal drinking age in Mexico is 18 (identification is required).**
- **The legal age for renting a car is 21 and you must show a valid driver's license.**
- **Property damage is considered vandalism and the law will be enforced.**
- **If you have an emergency, need help, or simply need information, just dial 060 and an English speaking operator will answer.**
- **Drugs are illegal in Mexico. This law is STRICTLY ENFORCED!**

Have a safe and enjoyable time here in Cancun!

—Staff, Cancun Convention & Visitors Bureau

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At GradWeek we are constantly on the lookout for new talent to help us grow our company. We offer individuals more than just a job, we offer lifestyle careers. As a sales representative with GradWeek, you set your own schedule, work your own hours, and live the lifestyle you have always dreamed. We offer competitive compensation packages and great benefits to our full-time employees. Most compensation is performance-based with limitless upside potential.

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Hospiten Hospital

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Bulldog Cafe



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Sweet Club
Hard Rock Cafe
Coco Bongo
Rainforest Cafe
Carlos 'n Charlies

Sweet Club



Torre Dorado

Ocean Club

Holiday Inn Express

Pok-ta-Pok

PARTY CENTER
Chocko's & Tere
Campay Sushi Bar
TGI Friday's

Señor Frogs

Sr. Frog's

Gran Caribe Real

Hyatt Caribe



Club Basic

Pat O'Brien's

Outback



Margaritaville

Malia Turquesa

Piramides

La Isla

Johnny Rocker

Chili's

Planet Hollywood

Sheraton

Sunrise Marina Cafe

El Shrimp Bucket

Aqua World

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