

Five Great Places to Travel for Cinco de Mayo; in True Southwest Airlines Style

Cinco de Mayo celebrates the Mexican victory at the Battle of Puebla and the day recognizes the strength of the Mexican people. Cinco de Mayo celebrations are often accompanied by an abundance of food, music, and festivals.



This year, Cinco de Mayo falls on a Sunday, meaning a weekend trip to celebrate the holiday is possible with Southwest's low fares and frequent nonstop service. Whether you are looking for an authentic celebration or the best place to get a margarita, here are five trips to book for this year's Cinco de Mayo.

Denver, Colorado

Did you know [Denver is known for the city's Cinco de Mayo celebration](#)? The two-day celebration includes live music (there are three stages), a parade, and vendors for food and art. The Cinco de Mayo Celebrate Culture Festival has been around since 1988 and thousands of people gather to enjoy the music, food, and the culture of the holiday.



Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

Why not fly to Mexico to celebrate the holiday? [Puerto Vallarta is one of Southwest's international destinations](#). Puerto Vallarta sits between the ocean and a picturesque mountain range. There is something for everyone—loungue by the Pacific coast or take in the colorful streets that are lined with vibrant flags and buildings with hues of yellow and turquoise on every corner. You can also join the locals in Puerto Vallarta who celebrate with a Mexito (a mojito with tequila) and a traditional Mexican meal.

Austin, Texas

Can you say 'Yee Haw' for a margarita? This classic drink on Cinco de Mayo can best be enjoyed in Austin, TX. [La Condesa](#) in Austin was rated as having one of America's best margaritas, and you'd better believe the city that thrives on tex-mex cuisine will be celebrating at this restaurant and many more. Between the Blue Starlite Drive-In featuring Mexican films to the free Rancho Alegre Conjunto Festival with a Mexican-focused line-up, this city is a must-see for Cinco de Mayo.



Los Angeles, California

The cuisine options for delicious Hispanic meals are plentiful in Los Angeles., including Mexican dishes. There are fine-dining options and hole-in-the-wall spots for the vibe you're searching for. Looking for something a little more unique than tacos? Head over to El Huarache Azteca in the Highland Park area for the popular huarache Mexican dish from Mexico City. With so many options, you are sure to find [deals](#) in every part of the city. You can also experience [Fiesta Broadway](#), known as the "Super Bowl of Festivals." The event is attended by over 300,000 people and celebrates Cinco de Mayo with authentic food, music, and carnival games.

St. Paul, Minnesota

Mexican culture has thrived in the District del Sol in St. Paul, MN, for decades. The neighborhood hosts [a festival each year](#), and this destination is great for families. There are cultural learning activities and performances, a History Zone (you might learn that Cinco de Mayo is in fact not a celebration of Mexico's independence), and a parade to celebrate Mexican culture.

What are you waiting for? Book your flight today, and celebrate Cinco de Mayo the Southwest Way!