



# Cabo 360: Do U.S. Citizens Need a Visa to Travel to Cabo?

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Planning a trip to [Cabo San Lucas](#)? If you're a U.S. citizen, you might be wondering whether a visa is required. Here's a clear breakdown of what you need to know based on the length and purpose of your stay in Mexico:

## 1. Visiting Cabo as a Tourist (Up to 180 Days)

Good news! U.S. citizens do **not** need a visa for tourism, business, or transit visits that last **less than 180 days**. Instead, you'll be required to obtain a **Forma Migratoria Múltiple (FMM)** — commonly referred to as a **Tourist Card**.

You'll typically receive the FMM upon arrival at a Mexican airport.

**To enter, you'll need:**

- A valid passport
- Proof of return or onward travel
- Evidence of sufficient funds to cover your stay

## 2. Staying Longer: Temporary Resident Visa (Over 180 Days)

Planning to stay in Cabo longer than 180 days — for work, study, business, or retirement? You'll need to apply for a [Temporary Resident Visa](#) before entering Mexico.

**Application must be done at a Mexican consulate in the U.S. and requires:**

- Completed visa application form
- Valid passport

- Passport-sized photos
- Proof of financial stability (e.g., bank statements, pension, employment verification)
- Documentation supporting your reason for staying (e.g., job offer, school enrolment)
- Visa fee (typically \$40–\$50)

Once approved, you must **convert your visa into a Temporary Resident Card** at Mexico's **Instituto Nacional de Migración (INM)** within 30 days of your arrival.

### 3. Looking to Relocate? Permanent Resident Visa

For those planning to make Mexico their long-term home — such as retirees, investors, or those with close family in the country — a [Permanent Resident Visa](#) is the next step.

**Requirements are similar to the Temporary Visa**, but the financial thresholds are higher.

This visa is ideal for those who don't intend to return to the U.S. in the near future.

**Final Tip:** Always check with your nearest Mexican consulate for the most up-to-date visa requirements before you travel.

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