



# The Ultimate YWAM Mazatlan Packing List

## CLOTHING:

- 8-10 t-shirts (make sure to include some t-shirts you won't mind getting dirty)
- 3-4 pairs of shorts (bring a few regular shorts and athletic shorts)
- 2-3 pairs of pants
- 5-8 pairs of socks
- At least a week's worth of underwear!
- 1-2 sets of formal wear
  - Men: Button-ups, nice pants, optional tie.
  - Women: dresses, nice blouses, and knee-length skirts or longer.
- Shoes (One pair of sandals, one pair of running shoes, and a pair of casual shoes. Shoes can be heavy, so avoid bringing too many pairs)
- 1 light rain jacket
- Pajamas
- Personal toiletries (we suggest buying your shampoo/conditioner and soap once you arrive, and avoid bringing too many beauty products and styling tools)
- Keep in mind that if your outreach country has a conservative culture, long pants/skirts, long sleeves, or something to cover your shoulder will be necessary

## ESSENTIALS

- Bible, journal, and pen
- A tight-packing sleeping bag
- A pillow and a bed sheet
- 2 towels (one for the beach and one for showering)
- Passport (and travel visa, if applicable)
- Water bottle
- Sunglasses
- Sunscreen
- Phone and charger: (Mexico's power outlets have 120V/60Hz voltage)
- A hat
- Backpack/purse
- Backpacking backpack (we recommend using a 50-70L backpack, dependent on how much space you prefer)

**PRO TIP:** Shop for a gender specific backpack. They have frames built specifically for your body type and tend to fit more comfortably.

## WEATHER:

SEASON	MONTHS	AVERAGE HIGHS	AVERAGE LOWS
Summer	June - September	32°C (90°F)	25°C (77°F)
Winter	November - March	25°C (77°F)	15°C (60°F)

With the extreme humidity, summer can feel like it's 45°C (120°F). You'll be so grateful for the air conditioning! Summer is also the rainy season where we'll experience many thunderstorms.

In the winter, mornings and evenings tend to be chilly, so you might prefer long pants and a sweatshirt. Winter also brings more cloudy days, where layering is perfect. But when the sun is out, it's hot!

## TIPS:

- Pack light and simple. Everything you pack will be going on outreach with you. Due to limited storage space you will not be able to leave anything at the base.
- Pack clothes that you can mix and match well, and that can layer.
- Packing cubes and compression sacks are great for organization and maximizing your space.
- Roll your clothes—it'll cut down on space.
- Avoid bringing too many books. You will be given books to read during your school, and we have additional books you can borrow from the base library
- Baby wipes are helpful for outreach. You can bring some, or buy them here.