

Zihuatanejo, Mexico

Zihuntanejo Mexico was a small, fishing village just a few years ago. Club Med built a resort just north of the city in Ixtapa, and the area has never been the same since. It is now a tourist mecca filled with visitors from North America, South America, and Europe. Several North American movie stars have luxurious mansions in the hills overlooking the bay. Several retired people spend their winter months languishing on the beaches of this warm, sunny and tropical get away. Surprisingly, the rents are quite reasonable, and this is a very nice place to spend a month or two.

Here are a few pictures which try to capture the beauty and life in this wonderful place.



This is a pix of the city and bay. Most of those boats are owned by fishermen who either go out for the daily catch or make their living taking tourists out for a day catching fish. A fishing trip can cost as low as \$120 including gear and license.



The city and bay at night with a full moon. This was taken from the balcony at my hotel room. It was equally beautiful at sunrise.



This is the bay taken from the other side. My hotel is just to the right of the picture boundary. The exclusive gated community is on the right of the picture on the private beach.



The harbor where most of the fishing boats are docked. There is a whole community of restaurants and vendors which do their business along this inlet. The city is to the right.



A young girl on her way to school. Most schools are affiliated with the Catholic Church.



This is where I had breakfast each day. It was absolutely delicious. All of ingredients were fresh including freshly squeezed orange juice, freshly made guacamole and salsa. A complete breakfast for under \$5US. What a way to start the day...



One of the main streets in the downtown tourist area. It is well maintained, as you can see.



This is the tourist beach with the hotels. The city built a “boardwalk” which goes from the harbor to the hotels. It is a nice way to take a evening stroll or get from one part of the city to another.



This is where the average citizen lives. Tourism is the main industry and most of the populace is supported by it.



I happened to be in town when they celebrated their independence and heritage. This is part of that parade where young people dress in traditional clothes.



This is Ixtapa where many upscale hotels and time share condos are. Food, goods and services are at least twice as expensive there. The beaches are much nicer, though.



There is an alligator farm in Ixtapa. Here are a new creatures enjoying the afternoon sun.



A beautiful iguana on the farm. This animal was HUGE.

These are only a few of the many pictures that I took of this wonderful place. The environment was wonderful, the weather was perfect, the food was incredible, and the people were very gracious. It would be a great place to visit or live.

I hope you enjoyed these pictures. Please contact me with any comments or questions.

Thx,
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