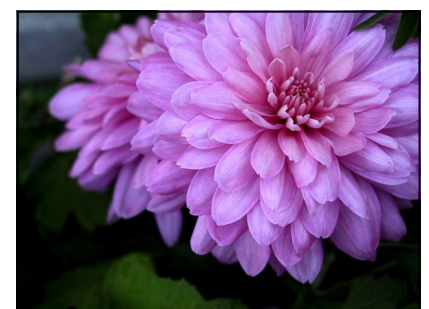


# Country Fact File: MEXICO



golden eagle  
the national bird



dahlia pinnata  
the national flower



<b>Name of country</b>	Estados Unidos Mexicanos from the Nahuatl word <i>Mēxihco</i>
<b>Continent</b>	North America
<b>Hemisphere</b>	northern
<b>Borders</b>	USA, Guatemala, Belize
<b>Capital City</b>	Mexico City
<b>Official language</b>	Spanish
<b>Population</b>	119,530,753 (2015 estimate)
<b>Area</b>	1,972,550 km <sup>2</sup>
<b>Currency</b>	Mexican Peso
<b>Time Zone</b>	UTC -8 to UTC -5
<b>Motto</b>	Libertad Trabajo Cultura
<b>National Anthem</b>	Himno Nacional Mexicano
<b>Highest mountain</b>	Pico de Orizaba 5,700 m above sea level
<b>Longest river</b>	Río Bravo del Norte (Rio Grande) 3,108 km
<b>National sport</b>	Charrería

## Other Mexico facts

- ◆ Most populous country in the Spanish-speaking world
- ◆ 6th largest country in the Americas
- ◆ 13th largest independent nation in the world
- ◆ has 31 states
- ◆ conquered by Spain in 1521, independent in 1821
- ◆ one of the world's 17 megadiverse countries
- ◆ home to the Aztec Empire
- ◆ 7th in the world by number of UNESCO world heritage sites
- ◆ famous for Mariachi music

## Famous Mexicans

Frida Kahlo	Gael García Bernal
Cantinflas	Alejandro González Iñárritu
Salma Hayek	Pancho Vila
Diego Rivera	Octavio Paz