Vacationing in Cancun Still Safe For Spring Break Despite Recent Strip Club Shootings

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“We’ve been monitoring the situation and assessing its impact to traveler’s safety given the fast approaching spring break season,” Davis said, noting that MTV’s Spring Break is set to be held in Cancun in just a few weeks.

Although the recent violence is alarming and should be taken into consideration, Davis said it needs to be assessed in the context of the actual threat it poses to tourists. “Although Cancun and the surrounding Quintana Roo area has seen an increase in drug cartel violence, drug cartels don’t generally target foreign tourists and have no financial interest in driving tourists away,” he points out.

The strip club that was attacked over the weekend caters to a local clientele and is not a tourist destination, Davis says. “When Travelyze prepares safety assessments for Cancun travelers, we advise them on how to stay safe in Cancun and still have a fun filled vacation experience.”

Tourist areas are rarely affected by cartel and gang-related violence. Although 4 miles seems close to a tourist area, Cancun’s hotel zone is an area separated from the mainland and isolated from the more dangerous areas of Cancun. “At Travelyze, we always advise our clients to stay in the Hotel Zone and take caution when exploring areas outside the Hotel Zone, preferably with a reputable tour accompany arranged by a travel agent or hotel concierge,” Davis explains.

High Security Presence in Vacation Zone

In addition, there’s a high security presence in the tourist areas of Cancun that deters violent acts. Recently, over 80 new police vehicles were added to the Hotel Zone and along with military patrols, provide a high level of security for Spring Break visitors.

“The Mexican government also established a large, 2850-member military police base outside the Hotel Zone in October 2018, another sign that Mexico intends to take more robust measures to address the violence in the area before it can impact tourism,” according to Davis.

For anyone planning to visit Cancun during Spring Break, Davis suggests visiting the Travelyze.com website and signing up for a personalized safety assessment to receive up to date travel safety intelligence based on your actual travel plans.
A Travelyze Assessment provides travelers with:
• Valuable travel data, safety tips and risk mitigation strategies based on a traveler’s actual itinerary.
• Updated Crime Summary for your travel region.
• Personalized Hotel Assessment.
• Shows how to safely use the public transportation system. Learn what areas of the local geography are safe to visit. And where to shop and eat.
• Discover the safest ways to manage cash and credit cards. How to keep passports safe but always accessible. How to keep valuables hidden.
• Access local emergency numbers to get help when needed. Get the rundown on local police and medical services. Find out how to contact the local U.S. Embassy.

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