

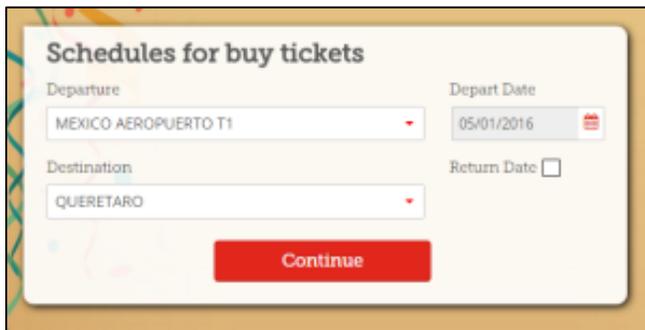
# MEXICO CITY AIRPORT TO SAN MIGUEL DE ALLENDE BY BUS/TAXI

**Bus Company:** Primera Plus

**Route:** Mexico City Airport Terminal 1 or 2 to Querétaro bus station (and vice versa), with a taxi between Querétaro and San Miguel de Allende

*For those of you staying in Mexico City before/after San Miguel, the best option for you would be one of the many direct buses between SMA and Mexico City's Norte Bus Station. This way, you can avoid returning to the airport. Check out more information [here](#).*

**Buying Tickets/Boarding:** Tickets can be purchased online on the Primera Plus [website](#). Check your flight itinerary to determine which Mexico City terminal is most convenient. Select either "MEXICO AEROPUERTO T1" (Terminal 1) or "MEXICO AEROPUERTO T2" (Terminal 2). Your route selections on the website should look like this (see left).



The screenshot shows a web form titled "Schedules for buy tickets". It has two columns of input fields. The left column has "Departure" with a dropdown menu set to "MEXICO AEROPUERTO T1" and "Destination" with a dropdown menu set to "QUERETARO". The right column has "Depart Date" with a date picker set to "05/01/2016" and "Return Date" with an unchecked checkbox. A red "Continue" button is at the bottom.

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At the airport, follow signs for "Transporte Terrestre/Ground Transportation" to the bus terminal/kiosk. Be sure to withdraw enough cash from an airport ATM for the cost of your bus ticket, which will be about MXN \$375 (\$21 US), plus the cost of the taxi from Querétaro, MXN \$550 (\$30 shared between all passengers in the taxi).



Buses depart approx. hourly. Proceed to the Primera Plus counter in the bus terminal (see left) and say: "Buenos dias (morning)/tardes (afternoon)! Voy/Vamos (I/we) a Querétaro." See phrase sheet on the second page for more information. Agents may speak English.

Tickets will cost \$375 mxn (\$21). Pay in cash, take your ticket and wait for the bus departure. When boarding is announced, drop off your bag (be sure to keep your baggage receipt) and proceed through security. Board the bus after grabbing the bagged meal and your drink of choice.



Once on the bus, look for seat numbers either up near the lights or along the windows. Seats should have excellent recline, electrical outlets and seatback entertainment. The bus should also have wi-fi once it departs. There are two bathrooms in the back of the bus – one for men, one for women. **Do not exit the bus** until it reaches its final destination, Querétaro.

**Arriving in Querétaro:** The bus will arrive in Querétaro in about 3 hours. All passengers will exit at Querétaro. Take your luggage receipt and hand it to one of the Primera Plus baggage handlers working at the side of the bus. Tip the handlers a few pesos if possible. Proceed into the Querétaro and look for the large Taxi stand in the middle of the station.



Retrieving luggage from the bus



The taxi ticket stand in Queretaro station

Tell the ticket agent at the taxi stand “San Miguel de Allende” and the agent will give you a ticket for approximately 550 MXN, or \$30 USD. The taxis have set fares based on zones, and San Miguel is in Zone S. You will not owe any additional fare after you pay for this ticket. Do not catch an unauthorized taxi on the street.

Take the ticket and follow signs for taxi boarding (“ABORDO TAXI”). Eventually, you will find yourself outside at a taxi stand with a line of yellow authorized taxis. A driver will pull up and will help you with your luggage. Give the driver your ticket and put on your seat belt (it’s illegal to ride without one). The ride to SMA will take about **45 minutes** depending on traffic.



**Arriving in San Miguel de Allende:** Your Querétaro driver is not likely to be familiar with San Miguel, so you should **print a Google map for the driver** or have them drop you near the famous Parroquia or Jardín in the Centro (where you can walk or take a local taxi the rest of the way). Taxis to anywhere in San Miguel usually cost around 40 MXN (\$2-3). As your driver drops you off, you don't owe him/her any further payment - however, be sure to give him/her a small tip if they do a good job.

**The return trip is the same, in reverse.** You'll take a taxi from anywhere in SMA to Querétaro bus station (though you will need to negotiate your fare), and then you'll catch a bus to the Mexico City Airport (MEXICO AEROPUERTO T1 or T2). Use the vocabulary below to facilitate your return trip.

### Helpful Vocabulary and Phrases:

**Do you speak English?:** ¿Habla inglés?

**Good morning/afternoon/evening:** ¡Buenos días/tardes/noches!

**I'm going to Querétaro/San Miguel de Allende:** Voy a Querétaro /San Miguel de Allende

**We're going to Querétaro/San Miguel de Allende:** Vamos a Querétaro/San Miguel de Allende

**I/We need a ticket for the bus to Querétaro:** Necesito un boleto para el autobús a Querétaro

**I need a ticket for the taxi to San Miguel de Allende:** Necesito un boleto para el taxi a San Miguel de Allende

**Where is....?:** ¿Dónde está...?

**Ticket:** el boleto

**Seat:** el asiento

**Suitcase or baggage:** la maleta/la bolsa/el equipaje

**Exit:** la salida

**Bathroom:** el baño

**I need to go to the bus terminal in Queretaro:** Necesito ir a la terminal del autobús de Queretaro

**What time is it?:** ¿Qué hora es?

**I understand, I don't understand –** Yo entiendo/yo no entiendo

**We are going to the Centro near the Parroquia and the Jardín:** Vamos al Centro cerca de la Parroquia y el Jardín

**When in doubt, just legibly write down your destination and hand the sheet of paper to the ticket agent and/or taxi driver! ☺**