

The logo for POGO 25, featuring the word 'pogo' in a lowercase, rounded font, followed by a stylized white bird icon and the number '25' in a large, bold, sans-serif font.

22-25 January 2024
Ensenada, Mexico

Hosted by:



Travel Information sheet: Ensenada, B.C., Mexico

General Information on POGO-25 Annual Meeting

Meeting Venues:

Plenary sessions (23 & 24 January):

CICESE

Carr. Tijuana-Ensenada 3918, Zona Playitas, 22860

Ensenada, B.C., Mexico

POGO-25 Annual General Meeting (25 January): CICESE (as above)

Logistical Information & useful links

Ensenada location & climate

Ensenada is on the northwestern, Pacific coast of Mexico, in the state of Baja California. Ensenada is just 110 km south of the US border at Tijuana, and 135 km (84 miles) south of central San Diego in California. It is over 2825 km from Mexico City – at least 36 hours by road and 3 hours by plane.

Ensenada has a mild, Mediterranean-like climate – it stays relatively dry year-round (though it's slightly wetter in the winter than the summer) and experiences surprisingly cool weather from December to March. The average temperature in January ranges from a high of 18°C to a low of 9°C (bring a jacket).

Currency

Although the Mexican peso is the official currency in Ensenada (often prefixed with a “\$” sign), many hotels, restaurants, and vendors will accept US. However, change will often be given in pesos, and US dollar prices invariably work out to be higher than peso prices because of inflated exchange rates.

Try to use ATMs to withdraw peso cash in Ensenada if possible. Credit cards are widely accepted, but cash is needed for buses, most taxis, and small purchases.

Airports:

The hosts will arrange pick-up by minibus/car from the two main arrival airports (see below), to bring delegates to Ensenada. They will also take delegates to their departure airport after the conference. The

aim will be to provide one or two time slots per airport each day, depending on the timings of delegates' flights.

The nearest major airport is at **Tijuana** (a 1 hour 45 minute drive from Downtown Ensenada). Many international flights will route to Tijuana via Mexico City.

San Diego airport in the USA is also a nearby option (geographically, the airport is approx. 2 hours by road). Therefore, transportation from San Diego to Ensenada will not be a problem when arriving. However, for the return, delegates should allow 2 hours to cross the border into the US, plus the minimum of 2 hours recommended before international departure. Please also be aware that Terminal 1 is being remodelled, so expect to find long queues at airport security.

Local transport

Buses run from Tijuana airport direct to Ensenada; taxis can also be taken, but these are expensive (at least US\$80), though a lot more convenient. Buses also run between the US border at Tijuana and Ensenada bus station every hour or so and take around 1 hour 30 minutes.

Within Ensenada, transport options include local buses, taxis and Uber.

Information about Visas to enter Mexico:

Depending on your route of entry to Mexico, you may need visas for both Mexico and the USA. Please check requirements carefully.

The VisaGuide website has a list of which countries' citizens require a visa to enter Mexico: <https://visaguide.world/north-america-caribbean/mexico-visa/who-needs-visa/>. However, please check your own country's government website for confirmation.

The Government of Mexico websites also have the following information pages:

'Countries and regions that do not require a visa to travel to Mexico'

<https://www.inm.gob.mx/gobmx/word/index.php/paises-no-requieren-visa-para-mexico/>

'Foreign nationals exempted from visa to travel to Mexico as non-lucrative visitors'

<https://consulmex.sre.gob.mx/reinounido/index.php/es/contenido/92-tourist-visa>

'Visitor visa without permission to carry out paid activities' (in most cases, a Visitor Visa is suitable for those attending a business meeting or conference, without remuneration. Details here:

<https://www.gob.mx/sre/acciones-y-programas/visa-de-visitante-sin-permiso-para-realizar-actividades-remuneradas>.

Visa application form and appointment portal:

<https://www.gob.mx/tramites/ficha/visa-de-visitante-sin-permiso-para-realizar-actividades-remuneradas/SRE232>

Travelling to Mexico via the USA: <https://esta-center.com/en/mexico/index.html>

Accommodation options

There are a number of hotels available in Ensenada, ranging from 2-star to 4-star accommodation. Our hosts have negotiated a special conference rate at three of these hotels.

HOTEL	PRICES	INCLUDES
<p><u>POSADA EL REY SOL</u> (6 minutes from CICESE by car) *Downtown.</p>	<p>Monday -Thursday (15 rooms blocked) Single 1700 pesos (97 USD) tax included. (25 rooms blocked) Double 1800 pesos (103 USD)</p> <p>CODE: TALLER POGO 25 Deadline for booking: December 22, 2023</p>	<p>Breakfast for 1 or two people, internet.</p>
<p><u>HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS</u> (6 minutes from CICESE by car) *Downtown.</p>	<p>(15 rooms blocked) Single 2900 pesos (166 USD) before tax Max. 2 people. (15 rooms blocked) Double 3100 pesos (177 USD) before tax for two people maximum.</p> <p>CODE: Grupo CICESE Ensenada Deadline for booking: November 22, 2023</p>	<p>American buffet breakfast per person, gym, internet, business center.</p>
<p><u>CORAL AND MARINA HOTEL</u> (2 minutes from CICESE by car) *Front of CICESE</p>	<p>Standard two beds, 171.25 USD. Junior one King bed 182.55 USD. Junior Deluxe 193.85 USD. Coral Deluxe Suite 205.15 USD. (43 rooms blocked in total)</p> <p>CODE: POGO25 2024 Deadline for booking: November 22, 2023 http://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp?groupID=3972915&hotelID=11694 Attendees can make a reservation by WhatsApp or phone. Miss Xochitl Solís will oversee POGO reservations.</p>	<p>Breakfast included p/2 people with taxes, gym, internet, business center.</p>