

# TIMES ARE CHANGING IN MEXICO



As of 2023 times are changing in Mexico, or to be more accurate- they won't be changing! In October of 2022, a federal bill passed and went into effect that Mexico would no longer observe Daylight Saving Time (DST) and remain permanently on Standard Time (ST). This means that for the first time in 27 years, Mexico will not forward their clocks together this April like they have since 1996.

The law does exclude a few areas on Mexico's northern border so to remain harmonized with the United States. These locations will continue to follow the same DST schedule as the US who move their clocks forward one hour the second Sunday of March and back one hour the first Sunday of November.

But stay tuned to the news, as this too may be changing in the near future! There has been a global trend in the last few years of countries pushing to abolish time changes. While the scientific and general population tend to agree on the negative impacts of this practice, there is no clear data or consensus on whether permanent DST or permanent ST is better.

Mexico has chosen Standard Time as the permanent time, but the Sunshine Protection Act and the Time Amendment Act in the US and Canada, respectively, have been making headway to permanently adopt DST. The European Union also has legislation in negotiations to move to one yearly time, and in that directive, each country would individually decide whether to adopt "winter time" (ST) or "summer time" (DST).

**So whether you prefer to never look at a clock or have your activities all scheduled while on vacation, do be aware that times may have changed the next time you visit your favorite Raintree destination!**



## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME TRIVIA

- Daylight Saving Time is the practice of setting the clocks one hour ahead of standard time to make use of more sunlight in the spring, summer, and fall evenings.
- While Germany and Austria were the first countries to use DST in 1916, a few hundred Canadians actually beat the German Empire by eight years. On July 1, 1908, the residents of Port Arthur, Ontario—today's Thunder Bay—turned their clocks forward by one hour to start the world's first DST period.
- The idea did not catch on globally until Germany enacted DST on April 30, 1916—two years into World War I to minimize the use of artificial lighting to save fuel for the war effort. Within weeks, the US and European countries followed suit. Most of them reverted to standard time after World War I, and it wasn't until the next World War that DST made its return in most of Europe.
- DST became standardized across the US in 1966 when Congress passed the Uniform Time Act; Canada soon followed to facilitate consistent economic and social interaction with the US. Under the act, states were allowed to opt out. Arizona and Hawaii are the only US states that did so, and remain on permanent ST time today.
- In Mexico, the first state to adopt DST was Baja California in 1942, due to the state's close ties to California. For the rest of the country, DST was nationalized in 1996.
- Many sources credit Benjamin Franklin for being the first to suggest seasonal time change. However, his idea voiced in 1784 can hardly be ascribed to the modern DST, as it did not even involve turning the clocks. In a letter to the editor of the Journal of Paris, entitled "An Economical Project for Diminishing the Cost of Light," Franklin simply suggested that Parisians could economize candle usage by getting people out of bed earlier in the morning. What's more: Franklin meant it as a joke.
- The invention of modern DST is actually attributed to New Zealand scientist George Hudson and British builder William Willett. In 1885, Hudson, an entomologist, proposed a two-hour time shift twice a year to better allow him to collect bugs in the evenings. In 1905, independently from Hudson, British builder William Willett suggested setting the clocks ahead 20 minutes on each Sunday in April and switching them back on each Sunday in September, a total of eight time switches per year. Willett lobbied for the proposal until his death in 1915, just one year before the UK started using DST in May of 1916. It's unknown if he was aware his idea had already become a reality a few years prior in a small Ontario town.



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## Member Story: Cathie and Preston Moss's love for Cancun

We became Members in 2000 while visiting Club Regina in Cancun and found it the perfect place to vacation once we saw the beach. We knew this was a place we would look forward to visiting every year.

The property is beautiful, the staff is welcoming and helpful - it is nice to be greeted by those who have been serving us for many years - and of course the setting was perfect as it is tucked away from the touristy area.

We have usually visited the resort in February - it has a great climate to escape to from snowy Ohio.

When we arrive at the resort, we can't wait to get that first view of the beach and the turquoise blue water of the Caribbean Sea along with the "Welcome Home" cocktail! We always like to hop the bus and run down to Kukulcan Plaza to purchase a few groceries which we get delivered to the resort.

One of our favorite spots to hang out is the pool bar - the pool water is warm, and the drinks are always cold and refreshing. The beach restaurant is a great place for a lunch special - great food and service!

Over the years we have visited lots of places while in Quintana Roo - La Isla Shopping Mall, Mercado 28, Isla Mujeres, Tulum, Chichen Itza, Xel-Ha, and our favorite - Punta Nizuc for snorkeling.



At the resort we have enjoyed massages in the beach hut, the Lotteria (Bingo), karaoke in the lobby bar, beach volleyball, and the swimsuit show (I must confess that I buy one of the suits every time I am there)!

We have enjoyed our RVC membership and have also used it for stays at Club Regina in Cabo, the Polo Towers in Las Vegas, Whistler resorts in British Columbia, Kona Reef in Hawaii, and WorldMark in Phoenix - but our heart is with our favorite boutique resort in Mexico - Club Regina Cancun- where we have spent the most time. While we usually like to travel by ourselves, we have brought the kids and have even extended our week to them on occasion.

Thank you, Club Regina and RVC, for always treating us like family!!



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Staff Spotlight

José “Miguel”  
Mendoza López

Waiter at Club Reinga Los Cabos since 2009

**Tell us about your job- how did you get started, what are your responsibilities, and what do you enjoy the most?**

I actually started at the Westin- first as a as a floor runner, then as a banquet waiter, and then through the sales team I eventually transitioned to working exclusively at Club Regina. Everyday it’s my job to provide excellent service so the guests are happy and want to return. I really enjoy my job a lot- interacting with our guests, making them laugh. Being able to make someone smile is truly a pleasure for me!



**Do you have a special memory with our Members that stands out?**

Yes. During the pandemic, some of them found me to ask if I needed any help. It was incredible and touching. It wasn’t necessary, but it feels so great that they consider me part of their extended family. That’s what Raintree is- a great community, a great family!

**What is your favorite thing about living in Los Cabo?**

My job and the ocean. Especially in the mornings- I love how so many different colors can be reflected by the sun as it rises over the sea- each sunrise is unique and beautiful. And the arrival of the whales never gets old, every year it feels like a fairy tale!



**What’s your favorite food to enjoy in Los Cabos?**

My favorite food is seafood. Sometimes I cook it myself, but I also pamper myself by going to Toro Güero or La Carreta. They make amazing food and La Carreta has a delicious seafood bisque.

**What would you recommend to guests that are visiting Los Cabos for the first time?**

First, to enjoy fully our Club Regina resort, especially its views! Then to visit the Arch San Lucas, Marina Los Cabos, and many other incredible places Cabos has to offer.

**Do you have a recommendation in Los Cabos that is not well known by tourists?**

Yes, to visit El Triunfo, the mines are unbelievable. This is an old colonial mining town that used to produce gold and silver. The mines are closed now, but it’s well preserved and there are tours which are very interesting.

**Where were you born and raised?**

I was born in Guanajuato in central Mexico, but mostly grew up in Ciudad Constitución, Baja California Sur. The place I was born is very rural and agricultural with lots of farms and rolling green hills. It’s a beautiful place where food is made minutes before eating and in old-fashioned stoves. Where I grew up was much more arid, but also had many farms with regional crops as it’s in the agricultural center of Baja California Sur, known as Santo Domingo Valley. I still visit both places because I have family in both.

**What are your hobbies?**

Hiking and enjoying the sea. I always like to hike with my brother-in-law because he’s the more experienced and knows the trails well. We usually go to Boca de la Sierra or around the ranches in San José.

**Tell us more about your family. With whom do you spend your time off?**

I have my mom, my three siblings, and my son. I spend most of my time off with my son, he’s my biggest treasure. He’s 19 years old, and we usually go to the movies or the beach, or wherever he decides!





*Resort News*

## New Spa Room at Club Regina Cancun

Club Regina Cancun has a new Spa Room! Now in addition to getting a massage treatment in your room or outdoors in the pool area, guests can get pampered in the privacy of our new boutique Spa Room.



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*Spa*

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- **Pro Tip 2:** Maximize your Points by traveling during lower demand dates. Lake Tahoe in late April boasts less crowds and warming temperatures compared to the summer months. Or consider checking in on Monday through Thursday instead of the typical Friday, Saturday, or Sunday.

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