

## First Impression of Monterrey – Mexico's Most Modern City?

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Monterrey, Monterrey, what is up Monterrey?

You know, they told me about the mountains.

They told me there'd be mountains.

They told me about carne asada.

I know you guys love eating meat up here but they didn't warn me that it would be this windy.

I just got out of the car and got blown away by this gust of wind.

Maybe you guys can tell me, is it windy all the time or did I just get a crazy day?

Anyway, if you guys can even hear me over that wind, I'm here at a place called Faccio Santa Lucia which is a beautiful walking path next to a beautifully colored, I was gonna say river, but it's not really a river.

I guess it's like a stream or a canal, whatever it is, it's pretty cool, I mean **take a look at this thing.**

But you know what guys?

This is a pretty exciting day for me because this is my first day in Monterrey.

In fact, it's my first day in all of northern Mexico.

I'm now in the state of Nuevo Leon, which is a new state for me, and I can definitely see some differences between the north of Mexico and the south in the center.

As I've said before the different parts of Mexico are just so different from each other.

Maybe I'll talk about some differences a bit later, but for now I'm just gonna enjoy this walk and see where it takes me.

Okay, but there is one thing I have to mention, one difference that is too funny not to talk about.

On the drive from the airport to where I'm staying I saw something called Tim Hortons and Tim Hortons is a Canadian coffee shop.

I had no idea it was in Mexico.

I've never seen it here before but on this short drive that I took we passed not one not two but three Tim Hortons.

As I walked through this fountain, oh my god, my camera's covered in water.

The fountains, in the fountains in Monterrey, just have no chill apparently, but yeah, as I was saying, I saw three Tim Hortons.

I tried to get a cell phone picture of them but they went by so quickly, but yeah, unexpectedly seeing a Canadian coffee shop in Monterrey definitely made this Canadian smile.

Also making me smile is the weather today.

Now that, that crazy wind is slowed down.

The sun is out and it's just a beautiful day, so as I walk out of the patio and up to the ground level I'm surrounded by some pretty awesome looking buildings.

This monster behind me is the museum, what is it, Museo de Historia Mexicana?

It's a big museum because there's a lot of Mexican history to learn about, that is for sure.

So this is probably a good time to point out one obvious difference between Monterrey and some of the other cities I've visited, which is that Monterrey is a very modern place.

I haven't seen as many of those like colonial town squares and stuff that you see in cities like Puebla or Querétaro or even, you know, Guadalajara but what you do have in Monterrey is you have a lot of industry, a lot of new big buildings.

I know some people might not want to hear this but it's a more Americanized City.

It's more like the United States.

That doesn't mean it doesn't have a distinct Mexican flavor, it does, but generally speaking the further south you go in Mexico the more traditional and indigenous it gets and the further north you get the more industrial and the more modernized.

I think that's fair to say.

Right there's a nice little food festival or something behind me.

Que rico!

Here we go.

I just talked to a couple people at that little farmers market todo en espanol, yo hablo solo una espanol por el Camas a Shawn.

I was very proud of myself to only speak Spanish and yeah they were explaining a little bit about where I am and what I should see.

This here is the governor's palace in front of me.

I don't know if it's like closed.

There's like a bunch of security people behind me, so I won't get too close with my camera, just cuz sometimes when you see a lot of police you don't know, should I be here? cuz - because

I don't know but it's a very nice looking building.

Wow! Look at that stretch, stretch limousine in front of us!

Obviously, there's some people with quite a bit of money in Monterrey.

What's going on over here?

There's a little, a little wrestling ring.

Okay, the next wrestling match is going to be Dan from the new travel against Greg from the kinetic cannons. Dan is short for Daniel. Greg is short for Gregory.

I hope you see this Greg, start training!

What a beautiful city!

You know, I feel like some of these buildings that I'm quickly passing by, like this one, Teatro de la ciudad, I could probably make a whole video about, but there's just so much to see down here, as you know.

This is just a first impressions video so if it looks like I don't know too much about the places I'm walking by, it's because I don't.

This is my first time down here so I'm just here to share this experience with you guys.

But I did learn one interesting thing about Monterrey and about northern Mexico in general, is that a lot of the culture that people typically think of as being Mexican comes from places like Monterrey.

It comes from the north of Mexico, for example the cowboy hats, foods like burritos which you don't get in the south of Mexico, but are very popular and very delicious, muy rico in Nuevo Leon, you know they're all from this region.

And because it's so close to the US border that that's what a lot of people think of as being Mexican, but as I've tried to show through my video series there's many different sides to this country.

Anyway guys I'm gonna end the video here.

There's so much more I could show you down in Monterrey but I have something exciting coming up tonight so I need to save some energy.

I'm going to go see los Tigres.

So that is gonna be another exciting video for you guys, but yeah, for now, I just want to leave you guys with one final thought.

This is something that I found pretty interesting.

As most of you know, I just came from Guadalajara and when I was in Guadalajara, I told a friend of mine, Uriel that I was going to Monterrey and he said, oh that's so exciting because he likes Monterrey more than his city, Guadalajara.

And now that I'm in Monterrey, I talked to someone from Monterrey who says they like Guadalajara more than their city, Monterrey.

So, you know, when you look at Mexico, you look at the old Mexico, you look at the New Mexico, sometimes it's easy to feel like another city has everything but your city doesn't have as much.

But I think it's true, what they say, that the grass is always greener on the other side of the fence and from my experience traveling through this country, it's not worth debating what city is the best, what city is the most beautiful because they all have a lot to offer.

My first impression of Monterrey is that it's a really beautiful place.

I encourage you to visit and yeah, hope you guys enjoyed this video stay tuned for more coming very soon.

As always guys I'm Dan from the new travel, I'll see you next time.