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Mosey around Mexico City with our handy map, helping you get to grips with the key areas covered in this guide.

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From eating out to hopping in a taxi, here are some of the basics for navigating the city's streets and sights.

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Mexico City is a complicated place, which is largely why we love it. In this chapter, Monocle family and friends impart their passion for various elements of the city, helping to paint a detailed picture of what life here is really like.

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