

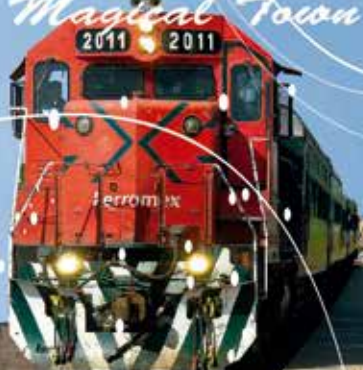


**EL FUERTE**

**PUEBLO MÁGICO**

*Magical Town*

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# WILL TAKE YOUR BREATH AWAY EL FUERTE

El Fuerte is located in the State of Sinaloa's Northwest, with impressive natural, historical, architectural and cultural attractions, and Yoreme Indian traditions.

This Colonial city is considered the most beautiful in Sinaloa, founded in 1564 by Spanish Captain Francisco De Ibarra. Its name comes from the "Fort Building" during the Colonial or Viceroyalty Period of Don Juan Mendoza y Luna, Marqués of Montes claros.

The City's charming style invokes the Colonial Period with its majestic buildings, such as its City Hall, The Arms Square with its attractive Gazabo, the Casa de la Cultura, The Sagrado Corazón de Jesús [Sacred Heart of Jesus] Church, the House of Congress, and the Orrantia Mansion, among others.



## EL FUERTE – MIRADOR MUSEUM

It's nothing less than a huge quarry and stone structure located on the banks of the Río Fuerte, which has become a symbol of this region's cultural development.

It crowns the hill by the name of La Pila, and is a vestige of a Colonial-era prison that occupied this hill during the 17th Century. There you'll find this community's historic exhibit. It also has an impressive lookout point with a panoramic view of this Pueblo Mágico.

## SAGRADO CORAZÓN DE JESÚS CHURCH

It was built in 1854. Its thick stone walls lack any adornments, exhibiting an austere architectural style, broken only by the fine reliefs that decorate its rounded arch framing the main entrance. Perforated with slender openings of pointed arches, the tower draws attention to its pointed peak, which contrasts with the rest of the building's simple lines.

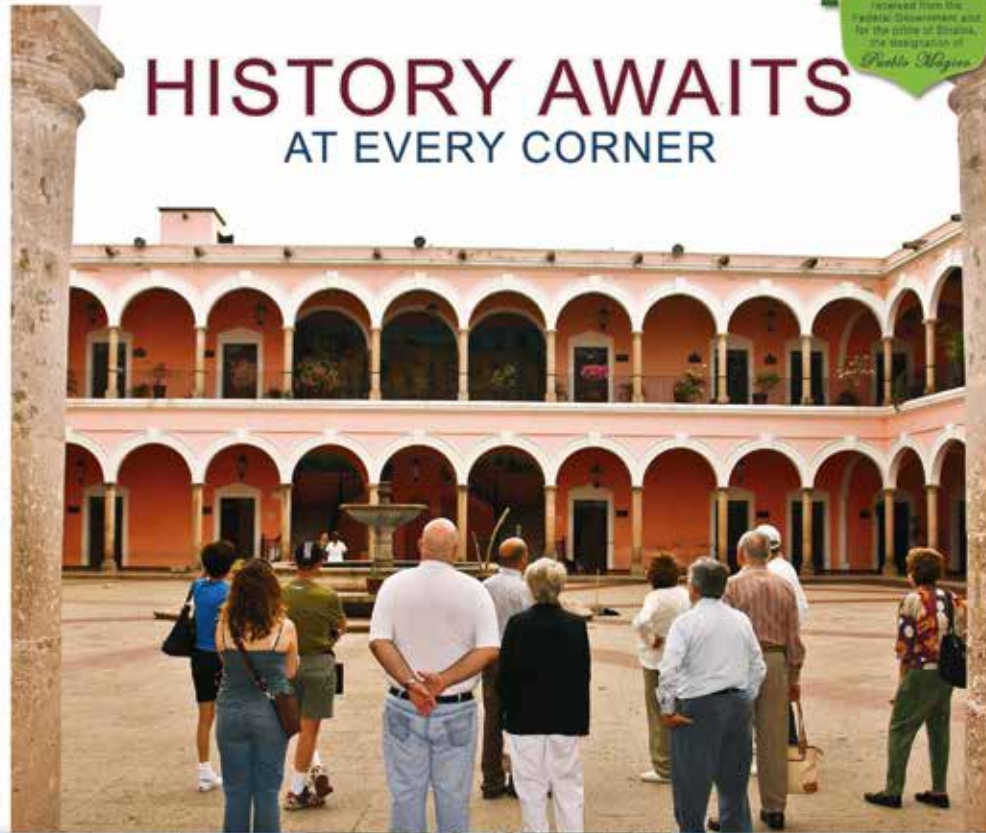
## CASA DE LA CÚPULA / CASA DE LA CULTURA

This is one more jewel of this area. It was built in the 18th Century, once occupied by the Jesuits and later converted into a jail.

It houses a small museum of history and traditions, with archaeological pieces, clothing and tools that belonged to the Mayo people; and a library and art gallery exhibit area, where special cultural performances are held during the evenings.

# HISTORY AWAITS AT EVERY CORNER

On October 8, 2016  
received from the  
Federal Government and  
for the prize of Sinaloa,  
the designation of  
*Pueblo Mágico*



## CITY HALL

City Hall is an iconic, 2-story red-brick building, with its interior arches made out of quarry. It was built in 1903 and was finished in 1907.

Its center courtyard is surrounded by columns and arches, which showcase a mural titled "The Founding of El Fuerte", which illustrates this Municipality's history.

## LA PLAZA DE ARMAS/ PLAZA CONSTITUCIÓN LOS PORTALES

This public square is a gathering place to enjoy Sunday's full of cultural and artistic activities. It is known for its tall palm trees and ornate wrought-iron gazebo. It was built between 1800 and 1850.

The clock tower and the Sagrado Corazón Church with its tower and colonial columns, all make this public square a perfect place to spend a peaceful and relaxing afternoon.

Arched columns are a must in a city as old as El Fuerte. These arches are architectural pieces dating back to the 18th Century, sustained by cylinder and prism-shaped carved-stone columns.



# DELIGHT IN EXQUISITE FLAVORS



## DIVERSITY IN ITS REGIONAL CUISINE

El Fuerte's cuisine is varied, and one in which fresh fish and seafood play an important role in this region's traditional dishes. Not to mention meats and famed corn, among other ingredients that also are a basic part of this region's daily food offering.

Some of the typical dishes of this region are: Cocido, Colachi, Chilorio, Arroz, Machaca, Caldillo, Tacos Dorados, Picadillo, Gorditas, Tostadas, Menudo, Pozole; pineapple, meat, corn, and sweet Tamales; Caldo de Carne and Barbacoa. In the Municipal Capital you'll find now-traditional dishes based on Bass:

dishes based on Bass: Chicharrones, Albóndigas, Callos, and Guacabaquí, Pescado Sarandeado, Breaded or grilled fish fillet, as well as its famous Mariscadas or Seafood Platters, and prawns served to your liking.

The dessert side of its gastronomy offers delicacies that you can't go home without trying, such as peanut Pepitorias, Arroz con Lecherice pudding, Jamoncill o candy, coconut Cocadas, Capirotadabread pudding, cookies called Coricos, turnovers called Coyotas and Empanadas, and Pan de Mujerbread, among others.

# PRE-HISPANIC HISTORY CULTURE, MAGIC AND TRADITION



## EL CERRO DE LA MÁSCARA

Visit El Cerro de la Máscara, an archaeological hill site where over 100 carvings are found among 45 stones, spreading from the hill's base all the way to its peak, that go back between 1000 and 2500 years.

It's located only 3 miles from town. Anyone seeking cultural history will be drawn to this archaeological site.

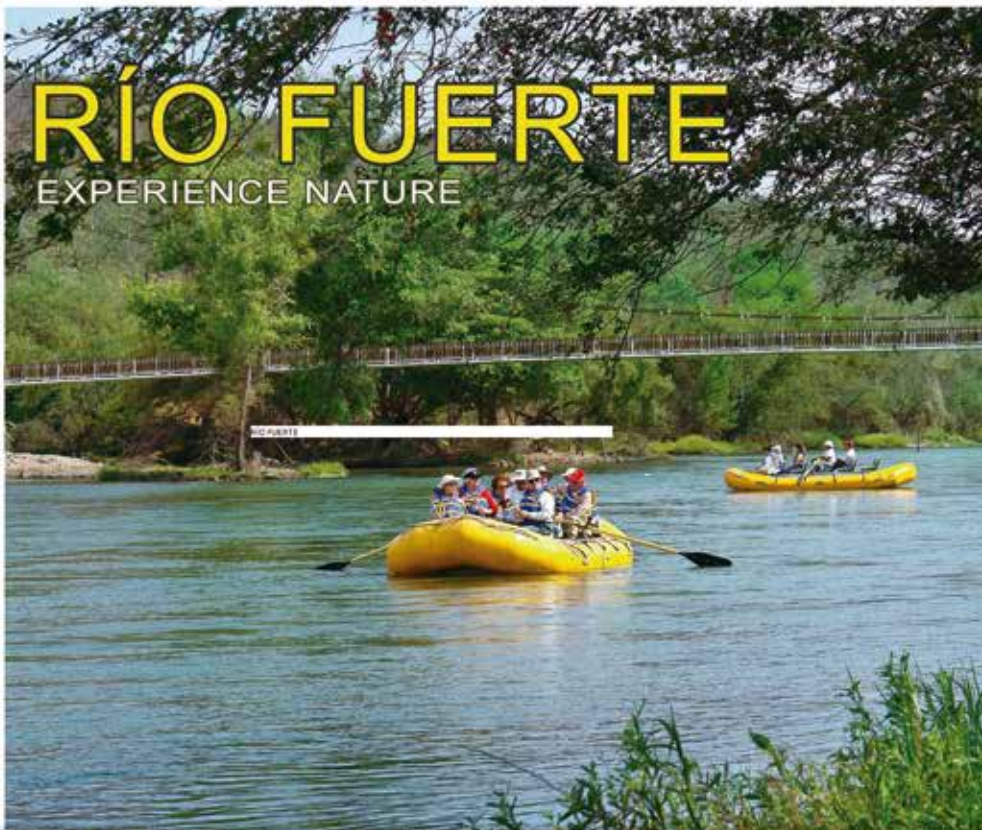
## LOS CAPOMOS VILLAGE MOCHICAHUI VILLAGE

Los Capomos is an Indian village where 61-year-old dancer José Luis Valencia awaits you.

He told us that his grandfather chose him to keep the Mayo Yoreme dance tradition. He told his parents "This Indian is mine," so he started practicing these traditional dances at the age of 8.

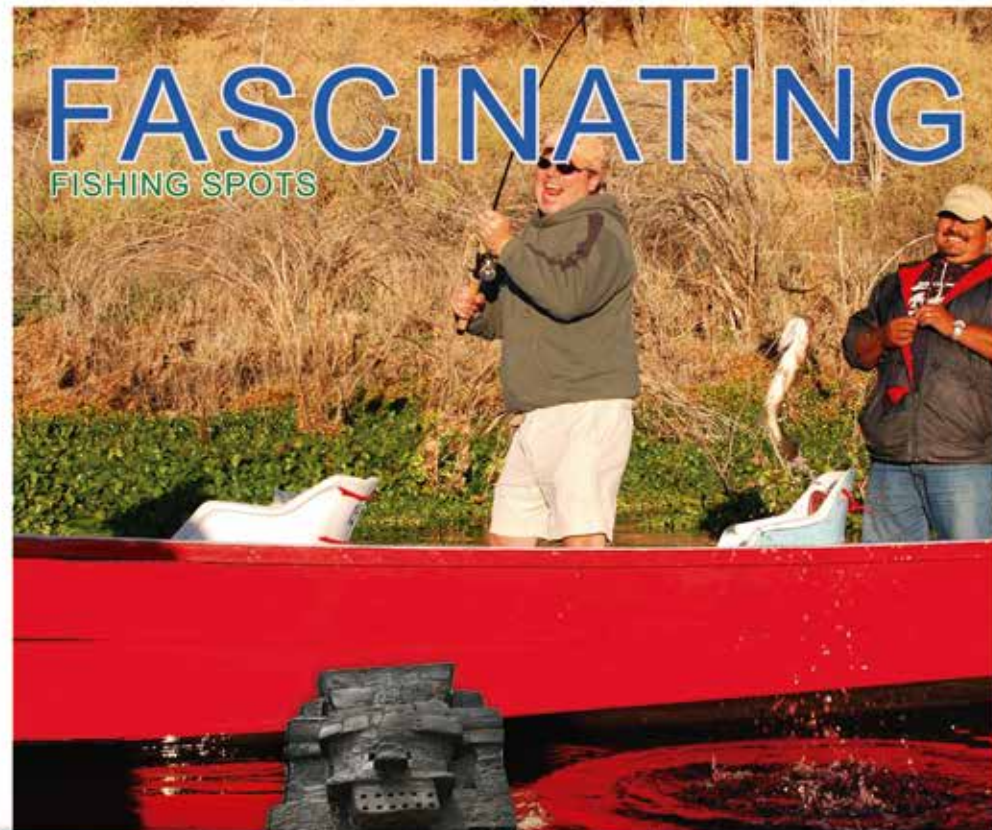
This is a Colonial village dating back to pre-Hispanic times. A Jesuit Mission was built there in 1614, and its remnants still exist in the center of the village. It has 18th Century saint statues made with Tequitqui art, typical of local artists. It is famous for its traditional festivities, due to its Ceremonial Center being one of the largest and most active in Northern Sinaloa.





# RÍO FUERTE

EXPERIENCE NATURE



# FASCINATING

FISHING SPOTS



## JIPAGO HOT SPRINGS

This area, rich in hot springs, is located only 7 miles away from El Fuerte. It's a health-spa retreat located close to the Josefa Ortíz de Domínguez and Miguel Hidalgo dams.

These hot springs reach temperatures of up to 104° F, ideal for relaxing your body and mind, and to get away from life's daily stress, in an exceptional setting.



## EL MALECÓN

Constitución Street takes us directly to the steps where the paved boardwalk, or Malecón, begins, flanked by a beautiful quarry fence and the generous El Fuerte River on your left.

It was built with the support of its natives living both in Sinaloa and in other States where they never forget their roots, and with the sponsorship of the City, State and Federal governments.



## LA GALERA

This is a recreational area on the banks of the El Fuerte River, offering rustic seafood restaurants, walkways for strolling, bar-b-que grills under shady trees, a large parking lot and a suspended bridge crossing over the river, where you can admire its peaceful waters.



## EL FUERTE RIVER

This beautiful Pueblo Mágico was founded on the banks of this river, which begins in the Tarahumara Mountains.

It is the mightiest, fastest-running river in the State, with two dams: Miguel Hidalgo and Josefa Ortíz de Domínguez, where you can fish Black Bass and Prawns.



## MIGUEL HIDALGO DAM

A large water reservoir of great use for agriculture and for generating electric power. It's made up of water from the El Fuerte River that descends from the Sierra Madre Occidental Mountain Range.

Its scenery includes forests where you can go camping or hiking. You can fish for Bass, Catfish and Tilapia, or take a boat ride to visit towns that are settled along its extensive banks.



## JOSEFA ORTÍZ DE DOMINGUEZ DAM

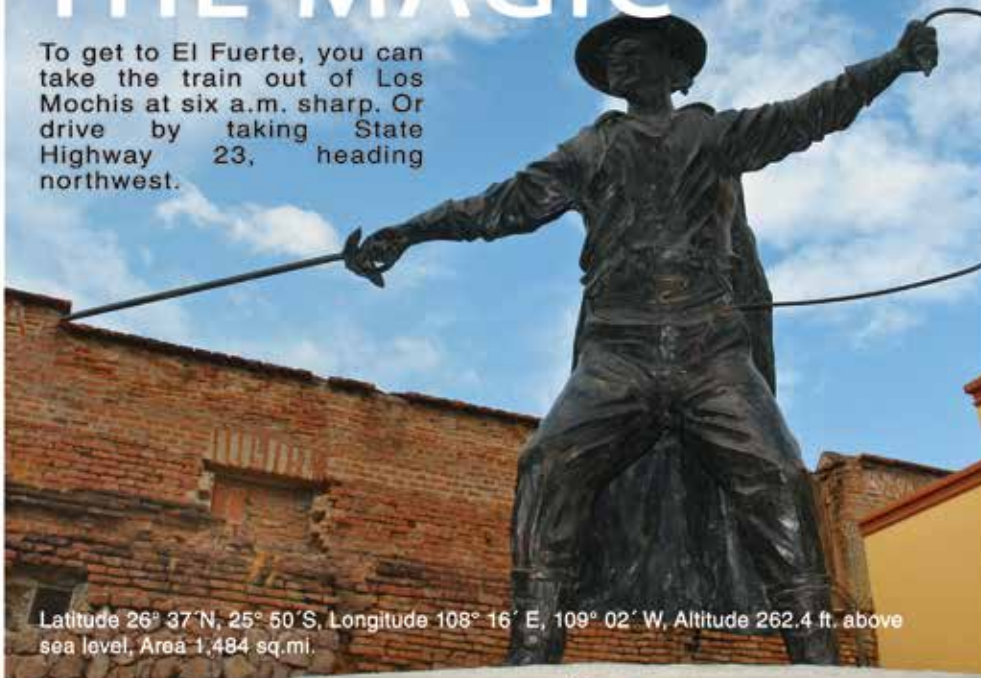
This is where you'll find large Bass specimens, and you can hire a guided boat trip. This body of water has the diverse and ideal structure for finding the perfect fishing spots.

This dam's water comes from the Arroyo de los Álamos stream and the Miguel Hidalgo Dam, to help control its force and to irrigate the El Carrizo Valley.



# HOW TO FIND THE MAGIC

To get to El Fuerte, you can take the train out of Los Mochis at six a.m. sharp. Or drive by taking State Highway 23, heading northwest.



Latitude 26° 37' N, 25° 50' S, Longitude 108° 16' E, 109° 02' W, Altitude 262.4 ft. above sea level, Area 1,484 sq. mi.

# YOUR WINDOW TO ADMIRE THE COPPER CANYON



## CRAFTS

Basketry, furniture, palm fabrics, pottery, woodwork and textiles handicrafts make this town that has one of the richest samples of Sinaloa, highlighting beautiful handicrafts produced mainly by yoremes artisans.

## GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE MUNICIPALITY OF EL FUERTE

CLIMA	Ene	Feb	Mar	Abr	May	Jun	Jul	Ago	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dic
Temperatura Máxima	38.5	38.0	40.0	43.0	45.0	45.5	45.0	44.0	44.0	43.0	41.0	36.0
Temperatura Mínima	-3.5	0.0	0.5	2.0	6.5	10.5	13.0	19.0	15.0	8.0	-1.0	-5.0
Días con Lluvia	2.8	2.0	0.9	0.6	0.6	2.9	13.1	13.5	7.5	2.7	2.0	3.0

PESCA	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dic	Ene	Feb	Mar	Abr	May	Jun	Jul	Ago
Bagre												
Lobina												
Tilapia												

Population (Source: INEGI-2010)  
Total: 97,536  
Men: 49,693  
Women: 47,843

Experience one of the most spectacular trips through the Sierra Tarahumara Mountains, crossing forests, canyons, cliffs, rivers, tunnels and charming villages.

Relax onboard modern, comfortable railroad cars with dining and bar services, and the highest attention to travelers, on the Chihuahua Pacificotrain that's better-known as the "El Chepe" that will take you there 365 days a year.

**PRIMERA (FIRST CLASS) EXPRESS:** Daily departures, all year-around, from Chihuahua to Los Mochis and from Los Mochis to Chihuahua, at 6:00 a.m., local time. It arrives at its final destination at 9:00 p.m.

**CLASE ECONÓMICA (COACH):** 6:00 a.m. local time departures from Chihuahua to Los Mochis on Mondays, Thursdays, and Saturdays; and 6:00a.m. local time departures from Los Mochis to Chihuahua, on Tuesdays, Fridays and Sundays.

### Tourist Stops:

- Los Mochis
- El Fuerte
- Bauichivo
- Posada Barrancas
- Divisadero
- Creel
- Cuauhtémoc
- Chihuahua

### Route:

"Chihuahua-Pacífico"  
Distance in miles from El Fuerte to:

Los Mochis	50
Divisadero, Chih.	135
Creel, Chih.	171
Chihuahua	355

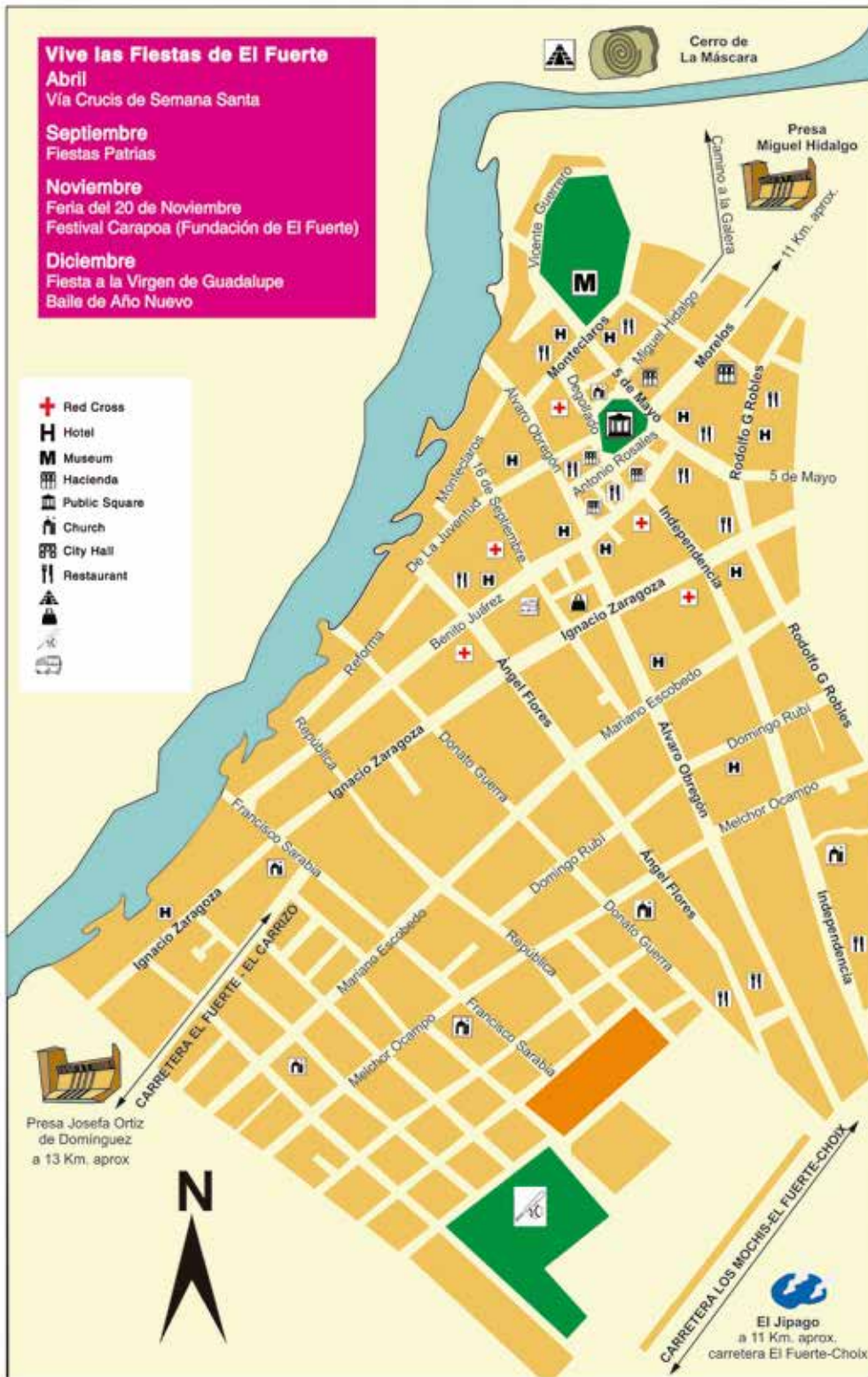
## Vive las Fiestas de El Fuerte

**Abril**  
Vía Crucis de Semana Santa

**Septiembre**  
Fiestas Patrias

**Noviembre**  
Feria del 20 de Noviembre  
Festival Carapoa (Fundación de El Fuerte)

**Diciembre**  
Fiesta a la Virgen de Guadalupe  
Baile de Año Nuevo



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