# Your Guide to Prepare for Gastric sleeve surgery (Sleeve gastrectomy) Trip to Mexico



### **Documents and Visa Requirements**

- Passport valid for at least six months beyond your planned date of departure from Mexico.
- For visa requirements, visit the official website of the Instituto Nacional de Migración (INM) to check based on your country of origin.
- Necessary medical documents include medical history, details of any medication you are currently taking, and any previous surgical procedures.
- Clinics in Mexico will provide diagnostics and tests if you lack certain medical documents, usually including blood tests, EKG, and a preoperative assessment.



### **Accommodation Options**

Clinics in Mexico may offer partnerships with 4\* hotels for patient accommodation, generally not included in the surgery package. Average hotel stay per night ranges from \$50 to \$150. Hospitalization for the surgery is usually included, with stays varying from 1 to 2 days post-surgery.



## **Transfer Services**

- Some clinics offer free airport-clinic-hotel-airport transfers.
- Popular taxi services are available with approximate prices starting from \$20, depending on the distance covered.



### **Interpreter Services**

Interpreter services are available, often at an additional cost. It's advisable to confirm with the clinic beforehand if you require this service and its cost.



### **Payment Methods**

- · Payment options include cash and credit card transactions.
- The local currency is the Mexican Peso (MXN), however, USD and EUR may also be accepted in some places.
- It's recommended to have some local currency for small purchases and incidentals.



### Pre-Op Gastric sleeve surgery (Sleeve gastrectomy) Tips

- Adhere to the pre-operative diet prescribed by your doctor to prepare your body for surgery.
- Stop smoking and avoid alcohol consumption at least two weeks before the surgery to enhance recovery.
- Arrange for someone to accompany you, if possible, for support during your medical journey.
- Discuss all medications you're taking with your surgeon, as some may need to be paused before the surgery.
- Stay hydrated and get plenty of rest before the surgery to maintain good health.
- Prepare comfortable clothing to wear post-surgery and during your stay in Mexico.
- Ensure you understand the post-operative care and dietary restrictions that will follow the surgery.



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