



(Times are based upon the festivities in 2017 and prior years.
Updated information about Día de la Independencia 2018 event
details and performers will be posted as soon as available.)

On the evening of the 15th of September, 2018, the city of Mazatlán will hold a grito celebration at Plazuela de La República in commemoration of the 208th anniversary of Father Hidalgo's proclamation.

Staged under the direction of Instituto de Cultura de Mazatlán, this gala event will culminate with a massive fireworks display and an after-midnight performance by a noted Mexican entertainer.

But the fireworks and the headline concert are just the capstone to an entire evening of stellar entertainment -- all of which is free!

To get to Plaza de La República, just let the spires of the Basilica guide you -- that is precisely where you are going!

6:00 pm - Arrival of the Mexican flag in Plazuela de La República!

6:10 pm - 10:50 pm - An evening of music and dance!

The city of Mazatlan takes great pride in the quality and diversity of talent presented for Dia de la Independencia.

In 2017 the entertainment ranged from Bolero to the avant-garde drumming of Grupo Escal Percusiones, and from dance music to the fantastic professional dancing of Mazatlan-favorites Ballet Folklorico of the Instituto de Cultura de Mazatlán.

10:50 pm - Banda de Guerra and soldiers from III Military Region deliver the flag to Municipal President Fernando Pucheta Sánchez.

11:00 pm - This is the peak moment: the Municipal President moves to the balcony and launches into the oration in honor of the heroes of the War Of Independence. The bell is rung and a dazzling fireworks show -- in 2017 it was designed by Jorge Márquez, architect of the amazing pyro-musical Combate Naval staged annually during Carnaval -- fills the sky above the plaza.

Headline Concert - Your guess is as good as ours as to precisely when the featured entertainer will take the stage, or how long the show will run.

Typically the concert is scheduled for 90 minutes (before encore), so even the formal / official part of the celebration (as opposed to after-parties...) lasts until well after midnight.