

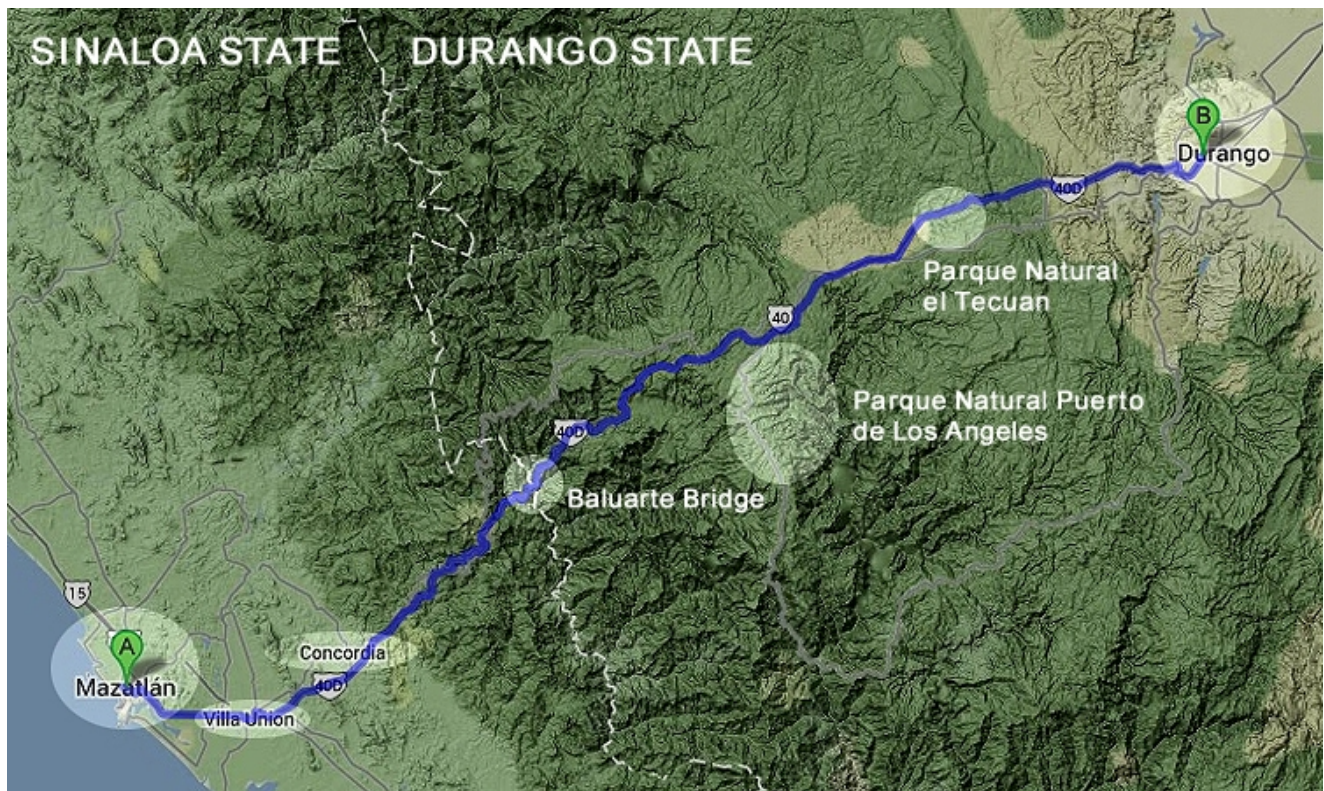
## Map and directions for Mazatlán Sinaloa - Victoria de Durango, Durango State day trip (Approximately 140 miles each way)

Day trips to Durango -- which is located northeast of Mazatlan -- actually begin by heading slightly south on Mexico Federal Highway 15 toward Villa Union.

At Villa Union you turn northeast towards Concordia (on Highway 40) and get on the new Mexico Federal Highway 40D -- unless you want to make a 6 - 8 hour drive exclusively on the old Federal Highway 40!

Once on Federal Highway 40D its pretty much a straight shot to Durango, with the toll portions branching off the old road (which is part of the new route) clearly marked. The only significant town you will encounter between Mazatlan and Durango once you reach the state border is El Salto, Durango State.

Before you get to El Salto you will have traversed the Sierra Madre over an astounding number of bridges -- including the Baluarte Bridge, the world's highest suspension bridge -- and driven through many of the 63 tunnels that are part of this remarkable new highway.



There are four tolls between Mazatlan and Durango, and the total toll charges for the Mazatlan - Durango segment are roughly \$50 (USD). There was some controversy when this high toll structure was announced, and there is talk that the tolls will be reduced in the future.