General Rafael Buelna Aeropuerto Internacional is really not much more than 10 miles from the Mazatlán Centro Historico as the crow flies, but your journey to or from the airport is going to be a bit longer than that.

From locations in Centro or the Golden Zone

From locations in Centro or the Golden Zone the distance to the airport is about 15 miles. From anywhere in Centro or south of the Golden Zone you will basically have to drive north to connect with Mexico Highway 15. You want to get on Highway 15 going south (toward "Tepic") and follow it until you see a clearly marked airport exit to your right, Highway 17.

Once you've turned on to Highway 17 you are about two miles from the airport terminal.

From locations in Nuevo Mazatlan and points further north

From locations in Nuevo Mazatlan and points further north the distance to the airport is considerably over 15 miles. For example: it is over 25 miles from the Riu Hotel (Playa Bruja) to the Mazatlan airport. From most far-north Mazatlan locations it is usually quicker to exit the north end of Nuevo Mazatlan; turn right on Mexico 15D (the Via Libre) and follow the Via Libre until it merges with Mexico 15 going south (toward "Tepic").