

Crossing at Laredo:

If you are planning to cross at Laredo you are on your own. The procedures here are similar to those indicated at the Columbia crossing. See below for road log and map of Laredo taken from a Sanborn's Travelog for the location of the Aduana and Migracion building located between Bridge Number I and Bridge Number II on the Mexico side of the border. It also gives directions to Highway #1 which goes to Bustamante.



Travel Log (based on Sanborn's)

The Laredo-Nuevo Laredo border crossing has two bridges designated Bridge I (old) and Bridge II (new). This log takes you from our Sanborn's office through Laredo's downtown to Bridge I, which tourists going to interior Mexico must use. Allow at least 30 minutes for customs clearing. We suggest you get as much of your paperwork done the day before you plan to travel as possible.

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0.0	Leave Sanborn's Insurance office and proceed south on access road (Santa Ursula) and alongside IH35 Expressway. Careful for stoplights.
1.0	Turn right to get to bridge on any one of three streets (Houston, Hidalgo or Iturbide) for a distance of five blocks, then turn left on Salinas and go south to bridge. If you need to exchange dollars for pesos, exchange houses are located on Frontage Road (you will need pesos to pay for tourist cards).
1.5	Down hill and turn left at dead end and then right and stop at toll house. Pay toll and proceed ahead across Rio Grande. At middle of bridge, you leave U.S. and enter Mexico. Use left lane. You will be asked where you are going; answer is Bustamante and what you have to declare. Sometimes you are asked what is your purpose in visiting, remember to answer: tourist going to recreate at the caves. You must press signal light button. You may be inspected if you get a red light, but usually it is a green light and you are waved on.
0.0	Having crossed Bridge I, take first right and head alongside fence. Careful of heavy traffic on this street.
0.1	Turn right here onto Internacional Blvd., then curve right and head under Bridge I. Aduana located between both bridges by the river. Go into big parking area. Migracion (where you get your tourist card) is first stop on right. Then go to Paisano kiosk where you'll get your car permit. They will direct you to a copy machine. Then go to Banjercito to pay with credit card your fee and get windshield decal for vehicle. Someone will accompany you to apply it. Once you have your permit, return and follow Internacional Blvd which turns into Cesar L. de Lara Blvd. And continue south.
0.6	Pass railroad station at traffic light. Get in left lane then past smokestack by statue of General Lara.
2.5	Gas station on right.
3.5	Come now to impressive monument circle to Founding Fathers of Nuevo Laredo. Bend right and ahead. Careful for traffic merging from left.
4.3	Nice Hacienda Motel, Caesar Palace and Coca-Cola bottling company at right. Further ahead is an equestrian monument to Simon Bolivar (1783-1830), hero of Latin American independence.
5.5	Exit right is to Nuevo Laredo's airport, Columbia bridge and to Piedras Negras. If you are going to Bustamante, you need to turn right here. (Hwy.#1)

