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### [PUERTO VALLARTA MEXICO](#)

Puerto Vallarta is one of the most popular tourist destinations in Mexico. Puerto Vallarta (P.V.) is a seaside paradise situated on beautiful Banderas Bay several hundred miles south of Mazatlan on the Pacific Coast of Mexico. The English translation is Port Vallarta. Vallarta was the last name of a former Governor of the State of Jalisco where Puerto Vallarta is located.



necessary to get a rental car while in Puerto Vallarta unless you want to take some day trips outside the city. The city is serviced by a substantial number of taxis controlled by the taxi drivers union, which sets negotiated rates with the city. The taxis don't use meters but rather charge based on established zones. You're able to determine the cost of a trip in advance and rates within the city are reasonable. Although the official language is Spanish, English is widely spoken. Most cab drivers will understand "how much." Dollars are widely accepted although the official currency is the Mexican Peso. Rental cars are available at major resorts if you wish to take a day trip. As with any major Mexican resort destination, try to arrange shuttle service from the airport in advance with your hotel if it's offered. Vallarta Adventures provides a paid shuttle service that is reasonable.



Banderas Bay has around 40 miles of stunning

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coastline. Three main rivers flow into Banderas Bay (the Ameca, the Pitillal, and the Cuale) as well as various creeks and streams. The area is very lush and includes mountainous jungle. Puerto Vallarta has a tropical rainforest climate with temperatures staying fairly constant throughout the year at close to 80 degrees. The rainy season is in the summer months with August being the wettest. Even during the rainy season it's sunny most days. The area enjoys over 300 sunny days a year and shares the same latitude with Hawaii. November through April is the peak tourist season.

Downtown (Old Vallarta, or Centro) is full of historic buildings, cathedrals, theatres, hundreds of restaurants, bars, shops, and art galleries. The streets are cobblestone giving the town an old world charm and romantic feel. Puerto Vallarta is a mecca for local artists. Many of the fine galleries around town hold cocktail open houses regularly. Along the beachfront in Downtown you'll find The Malecon, a paved walkway running along the beach. The Malecon features a series of beautiful sculptures by popular artists along the walk. The Malecon is a popular place to walk, jog and people watch. It's a very popular place for tourists to take photos. The most notable landmark in downtown is the Parish Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe with its tower visible above the town. The city's main plaza is the Plaza de Armas. Local events and live concerts are regularly held in the plaza and on the stage in front of the arches across the street. You'll find many cultural events and exhibits around Puerto Vallarta. Some of the tequila shops offer fine tequila tasting as well as great bargains.



On the nearby Isla Cuale and around the Cuale River you'll find a few local attractions. The island features various shops, restaurants, a cultural center, a statue of Hollywood director John Huston and the Cuale Archaeological Museum. The island is also famous for the large number of cats that once lived there.

Visitors to Puerto Vallarta often stop by Gringo Gulch by the Cuale River to see actors Elizabeth Taylor and the late Richard Burton's famous home.

From December through March Humpback Whales, along with other species of whales, migrate to Banderas Bay. Whale watching is very popular and attracts many tourist to Puerto Vallarta each year. On these guided boat tours you'll likely also experience wild dolphin, sea lions and other sea life in their



natural habitat. Some of the tours will provide lunch, all beverages (Margaritas) and take you to peaceful coves or private secluded beaches for snorkeling, swimming, sun bathing and other beach activities. Its a great way to spend an afternoon.



If you get the opportunity, be sure to take a tour boat or water taxi out to Las Caletas which was once the private home of Hollywood film director John Huston. Las Caletas is a private secluded beach sanctuary that is only accessible by boat. This tropical hideaway beach is surrounded by jungle and has beautiful orchid gardens. The pristine beach is located on the southern shore of Banderas Bay south of town. Here you can take guided tours, swim, snorkel, relax in a hammock, listen to the waves, and explore the lush gardens or get a massage at the exclusive spa on the hill. A family of very friendly sea lions hang out and play in the water off the beach. Snorkeling with the sea lions is a great experience. Tour operators bring guests here for open water sea lion encounters. There is an evening dinner & dance show offered at Las Caletas. Be sure to make reservations in advance.

If you have always wanted to play with dolphins this is your chance. Swim and interact with playful Pacific Bottlenose Dolphins at the Dolphin Adventure Center. Receive a dolphin kiss and hug or become a dolphin trainer for a day. There are different levels of interaction offered and the center even has a program for young children 3-years and under. This is a great family experience and very educational. The center also has a pool designated for an outstanding once in a life-time sea lion interaction program and offers a day snorkeling or diving with sea lions in Banderas Bay. The state-of-the-art facility is located just north up the coast in Nuevo Vallarta.



Water sports activities are very popular and available around town and in the resort areas. Activities offered includes deep-sea fishing, sailing, diving, jet skiing, waverunners, windsurfing, banana-boat rides, parasailing, whale watching, snorkeling and more. A favorite snorkel spot is the Los Arcos Marine Natural Area located south of downtown. Los Arcos (The Arches) was designated a National Marine Park in 1984 and serves as a protected breeding ground for sea birds. The rock formations are surrounded by fossilized dead coral reefs and abundant sea life. Boats or water taxis will take you out to Los Arcos from the pier. Puerto Vallarta is a great place for the beginner to learn to scuba dive. Instructions are offered at various dive centers on the beach or in the resorts.

If water sports get you tired there are plenty of white sandy beaches to lounge around on. Most of the beaches in the area are calm and safe for swimming. Puerto Vallarta has many beautiful beaches. There are more than 40 beaches in the area. Playa Los Muertos (Dead Men's Beach) is the city's largest beach and is a popular gathering spot for tourist and locals. Its located just south of The Malecon on the south side of



downtown (Old Down Town South or Zona Romantica neighborhood). Here you'll find restaurants, beachfront bars and nightlife. The two rock formations at the South end of the beach are called El Pulpito and Las Pilitas. The landmark seahorse sculpture located on The Malecon was once located on Las Pilitas. Other popular city beaches include: Playa Conchas Chinas (Chinese Shells Beach, located just south of Playa Los Muertos in an upscale neighborhood); Playa Camarones (Shrimp Beach, north of downtown by the Hotel Buenaventura); Playa Olas Altas (High Waves Beach, on the south side of the Cuale River); and, Playa Boca de Tomates (Mouth of Tomatoes, by the mouth of the Ameca River).



There are also a number of excellent beaches outside the city proper. Beaches to the south include: the world famous Mismaloya Beach (where Night of the Iguana was filmed); Playa Gemelas (actually two small crescent shaped beaches); Playa Las Caletas (accessible by water taxi); Playa Las Animas; Playa Quimixto (accessible by water taxi); Playa Majahuitas (accessible by water taxi); and, secluded Playa Yelapa that includes a beach restaurant. Beaches to the north include: the large and active Hotel Zone Beach area; Playa de Oro near the Marina (popular for its water sports activities); Playa Bucerias (a 5-mile stretch of white sand beaches); Playa Cruz de Huanacastle; Playa la Manzanilla; Playa Destiladeras; Playa Pontoque; and, Playa Punta Mita at the north tip of Banderas bay where you'll find the luxurious Four Seasons Punta Mita Resort.

Puerto Vallarta is full of endless activities. There are 7 championship golf courses in the area with designs by Tom Weiskopf and Jack Nicklaus. For the thrill seeker, you can enjoy a Sierra Madre Mountains zip-line canopy tour 90 feet high zipping from tree-top to tree-top. For the late night party person, Puerto Vallarta has some state-of-the-art nightclubs and bars that party into the early morning hours. Other popular activities in the area include: jeep safari rides through the Sierra Madre Mountains and jungle; ATV jungle and bay tours; tours of the Mexican countryside and small remote villages like colonial San Sebastian, Las Palmas and other historic mining towns in the outback; tequila factory tours and tequila tasting; speed boat rides; horseback riding; mule rides; hiking; mountain biking; and, much more.





Other area attractions worth mentioning include the Puerto Vallarta Botanical Gardens, the Puerto Vallarta Zoological Gardens, and the University of Guadalajara's Coastal Center. The Botanical Gardens are located several miles south of Puerto Vallarta and feature a multitude of native plants, agaves, a place for swimming in a river and a restaurant. The Zoological Gardens are located in a lush forest setting and feature approximately 350 animals. The University of Guadalajara's Coastal Center is located north of town and features a Crocodile Farm and a Peter Gray Art Museum.

Many tourists come to Puerto Vallarta just to relax and enjoy the fine beach resorts. The major resort hotels are concentrated in several hotel zones. The hotel zone to the South of downtown is known as Col Zapato (or Zona Romantica). The south shore of Banderas Bay is where you'll find Mismaloya, the small village and beach where the movie Night of the Iguana was filmed. The main Vallarta hotel zone to the north of downtown all the way to Marina Vallarta is known as Olas Altas. Most of your major high-rise resorts are located along this strip. Several resorts are at Marina Vallarta, a 500-slip marina where you will also find restaurants, shops and galleries. Further to the north outside the city limits is the newer resort area of Nuevo Vallarta (New Vallarta) just across the border into the neighbor state of Nayarit. Continuing north, the popular Nayarit Riviera continues to be developed with world-class resorts.



## Dining in Puerto Vallarta

Puerto Vallarta is a dining Mecca of fabulous restaurants reflective of Puerto Vallarta's culinary diversity. You'll find many fine dining choices as well as small hidden casual dining jewels along the cobble stone streets. Here are VoyageMonkey's favorite dining spots.



**The Vista Grill** - The Vista Grill is our favorite for that romantic special occasion. The Vista Grill is perched on a hillside on the south side of Old Puerto Vallarta. The restaurant boasts one of the most spectacular views of the city and Banderas Bay.

Sunset time is the best. The menu features creative New American Cuisine and an impressive wine list. Dishes feature the finest beef, poultry and fresh

seafood creatively accented with regional flavors, and delightfully presented. The dining room is elegant and there are multi-level terraces to enhance the view. The service is outstanding. We highly recommend The Vista Grill for that memorable Puerto Vallarta evening. The Vista Grill is located at 377 Pulpito.

**Cafe Des Artistes** - French trained award winning chef and owner, Thierry Blouet, creates Puerto Vallarta's finest visual master pieces of chic mouth watering delight. Thierry has worked in some of the most prestigious restaurants in the world and brings that experience to Puerto Vallarta. The innovative bistro menu features a selection of artfully displayed entrees and extensive wine list. The roasted duck glazed with quince and ginger is out of this world. The restaurant provides impeccable service and elegant ambiance. The restaurant is elegantly decorated yet warm, with charming garden patio dining available. This restaurant is recommended for the true foodie that appreciates meals that tantalize your taste, smell and visual senses. Cafe Des Artistes is located at Guadalupe Sanchez 740, downtown on a hill overlooking the Malecon.



**Trio** - Trio is one of Puerto Vallarta's most popular restaurants and one of our favorites. This cute Mediterranean bistro is elegant yet casual and inviting. European chef/owners, Bernhard Guth and Ulf Henriksson, fuse their two culinary styles to deliver outstanding Mediterranean Cuisine blended with local fresh ingredients and fine herbs. The menu features fresh seafood, meat & poultry, and home-made pastas. If you want something different try the delicately prepared braised baby goat on grilled Mediterranean vegetable, arugula and ajillo sauce. The extensive wine list includes over 250 selections and the bar drinks are prepared to your taste. The service at Trio is simply outstanding, and friendly. Trio is located downtown at Guerrero 264. features multilevel dining rooms, a full bar, and an open courtyard and fountain

**Barcelona Tapas** - Tapas are traditional Spanish small entree (appetizer) plates that are great for tasting and sharing multiple dishes. United States born Owner and Chef William Carballo was trained in the art of Tapas in Seville, Spain, and now brings these authentic Spanish small entrees to Puerto Vallarta. Tapas menu favorites include Spicy Garlic Shrimp, Angus Beef Brochette, Dates Wrapped with Bacon, and Mediterranean Calamari. The menu also includes "Big Tapa" plates, soups, salads, and traditional Spanish Seafood Paella entrees. The restaurant has an outstanding view overlooking downtown and Banderas Bay. The atmosphere is casual & comfortable and the service is great. The restaurant is very popular with tourists and locals and is always



busy. Barcelona Tapas is an excellent casual dining spot with outstanding food. Barcelona Tapas is located downtown at Matamoros & de Octubre.



**La Palapa Restaurant & Beach Club** - Owned and operated by the same folks that run The Vista Grill, La Palapa is our favorite beachfront dining spot in Puerto Vallarta. Located on Playa Los Muertos in the heart of Downtown's Romantic Zone, La Palapa

offers excellent gourmet food served up in casual elegance. The dining room ambiance is tropical and if you want to dine with your toes in the sand, candlelit tables on the beach lend to the romantic ambiance. La Palapa's award winning chefs blend the freshest seafood, meat and poultry with regional fruits and spices to create innovative and well prepared imaginative dishes. The wine list is impressive and so are the cocktails. The food at La Palapa is the best on the beach and the service is attentive and friendly. La Palapa is located at Pulpito 103, Col. Emiliano Zapata.

**The River Cafe** - The River Cafe is located on La Isla Cuale (Cuale Island) along the banks of the Cuale River in Downtown. The open air ambiance is tropical and the setting is romantic. A river-front



table in their cabana stretching out to the water makes for a wonderful evening. You may see friendly Iguanas climbing in the trees as well as local birds. The delicious gourmet menu of fresh seafood, meat and poultry is innovative and elegantly presented. The menu includes such local favorites as: Grilled Shrimp Brochette with Garlic, served on Tropical Plantain Banana & Roasted Pineapple; and, Pan Roasted Rack of Lamb with Arugula, Stone Ground Polenta served with a Rosemary Reduction Sauce. There is a large selection of tempting appetizers and a well rounded international wine list. There is also an excellent full service bar and live music most evenings. The food at the River Cafe is excellent and the service is exceptional. The River Cafe is located at Isla Rio Cuale #4.



**Kaiser Maximilian** – This Continental European restaurant offers an old world Vienna charm including fine side-walk dining and an elegantly decorated interior. Their contemporary European

fare includes such popular Austrian dishes as Strudel, Wienerschnitzel, and Venison. If Austrian food does not excite you, don't worry, the fine menu offers tasty delights such as seared diver scallops, sautéed shrimp, grilled fish, beef tenderloin, rack of lamb, veal, duck, roasted rabbit and other eclectic European gourmet dishes that are very popular with the pallet. They also serve great desserts like Sacher chocolate cake, crème brulee, along with fine wine, cocktails and rich tasting coffee. The service is very professional, attentive and friendly. Kaiser Maximilian is one of the best restaurants in town. They are located at 380 Olas Altas, one block from the beach in the Romantic Zone, south of the River Cuale.

**Porto Bello** – One of the best restaurants in the Marina Vallarta area is Porto Bello which offers fine Italian food, seafood and steaks. At the same Marina location since 1989, this restaurant is a favorite of tourist and locals alike. Dine indoors in the elegant dining room or on the marina terrace overlooking the boats. On the menu you can find fabulous traditional Italian dishes like carpaccio, antipasto, seafood linguine, ossobuco veal, sautéed, seared and grilled fresh fish, charcoal grilled prime rib, tender steaks and other Italian and continental fare. Porto Bello boasts an extensive international wine list, cocktails and spectacular desserts. The service is top notch and the ambiance is relaxing yet elegant indoors and outdoors. Located at Marina Sol L-7, this is one of the best and oldest restaurants at the Marina Vallarta.



**Daiquiri Dick's** – On the beach at the popular Playa Los Muertos, Daiquiri Dick's serves a fusion of international food with Mexican, Mediterranean and Asian influences while overlooking the beach and Banderas Bay. The restaurant serves nicely presented dishes featuring fresh local seafood, poultry, tender pork and beef, as well as homemade breads, fresh local fruit and excellent desserts. On the menu you'll find fare like lemongrass gazpacho soup, Asian chicken salad, grilled mahi mahi with Thai curry sauce, grilled prawns in a mole marinade, Mediterranean chicken wrapped in prosciutto, as well as local shrimp tacos and pasta. An international wine list accompanies the food well, and there is a full-service bar that serves Daiquiris. The terrace and patio setting is casual, yet elegant and comfortable. You can't beat this beach location, the food is very tasty and the service is always professional and courteous. Daiquiri Dick's is located at 314 Olas Altas south of the River Cuale.

**El Arrayan** – Just a few blocks off the Malecon at 344 Allende in downtown Puerto Vallarta, you'll come across one of the most authentic traditional Mexican restaurants in Puerto Vallarta. The food focuses on regional traditional Mexican cuisine, like the Jalisco region and Guadalajara, bringing you authentic and traditional recipes using only the highest quality ingredients. The ambiance is casual and friendly with festive Mexican furniture and art and a central open air patio with a small Arrayan Tree. The menu offers fine delights such as fish Veracruz, duck carnitas, slowly cooked leg of lamb in spices, succulent pork cooked in banana leaves with plantains and black beans, and mole Pablano chicken. They feature fabulous appetizers, desserts, wine and cocktails. Although the restaurant is not fancy or luxurious, the atmosphere is nice, the service is excellent, the food is super delicious and the prices are reasonable.







**Mariscos Tino's** - For a great seafood meal in a casual festive setting we recommend Mariscos Tino's in downtown near the Malecon. Tino's is recommended by the locals who frequent this family owned restaurant for its fresh seafood, good drinks and friendly attentive service. You can't go wrong

eating where the locals eat. We recommend the seafood platter for two. It includes grilled fish, lobster, crab, shrimp, calamari, octopus, all grilled to perfection with herbs, garlic & butter, served with vegetables, rice & beans (reasonably priced). The tasteful decor is festive Mexican with bright colored table cloths. You can dine on the lovely outdoor terrace overlooking Hidalgo Park and enjoy the action on the street below. Mariscos Tino's is located on the second floor of the Mall Vallarta Center at Paseo Diaz Ordaz 920, next to Parque Hidalgo.

**La Dolce Vita** - This casual Italian bistro is situated directly across from the Malecon overlooking Banderas Bay. It's authentic Italian with a Mexican flare. Locals and tourists love this place. The decor and ambiance is warm and the restaurant is always busy. You can dine upstairs and enjoy an awesome sunset while dining on really good food. La Dolce Vita serves traditional Italian food using fresh local meats, poultry, seafood, herbs & spices. In addition to traditional Italian gourmet entrees like Veal Saltimbocca and Chicken Cacciatori, the menu includes home-made pastas, soups & salads and delicious gourmet pizzas. The restaurant has friendly and prompt service, the portions are good, and the prices reasonable. La Dolce Vita is located at Diaz Ordaz 674.



**Archie's Wok** – If you are looking for the best Asian food in Puerto Vallarta, look no further than Archie's Wok located at 130 Francisca Rodriguez in the Romantic Zone a block from the beach and pier. Archie, the former personal chef of

Hollywood film director John Huston, established this Asian fusion restaurant in 1986, featuring a combination of Thai, Filipino and Chinese cuisine. The dining room is decorated very nicely, white table cloths, Asian décor and a nice little bar in the corner. The menu includes innovative items such as Asian gazpacho, spicy shrimp & coconut soup, Thai rice noodles, Sizzling fish in banana leaves, curried chicken simmered in coconut milk, spicy Cambodian beef, and ginger stir fried vegetables. The desserts are also very tasty. The service is friendly, efficient and attentive. The prices are moderate. If you get tired of Mexican food and are looking for a taste of Asia, Archie's Wok is the long running choice of the locals.

**Opequimar Yacht Club** – The restaurant at the Opequimar Yacht Club (Azzul Marino Cocina del



Mar & Terraza Bar & Grill) is a highly unknown gem that serves great traditional Mexican cuisine, fresh seafood and meats while overlooking the marina. The yacht club restaurant is open to the public and is a convenient place for breakfast for those staying in the Marina Vallarta area. The yacht club is located directly across from the Westin Puerto Vallarta Resort & Spa. Simply tell the guard at the gate you are eating at the restaurant and you are in. They offer dining room or outdoor terrace dining. The food is delicious high quality, visually aesthetic, and is not expensive. The service is welcoming, friendly and warm. Since this restaurant is not widely promoted, you can enjoy a very quiet meal or cocktail in a marina setting.



**Las Casitas** – Located on the beach at the Casamagna Marriott Resort at Marina Vallarta, Las Casitas offers contemporary gourmet Mexican and continental cuisine, seafood, specialty grilled steaks & meats, fresh salads and pasta, all with a Mexican twist from award winning Chef Fred Ruiz. You'll find a fusion of continental and traditional Mexican ingredients with distinctive flavors. The menu includes items such as lobster tacos, pan seared sea bass, shrimp rigatoni and seafood linguini, Black Angus rib-eye steak, grilled mahi mahi and grilled salmon. The desserts are delicious and include a special bread pudding with rum raisin ice cream. The wine list accompanies the menu well and they offer great cocktails and a full service bar. The open air beach ambiance is trendy, the décor is enjoyable, and the great service is friendly and personal. It's the perfect place for a sunset dinner in the Marina Vallarta area.

If you are a fan of **Sunday Champagne Brunch**, **The Sheraton Baganvilias Resort** has one of the most popular brunches in Puerto Vallarta. Held under the resort's giant palapa, the brunch includes fresh seafood, sushi, carving stations, omlet bar, desserts, live music, an excellent view of the beach & bay and much more.

## Recommended Hotels in Puerto Vallarta



**Four Seasons Punta Mita Resort** - The 5-Star Four Seasons Punta Mita Resort is located at Punta Mita about 25 miles north of Puerto Vallarta proper. The Four Seasons provides an unrivalled Mexican vacation experience. The beautiful tile-roofed Mexican-style resort sits on the spectacular pacific coast along pristine white sand beaches. The 3-story resort includes 173 guest rooms and suites (30 suites). Standard rooms are a spacious 645 square-feet and suites range up to 13,300 square-feet. The rooms are lavishly appointed and include most state-of-the-art modern amenities. The luxurious Apuane Spa offers a full range of treatments including outdoor spa treatments on the beach or poolside. The resort features two Jack Nicklaus signature golf courses, five pools, a lazy river pool, children's pool, four tennis courts, private pool cabanas, a 5,500 square-foot fitness center, several fine dining restaurants, lounges and bars. This resort offers pure

Mexican luxury at its best. Room rates are expensive but keep an eye out for occasional deals.

**Marriott Casa Magna Puerto Vallarta Resort & Spa** - The 4-Star Marriott Casa Magna is located at Avenida Paseo De La Marina 5 Puerto Vallarta (Marina Vallarta area). The resort is located on the beach just 10-minutes from downtown. The 9-story resort has 433 guest rooms, including 29 suites.



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Standard rooms feature contemporary Spanish-style decor and include private balconies, individual climate controls, cable/satellite TVs with in-room movies, water purification systems, in-room safes and stocked mini-bars. The resort features a 22,000 square-foot spa, pool with swim-up bar, beach club, tennis, three restaurants, a deli, two bars and 24-hour room service. Other services include babysitting, children's club, beach lounge chairs & beach umbrellas, car rental desk, fitness center, golf reservations, activities desk, business center and concierge service. The resort offers great service and a convenient Marina Vallarta location with good access to restaurants, shops and golf. Vacation packages are offered regularly on [VoyageMonkey.com](http://VoyageMonkey.com).



**Westin Resort & Spa Puerto Vallarta** - The 4-Star Westin Resort & Spa sits on 21 lush tropical beach front acres in the Marina Vallarta area at Paseo De La Marina SN Puerto Vallarta. The 14-story resort features 280 finely appointed guestrooms all with

Westin's signature heavenly pillow top beds, ocean views, private balconies and modern amenities. The property includes four pools surrounded by hundreds of palm trees and gardens. The resort offers two onsite restaurants four lounges and a world-class spa. Guest can enjoy a relaxing oceanfront spa treatment and get pampered while listening to the surf. Other amenities include a fitness center, tennis courts, shops, kids club, car rental desk, and golf privileges at the Marina Vallarta Championship Golf Course. The Marina Vallarta shops, galleries and restaurants are located directly across the street. This resort offers great service and an excellent Marina Vallarta location.

**Fiesta Americana Puerto Vallarta** - The 4-Star Fiesta Americana is located in the main Hotel Zone two miles north of downtown on Boulevard Francisco Medino. The beachfront resort sits on a stretch of beach known as Playa Los Tules. The grounds are well-manicured lush tropical gardens, waterfalls and ponds. The 9-story resort features 291 guest rooms well appointed with modern amenities and private balcony. Resort amenities include large ocean front pool, volleyball & basketball courts, tennis and a gym. You'll find three restaurants, three bars as well as room service. Other amenities include a business center, car rental desk, WI-FI throughout the property, gift shop, and tour desk. The resort offers an all-inclusive option that includes buffet breakfast, lunch, dinner, select domestic brand liquor, beer & wine, soft drinks, complimentary use of the gym, and children 12 years of age and under stay for free when accompanied by their parents (kids eat of a kids club menu). Great resort, friendly staff, clean, good location and flexible all-inclusive option. Great for kids.





**Villa Premiere Hotel & Spa** - The 4-Star Villa Premiere is located oceanfront in the heart of the hotel zone known as Zona Romantica (Calle San Salvador 117, Puerto Vallarta). This is a unique boutique style hotel with exceptional service and a great location, walking distance to downtown. The resort is decorated with Mexican tile work, wrought iron and murals for a traditional Mexican ambiance. The 7-story 83 guest room resort is adults only and offers both all-inclusive or room only rates. Guests are greeted with a glass of champagne, a cold towel and a 5-minute neck & hand massage. The guest rooms and suites have private balconies and all modern amenities. Resort amenities include two pools, swim up bar, poolside lounge area, full service spa & fitness room, steam rooms, saunas, Jacuzzi, boutique, beauty salon, business center, travel agency and 24-hour room service. The resort offers several fine & casual dining options and bars. The all-inclusive package includes a la carte breakfast, lunch and dinner, unlimited drinks and mini-bar, access to the spa and non-motorized water sports. This resort is great for adults seeking a more intimate boutique style resort that aims to please. Their next door sister resort, **The Buena Vista**, welcomes children and is accessible by guests of Villa Premier.

**Dreams Puerto Vallarta Resort & Spa** - The 4-Star all-inclusive Dreams Resort and Spa is located 5 miles south of town in Mismaloya at Playa Las Estacas S N Puerto Vallarta. The resort sits on a beautiful secluded white sand beach nestled up against the Sierra Madre Mountains. The 11-story resort features 337 guestrooms with marble floors, satellite TVs, room safe, bath & shower, internet access, mini-bar and other amenities. The resort includes three pools and Jacuzzis, full service spa & salon and fitness center. The all-inclusive rate covers all meals at your choice of several restaurants, unlimited premium & domestic drinks served at your choice of four bars, including a swim up pool bar, snacks, soft drinks, kids club, all entertainment, tennis, non-motorized water sports, and other daily activities. The resort also offers 24-hour room service, shopping, tour assistance and laundry services for an additional fee. The resort is not luxurious, new and fresh. This resort is a good choice for those who enjoy the all-inclusive experience and plan on sipping some Margaritas.



**Grand Velas Riviera Nayarit (All Inclusive)** – On the beach 10 minutes away from the Puerto Vallarta Airport, you'll find the Grand Velas located in the most exclusive development in Nuevo Vallarta. The Grand Velas is the only 5-star rated all-inclusive resort in the Puerto Vallarta area. The resort features 267 elegant suites all with full modern amenities, private terraces and ocean views. The resort features a grand ocean front infinity edge pool and jacuzzi's, tennis, world class spa and fitness center, meeting facilities, 3 fine dining restaurants, 2 casual restaurants and 24 hours suite service. The resort bars feature premium brand liquor as part of the all-inclusive plan. The resort also includes a gift shop, beauty salon, business center and babysitting service. The resort is pet friendly (there is no quarantine period for bringing your furry friend into or out of Mexico). The service at the resort is friendly,

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