



Puerto Vallarta

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Puerto Vallarta pairs the architecture of colonial Mexico with the flair of its modern, beach resort city persona. Located in the gorgeous Bay of Banderas, Puerto Vallarta is both a tropical and cultural epicenter. Luxury cruises make it a frequent stop along their vacation routes, for the sandy beaches seem quite endless. Art lovers will find a paradise in Puerto Vallarta as well, for the city holds its own with numerous neighborhoods and districts dedicated to creative expression.



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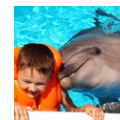
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THE CITY



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Puerto Vallarta was for a long time inhabited by indigenous groups until the Spaniards came in 1524. But what caused the city to really "boom" in 1964 was the movie "Night of the Iguana," starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. Puerto Vallarta, being the setting for this film, consequently appealed to the rich and famous. Tourism started blossoming in the 1970's when the city put a lot of effort into tourist infrastructure. Ever since, the once quiet town only belonged to the past.

Having so much to offer, it is not strange that people flock to Puerto Vallarta. The charming city has something for everyone; lovers, friends, family, and backpackers. Here you can really enjoy yourself and relax in a hub of culture, food, beaches, and nature.

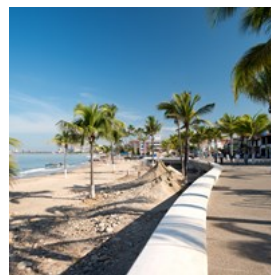
DO & SEE



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Puerto Vallarta is just as great for a relaxing holiday as an adventurous one. The Bay of Banderas has a 60 kilometer long coastline filled with secluded beaches, great for water sports, swimming with dolphins and lazy days on the beach. If you turn your head towards land you are facing the majestic Sierra Madre Mountains, a fantastic area for zip line tours and other daring sports. Wandering the cobbled streets of Puerto Vallarta you will be absorbed by art, food, drinks and friendly people. The diversity of things to do and see in Puerto Vallarta will keep you busy for a long, long time.

Puerto Vallarta Boardwalk - Malecon



Twenty blocks long, this one-mile boardwalk along the oceanfront is called Malecon. It is truly picturesque and a "must-walk" so make sure to bring your camera. Stroll along the water among cafés, shops, and the beautiful signature Puerto Vallarta sculptures.

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Address: El Malecon, Puerto Vallarta

Bay of Banderas



Bay of Banderas has approximately a 60 kilometers long coastline filled with beautiful beaches and activities.

The bay starts off in the north with Punta de Mita and ends on the south side at Cabo Corrientes. You will definitely not have a problem finding your favorite spot here since there are so many great places to choose from.

Photo: Ferenz/Shutterstock.com

Address: Bay of Banderas, Puerto Vallarta

Aquaventuras Park



Claimed to be one of Puerto Vallarta's main tourist attractions, the Aquaventuras Park offers a day full of action. Here you can find animals, water slides, dolphins, playgrounds and much more. They are even allowing you to interact with the dolphins, petting, swimming and dancing with them. For the kids, there are "The Little Water World - Children's Area" and "Lazy River" and plenty of shows to attend.

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Address: Carretera a Tepic Kilómetro 155, Nuevo Vallarta, Nayarit

Opening hours: Daily 10am-5pm

Phone: +52 322 226 9202

Internet: www.aquaventuras.com

More Info: Nuevo Vallarta Bahía Banderas Nayarit, México CP 63732

Zona Romantica (Old Town)



When in Puerto Vallarta you will certainly come across the so-called Zona Romantica the Old Town. In this popular neighborhood, you will be able to experience what Mexico is all about; charm, food, and lovely people. Make sure you do not miss the gorgeous sunset.

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Address: Zona Romantica, Puerto Vallarta

Internet:

www.puertovallarta.net/what_to_do/romantic_zone.php

Las Caletas



This secluded beach area is one of Puerto Vallarta's most popular hideaways. You will find Las Caletas on the southern shores of Bay of Banderas and it can only be reached by boat. Here you can enjoy different activities like snorkeling and kayaking.

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Address: Las Caletas, Puerto Vallarta

Teatro Vallarta



If you feel like exploring your cultural side, you can visit Teatro Vallarta which is housed in a modern building and has a seat capacity of 900.

Here you can sit down in a comfortable seat and just relax while watching one of the quality shows like ballet, theater, or opera. The theater draws performers from all over Mexico and abroad, so check the calendar what is going on.

Photo: maratr/Shutterstock.com

Address: Uruguay 184, 5 de Diciembre, Puerto Vallarta

Phone: +52 322 222 4525

Internet: www.teatrovallarta.com

Email: info@teatrovallarta.com

Sailfish & Marlin International Tournament



Every year several fishermen are drawn to Puerto Vallarta for the Sailfish & Marlin International Tournament. Join in

yourself or watch the hunt for catching the big fish. At this tournament you will for sure find some great fish and make some new friends. Check the date on the site below.

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Address: Calle Hamburgo 145, Col. Versalles C.P., Puerto Vallarta

Phone: +52 322 225 5467

Internet: www.fishvallarta.com

Email: info@clubdepesca.org.mx

Plaza Principal



Plaza Principal, also called El Jardin Principal, is the main square of Puerto Vallarta. This place is a wonderful oasis in the center of the city

and often hosts events and concerts. Also, great place where to just sit down and watch people strolling by.

Photo: Diego Grandi/Shutterstock.com

Address: Plaza Principal, Puerto Vallarta

Old Town Vallarta



The arty Old Town in Puerto Vallarta is full of beautiful cobbled streets. Here you can wander among cafés, vendors and knick-knacks in the daytime and go to one of the many bars and restaurants in the evening.

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Address: Morelos 484, Puerto Vallarta

Our Lady of Guadalupe Church



Our Lady of Guadalupe Church stands proudly as the main focal point on Puerto Vallarta's skyline. This is one of the city's most beautiful landmarks

and well worth a visit due to its historical and spiritual ambiance. Step inside and take your time to explore the interior inside, the stained glass, statues and the religious artifacts are all on display.

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Address: Calle Hidalgo 370, Puerto Vallarta

Phone: +52 322 222 1326

Internet: parroquiadeguadalupevallarta.com

Sierra Madre Adventure



Puerto Vallarta is located near The Sierra Madre Mountains, which offer a wide range of adventurous activities.

Explore an area full of waterfalls, canyons, snow-covered mountains and tropical forests with the experienced staff from Vallarta Adventures.

If you want to get an adrenaline rush, then do the zip-lining and fly like a bird through the rainforest while enjoying the amazing scenery.

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Address: Paseo de Las Palmas 39A, Puerto Vallarta

Phone: +52 322 226 8413

Internet: www.vallarta-adventures.com/tours/off-road

Email: info@vallarta-adventures.com

Las Marietas Islands



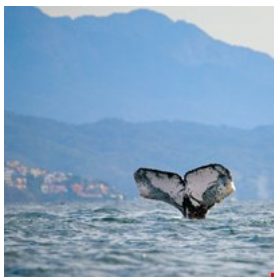
Located close to the mainland, the Marietas Islands are definitely worth a visit if you like scuba diving. You can go here by boat to explore the wonderful reefs and exotic fish, turtles and dolphins. During winter months, you can even see humpback whales in the bay.

Photo: miguelnaranjo/Shutterstock.com

Address: Las Marietas Islands, Puerto Vallarta

Internet: www.vallarta-adventures.com/tours/las-marietas-eco-discovery

Outdoor Adventures



Whether you are looking for an outdoor adventure like a waterslide or a thrill up the mountains, you are sure to find it in and around Puerto Vallarta. This is the ultimate area for trying something completely different like thrilling zip lines, swimming with dolphins, whale watching or sea safari.

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Address: Calle Mastil Local 13-C, Puerto Vallarta

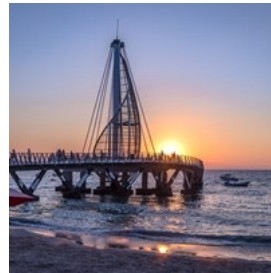
Phone: +52 322 297 1212

Internet: www.vallarta-adventures.com

Email: info@vallarta-adventures.com

More Info: Marina Vallarta

Los Muertos Pier



Like most places in Mexico, the Los Muertos Pier is colorful and full of fun. This romantic pier teems with people and will take your breath away both day and night. In the evenings, the pier lights up and changes colors throughout the night, making it a beautiful sight to look at.

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Address: F. Rodriguez, Puerto Vallarta

El Faro Lighthouse



If you want to visit one of Puerto Vallarta's most romantic spots, you should go to El Faro Lighthouse. In the top of the lighthouse there is a bar, perfect for having cocktails while watching the beautiful sunset.

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Address: Timón Paseo de la Marina 245, Puerto Vallarta

Opening hours: Daily 6pm - 1:30am

More Info: Marina Vallarta

DINING



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Being known as a fine dining destination, Puerto Vallarta and its many restaurants will bring you a lot of tasty dishes to the table. Here you will find a great variety of food and prices vary just as much. Choose between the “catch of the day”, genuine Mexican food or snacks from one of the many food stands on the streets. Small places, called fondas and cenadurías, serve great Mexican food. Whether you are looking for something small, a meal on the beach or a romantic dinner while overlooking the ocean, Puerto Vallarta has everything to satisfy your taste buds each day.

Archie's Wok



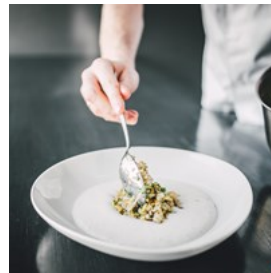
If you are craving a scrumptious Asian meal you can get one at Archie's Wok. The attentive staff serves fresh and beautifully

presented food in a cozy ambiance. Choose between a wide range of dishes like spicy shrimp and coconut soap, or why not try beef in Chinese black bean and tamarind sauce?

Photo: Ryzhkov Photography/Shutterstock.com
Address: Francisca Rodriguez 130, Puerto Vallarta
Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 2pm-11pm
Phone: +52 322 222 0411
Internet: archieswok.com

More Info: Emiliano Zapata

Bravos Restaurant Bar

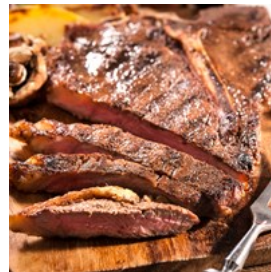


Bravos Restaurant has it all: elegant and cosmopolitan atmosphere, wonderful service, excellent food as well as unexpected

flavors and combinations that entice you to try something new. The kitchen offers International cuisine, dishes like braised lamb, shrimp and asparagus risotto and chicken parmesan.

Photo: Aleksandrs Muiznieks/Shutterstock.com
Address: Calle Francisco, Madero 263, Puerto Vallarta
Opening hours: Tuesday - Sunday 5pm - 11pm
Phone: +52 322 222 0339
Internet: www.bravospv.com
More Info: Emiliano Zapata

Layla's Restaurant



Fantastic food and a spectacular city lights view will give you a magical and unforgettable experience at this family run

establishment. The chef was trained in New York and has years of experience working in international restaurants. From the menu you can pick pasta, enchiladas and different meat and fish dishes.

Photo: Alexander Raths/Shutterstock.com
Address: Venezuela 137, 5 de Diciembre, Puerto Vallarta
Phone: +52 322 222 2436
Internet: www.laylasrestaurante.com.mx/english
Email: info@laylasrestaurante.com

Café des Artistes



Café des Artistes is second to none where you can relish contemporary French-Mexican cuisine. Been in business for over 27 years and still going

strong with its haute cuisine. At this romantic venue the menu never stays the same as the selection of dishes is updated frequently by guest master chefs.

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Address: Guadalupe Sanchez 740, Puerto Vallarta

Phone: +52 322 226 7200

Internet: www.cafedesartistes.com/es

Email: info@cafedesartistes.com

More Info: Col. Centro

Pancho's Takos



Popular restaurant among locals and tourists due to its freshly made, tasty tacos and authentic Margaritas. Here you can get traditional tacos and

quesadillas for a reasonable price. On the weekends, be prepared to wait for a table due to the line, but it will be worth the wait!

Photo: Playa del Carmen/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Basilio Badillo 162, Puerto Vallarta

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 6pm - 2pm

Phone: +52 322 222 1693

Internet: pachostakos.restaurantwebexperts.com

More Info: Emiliano Zapata

La Palapa



Beautifully set by the beach, Playa Los Muertos, La Palapa serves first-class tropical Mexican cuisine in a relaxed and calm

atmosphere. The skillful chef prepares the food with fresh local ingredients and successfully fuses Mexican, Asian, and French elements. Perfect spot to have a romantic sunset dinner.

Photo: Rawpixel.com/Shutterstock.com

Address: 105-3 Pulpito, Puerto Vallarta

Opening hours: Sunday - Saturday 8:30pm - 11:30pm

Phone: +52 322 222 5225

Internet: www.lapalapapv.com

Email: info@lapalapapv.com

More Info: Playa Los Muertos

Bistro Teresa



This small and cozy restaurant has an ideal location overlooking the bay. Bistro Teresa is very popular and offers various dishes like

seafood and traditional Mexican food. Chef Marisol Flories only uses the finest hand selected ingredients to create dishes with the perfect balance of flavors and texture and beautifully presents it on the plate.

Photo: Kzenon/Shutterstock.com

Address: Zaragoza 160, Puerto Vallarta

Phone: +52 322 113 0281

Internet: www.bistroteresa.com

Email: bistroteresa@gmail.com

More Info: Colonia Centro, Malecon, Centro, Proyecto escola

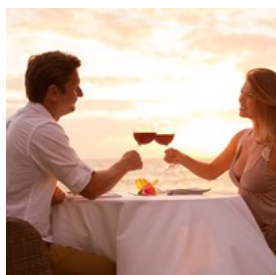
Restaurante Barcelona Tapas



At Barcelona Tapas you can enjoy various tapas like cheese, meat, seafood, and chicken for a reasonable price. On the menu you will also find paella, a good dish to share with family and friends. The restaurant is located on a hill and is therefore perfect for having dinner while watching the stunning sunset.

Photo: Lapina Maria/Shutterstock.com
Address: Calle Matamoros 906, Puerto Vallarta
Phone: +52 322 222 0510
Internet: www.barcelonatapas.net
Email: info@barcelonatapas.net

El Dorado



When dining at El Dorado you will have a spectacular view over the Banderas Bay. The kitchen offers Mexican cuisine made with local ingredients and with a modern touch. Coming here you can expect a culinary experience and great service. Perfect when looking for a romantic dinner on the beach.

Photo: EpicStockMedia/Shutterstock.com
Address: Pulpito 102, Puerto Vallarta
Opening hours: Daily 5:30pm-11:30pm
Phone: +52 322 222 3570
Internet: www.eldoradopvr.com
Email: info@vistagrill.com

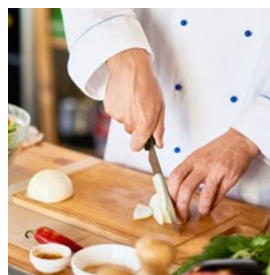
Café de Olla



In a great atmosphere you can enjoy a wide range of dishes like Mexican platters, hamburgers, BBQ ribs and enchiladas. Café de Olla is highly recommended by its customers and offers impeccable service. Try the spicy salsa accompanied with a margarita.

Photo: nadianb/Shutterstock.com
Address: Basilio Badillo 168, Puerto Vallarta
Opening hours: Closed on Tuesday
Phone: +52 322 223 1626
More Info: Emiliano Zapata

Daiquiri Dick's



In a relaxed atmosphere you can enjoy an innovative menu that combines Mediterranean-Mexican cuisine with subtle Asian influences. This is a great place to bring your family and friends for breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The gorgeous views over the ocean and the attentive staff only enhance the dining experience.

Photo: SeventyFour/Shutterstock.com
Address: Olas Altas 314, Puerto Vallarta
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 9am - 11pm
Phone: +52 322 222 0566
Internet: www.daiquiridicks.com
Email: daiquiridicks@gmail.com
More Info: Emiliano Zapata

CAFÉS



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It is easy to find a good cup of coffee, like cappuccino, in Puerto Vallarta and the majority of cafés can be found in the Old Town. Mexico is known for producing high-quality coffee beans and the Mexicans themselves drink about half of it. When in Puerto Vallarta you should try a unique, popular type of coffee called “café de olla,” sweetened coffee with cinnamon and cloves.

Dee's Coffee Company



Dee's Coffee Company offers award-winning coffees and delicious sweets like pastries, cookies and muffins. Take a break when touring and rest your legs while having a scone or a bagel accompanied by a good cup of strong coffee.

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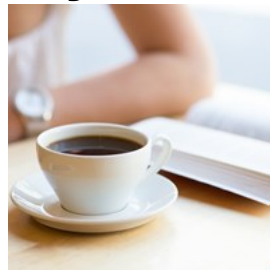
Address: Calle Francisca Rodríguez 111 y 117, Puerto Vallarta

Opening hours: Daily 7am-10:30pm

Phone: +52 322 222 1197

More Info: Emiliano Zapata

A Page In The Sun



The friendly A Page in the Sun does not only offer coffees and light snacks, but also a bookstore. This is the perfect place for people watching and reading a book while having an organically grown coffee and a homemade pastry. On the menu you will also find food such as salads, soups, tortillas and sandwiches.

Photo: Kjetil Kolbjornsrud/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lázaro Cárdenas 179, Puerto Vallarta

Phone: +52 322 222 3608

Internet: www.apageinthesun.com

Email: hola@apageinthesun.com

More Info: Emiliano Zapata

Coffee Cup-Marina



Opens early in the morning, Coffee Cup-Marina is located in the Marina and is packed with pastries and light fare to pair with their coffee. They serve also breakfast bagels every day, wraps, deli sandwiches and beverages like frappes and smoothies. If you have a particularly sweet tooth, then you may choose Oreo cookie bits or the frosting-topped carrot cake.

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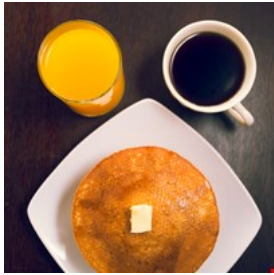
Address: Paseo de la Marina local 14-A, Puerto Vallarta

Opening hours: Daily 6am-10pm

Phone: +52 322 221 2517

More Info: Marina Vallarta

River Cafe



The River Cafe offers a wide range of national and International cuisine elaborated with first class ingredients. The sophisticated flavor

complements a full list of the best Mexican and foreign wines, as well as an assortment of exciting beverages. They serve breakfast, lunch, dinner and desserts.

Photo: Fotos593/Shutterstock.com

Address: Isla Río Cuale 4, Puerto Vallarta

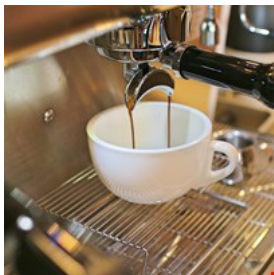
Opening hours: Monday - Sunday 8am - 11:30pm

Phone: +52 322 223 0788

Internet: www.rivercafe.com.mx/en

Email: info@rivercafe.com.mx

Kubli's



The quirky Kubli's is always a hit among the locals and visitors. Enjoy a selection of breakfast fare, coffee beverages, espresso, and more. Also

serving lunch, dinner and dessert, the menu offers everything from salads, hamburgers, pastas, to sweet crepes, waffles and much more.

Photo: KYEONGWON PARK/Shutterstock.com

Address: Francisco Villa 1320, Puerto Vallarta

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 8am - 11:30pm

Phone: +52 322 293 2108

Internet: www.kublis.wixsite.com/kublis

Email: kublis@kublis.com.mx

More Info: Las Aralias

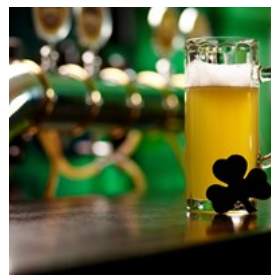
BARS & NIGHTLIFE



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Puerto Vallarta is a city that never sleeps. Here you will find low-key hangouts, ritzy clubs, and sports bars. The so-called restaurant-lounges are very popular here, combining dining and dancing. Mandala is the most famous restaurant-lounge and a real hot spot in Puerto Vallarta. Most of the dancing, drinking, and bustling club scene can be found downtown and along the Malecon. You will not be bored in Puerto Vallarta.

Murphy's Irish Pub



At this Irish pub you can enjoy great food, sports and music. Murphy's Irish Pub has live music on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays and is located

on the Malecon. Relax on the outside terrace with a cold beer and admiring the beautiful ocean view.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Morelos 484, Puerto Vallarta

Opening hours: Tuesday, Friday and Saturday 11pm-Closing

Phone: +52 322 113 0373

Internet: <https://www.facebook.com/Murphys-Irish-Pub-168533349851828/>

More Info: Centro

Bar Morelos Mezcaleria



In the modern and chic atmosphere of Bar Morelos you can enjoy excellent tequila and mezcal (agave-based Mexican liquor). The live band enhance the vibrant atmosphere and the music is always entertaining. A popular hang out to socialize and meet new friends.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com
Address: Morelos 589, Puerto Vallarta
Phone: +52 322 237 4524
Internet: www.facebook.com/BarMorelosPuertoVallarta
More Info: Centro

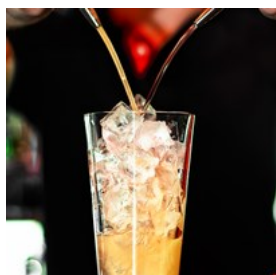
Andale's Restaurant & Bar



Andale's has never lost its charm of the "Zona Romantica". Andale's can best be described as an eclectic mix of loud music, a crowded dance floor, smiling people and a donkey. If the hunger kicks in, then pick a yummy Mexican dish complemented with an ice-cold margarita.

Photo: Sean Locke Photography/Shutterstock.com
Address: Calle Olas Altas 425, Puerto Vallarta
Opening hours: Daily 7.30am - 3am
Phone: +52 322 222 1054
Internet: www.andales.com
More Info: Emiliano Zapata

Bar La Playa



At the adorable Bar La Playa the passion for cocktails is perceptible. They use only the freshest fruits, herbs and spices to create unusual cocktails served in a very creative and unique

way. When here, try the jalapeño margarita!

Photo: bogdanhoda/Shutterstock.com
Address: Lázaro Cárdenas 179, Puerto Vallarta
Opening hours: Monday - Saturday 12pm - 11.59pm, Sunday closed
Phone: +52 322 100 2272
Email: barlaplayapv@gmail.com
More Info: Emiliano Zapata

Twisted Palms Rooftop Lounge



Twisted Palms serves delicious martinis in a comfortable lounge rooftop atmosphere. Later in the night the lounge is transformed into a movie theatre showing classic films. Here they serve drinks at reasonable price, drinks such as Mojitos...cold and very refreshing.

Photo: Igor Normann/Shutterstock.com
Address: Ignacio L. Vallarta 228, Puerto Vallarta
Opening hours: Thursday - Tuesday 4pm - 12pm
Phone: +52 322 223 8019
More Info: Emiliano Zapata

Mandala



One of the coolest clubs in Puerto Vallarta, full of mystery and glamour, the stylish Mandala draws a cosmopolitan crowd. With an oriental atmosphere this is the place everyone goes for an unforgettable, first-class night out with good fun and great drinks.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com
Address: Morelos 633, Puerto Vallarta
Opening hours: Daily 6pm - 6am
Phone: +52 322 223 0966
Internet: www.mandaladisco.com
More Info: Centro

La Palapa Restaurant



La Palapa Restaurant is the perfect place for gatherings, dinner, or romantic date, after dinner cocktails. Enjoy some live music that is featured every night from 8-11pm while sipping a creative drink made with fresh fruit or just relax under the star with your toes in the sand and listen to the ocean waves.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: Pulpito 105-3, Puerto Vallarta

Phone: +52 322 222 5225

Internet: www.lapalapapv.com/site/palapa-bar

More Info: Emiliano Zapata

Que?Pasa Bar & Grill



Que?Pasa is Vallarta's locals' bar and restaurant where tourists and natives mingle together and simply hang out. Enjoy great "gringo" food, beverages and local entertainment. Local and international talents playing regularly on the stage to enhance the lively atmosphere.

Photo: Africa Studio/Shutterstock.com

Address: 625 Aquiles Serdan, Puerto Vallarta

Opening hours: Daily 10am-2am

Phone: +1 322 223 4006

Internet: www.quepasavallarta.com

Email: qpmlh@hotmail.com

SHOPPING



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Shopping in Puerto Vallarta is fun. The city is mostly famous for its art and silver jeweler, a real joy for everyone interested in handicrafts. The area around Old Town Vallarta, downtown and the Malecon is where to do most of your shopping.

Paradise Plaza Shopping Center



In the most comprehensive plaza north of Marina Vallarta, shoppers find themselves in ecstasy at Paradise Plaza. There's a food court, grocery store, coffee and juice shops, an Internet café, clothing and handicraft boutiques and a bank.

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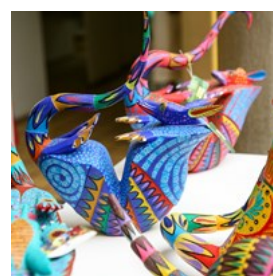
Address: Av. Cocoteros 85 sur, Nuevo Vallarta

Phone: +52 322 226 6770

Internet: www.paradisevillage.com

Email: paradise@paradisevillagegroup.com

Lucy's CuCu Cabaña



Don't miss the gem Lucy's CuCu Cabaña with unique handmade folk-art items, beautifully presented treasures and unusual gift ideas. All items are

carefully selected by the owner while travelling through whole Mexico, so you will for sure find that special gift or souvenir to bring back home.

Photo: Kartinkin77/Shutterstock.com

Address: Basilio Badillo 295, Puerto Vallarta

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 10am - 6pm Saturday 10am-3pm

Phone: +52 322 222 1220

More Info: Emiliano Zapata

Peyote People



Multicolored merchandise made by Peyote People from the mountains can be obtained at their store.

The selection of handcrafted items such as Huichol Indian bead art and yarn paintings are lovely and the staff can tell interesting stories of the culture.

Photo: Alyssa Gunn/Shutterstock.com

Address: Juarez 222, Puerto Vallarta

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 10am - 8pm, Saturday - Sunday 10am - 6pm

Phone: +52 322 222 2302

Mundo de Cristal



As the name suggests, Mundo de Cristal sells beautiful glassware like drinking glasses, bowls, soap dispensers, hot pads tiles and many more in

very colorful designs and layouts. The service is friendly, and the fine products are carefully bubble wrapped for your trip back home.

Photo: mehmetcan/Shutterstock.com

Address: Insurgentes 333, Puerto Vallarta

Phone: +52 322 222 4157

Internet: mundodecristal.com.mx

More Info: Emiliano Zapata

Olas Altas Farmers Market



Open air strolling at the old town farmers market will be an enchanting experience. A large selection of organic foods from the producers, good coffee, hand crafts and art is on offer and you can listen to some traditional music as well. This Market is a must when visiting Puerto Vallarta.

Photo: Martin Szczepaniak/Shutterstock.com

Address: Lázaro Cárdenas Park, Puerto Vallarta

Opening hours: Saturday 9:30am - 2pm

Phone: +52 322 151 0076

El Gato Gordo



Located in the "Old town" or "zona romantica", El Gato Gordo is the place to go to for top brand Cuban cigars, Mexican cigars, accessories, pipes and more. The owner is knowledgeable, nice and informative and can tell lot of stories about Puerto Vallarta.

Photo: Osipovfoto/Shutterstock.com

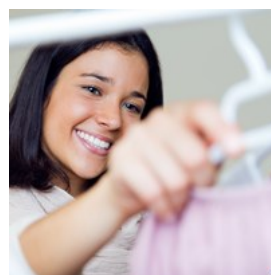
Address: Ignacio L. Vallarta 226, Puerto Vallarta

Opening hours: Monday - Saturday: 10am - 7pm, Sunday: 11am - 4pm

Phone: +52 322 223 5282

More Info: Alta Vista

Plaza Caracol



Plaza Caracol is an indoor air-conditioned mall where you will find everything from fashion stores, banks, fast food restaurants to a supermarket and a movie theater. If you need clothes, accessories, shoes, souvenirs or skin

care head over here and stroll around to find your favorite items.

Photo: nenetus/Shutterstock.com

Address: Av. Francisco Medina Ascencio Km 2.5 s/n Zona hotelera las glorias
Phone: +52 322 224 3239
Internet: www.plazacaracol.mx
Email: contacto@plazacaracol.mx

Plaza Neptuno



Located in Marina Vallarta, this small plaza is home to a number of home furnishing shops, clothing boutiques, and some casual restaurants including spas and beauty clinics. Plaza Neptuno is perfect for those seeking to spend a few hours browsing.

Photo: antoniodiaz/Shutterstock.com

Address: Blvd. Francisco Medina Ascencio, Puerto Vallarta
Phone: +52 322 221 0777
Internet: www.plazaneptuno.com
More Info: Marina Vallarta

Galerías Vallarta



Situated close to the Marina, this impressive Galeria has it all. Find upscale products everything from fashion to accessories, home decor, music, toys and electronics as well as health and beauty products. Besides shopping stores, the mall provides a movie theater, food court and a little kids area.

Photo: Pressmaster/Shutterstock.com

Address: Avenida Francisco Medina Ascencio 2920, Puerto Vallarta
Opening hours: Daily 11am-9pm
Phone: +52 322 209 0923

Internet: www.galerias.com/galeriasvallarta
Email: vallarta@galerias.com

Cassandra Shaw Jewelry

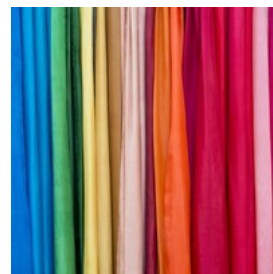


Indulge in one of a kind chunky rings, bracelets and necklaces at the lauded Cassandra Shaw Jewelry. Delicate items of pure silver set with various stones are available as well. Also find a small selection of hats, handbags, tunics and other lovely items.

Photo: Maria Sbytova/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Basilio Badillo 276, Puerto Vallarta
Opening hours: Monday-Saturday 9am-10pm, Sunday 10am-6pm
Phone: +52 322 223 9734
Internet: www.cassandrashaw.com
Email: cassandrapv@gmail.com
More Info: Emiliano Zapata

María de Guadalajara



Find DIY chic apparel and accessories at María de Guadalajara. Choose the colorful, cotton sash of your liking and the tailors will create the perfect article of clothing for you.

Photo: AR Pictures/Shutterstock.com

Address: Morelos 552, Puerto Vallarta
Phone: +52 322 222 2387
Internet: www.mariadeguadalajara.com
More Info: Corner of Morelos 552 and Corona Col.

Gallería Dante



Browse a variety of classical, contemporary and abstract works of art at Gallería Dante. There are realist paintings as well done by local artists.

A great mix of art done by talented artists, you will be tempted to buy at least one painting.

Photo: Karamba Production/Shutterstock.com

Address: Calle Basilio Badillo 269, Puerto Vallarta

Opening hours: Monday - Friday: 10am-5pm, Saturday: 10am-2pm, Sunday: Closed

Phone: +52 322 222 2477

Internet: www.galleriadante.com

Email: galleriadante@gmail.com

More Info: Emiliano Zapata

Xocodiva



Satisfy your sweet tooth and even pamper it with the exquisite truffles and molded chocolates from Xocodiva. This is a classic Canadian chocolatier,

ensuring quality chocolates and other assorted delights. Why not bring some of this handmade chocolate back home as souvenirs to your family and friends!

Photo: Olena Kaminetska/Shutterstock.com

Address: Aquiles Serdan 368, Puerto Vallarta

Opening hours: Wednesday: 10am - 5pm, Friday: 12pm - 7pm

Phone: +52 322 168 1746

TOURIST INFORMATION



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Puerto Vallarta Airport



Puerto Vallarta is a very popular tourist destination and the busy airport handles numerous tourists and passengers every year. The airport is

located approximately 13 kilometers from the city and offers restaurants, shops and other necessary facilities.

To get to Puerto Vallarta from the airport you can order a pre-arranged transfer, go in a taxi, bus or rent a car. Several car rental companies are available at the airport including Hertz and Avis. It is recommended to book a car in advance. Beware that traffic in the Mexican cities can be very hectic, but renting a car could be a good alternative for exploring the surrounding areas. At the airport there are shuttles and transfers to some of the other popular destinations like Cancún, Cabo San Lucas, and Playa del Carmen.

Photo: Juan Garces

Address: Puerto Vallarta International Airport PVR

Internet: puertovallartaairport.com

Passport / Visa



Visa exemption applies to citizens of all EU countries, most countries in the Americas, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, South Korea, and

more. Both tourists and business visitors from these countries may stay in Mexico for up to 180 days. For Russian, Turkish and Ukrainian passport holders, electronic authorisation (SAE) is required, which then grants travellers from these countries the right of a single entry followed by a stay of up to 30 days. Please consult an official source/consulate in your home country for the latest information on visa requirements.

When travelling to Mexico, you will need to fill out a Forma Migratoria Múltiple (FMM), which is essentially a visitor's permit for Mexico. All travellers are encouraged to do so online prior to travel, and present the printed out document upon entering the country.

Photo: TukTukDesign/Shutterstock.com

Internet: www.mexicotouristcard.com

Tourist Tax



Nearly every commercial airline flying into Mexico now includes the Tourism Tax (known as DNI - Derecho No Inmigrante) in the price of each flight

ticket. Request an itemised receipt from your tour agent or airline, where the DNI charge is normally listed, and present it at check-in and/or immigration in order to avoid double payment.

If, however, your airfare does not include this tax, or if you've been travelling by land, the tax

will need to be paid separately. If you're leaving Mexico by air, the easiest way to pay this tax will be at the check-in counter for your departing flight/the airport immigration office. Note that the tax can only be paid in cash, in USD, Mexican pesos or Sterling. The exact fee is subject to change; at the time of writing, it amounts to just under \$30 per person.

If you are departing by land, you are still required to pay this tax, which can also be done at a bank. Note that those arriving by land and departing from Mexico within 7 days are exempt from paying the fee.

The DNI tax is not to be confused with the Mexican Airport Departure Tax, which will be automatically included with any flight ticket purchase, and will also appear on the itemised receipt.

Make sure to hold on to any receipts, slips or documents issued to you by Mexican immigration authorities throughout the entire trip.

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Time Zone



Puerto Vallarta is located in the Central Time zone and all times are reflected in Central time.

Photo: Marek Polakovic

Public Transport



The easiest way to get around Puerto Vallarta is either to walk (short distances) or to catch the local bus or a minivan.

Buses in Puerto Vallarta are cheap, easy to use and generally operate along the coastline. Look for the blue and white buses. Each bus fare is one-time use only and make sure you have the correct change ready for the driver. You will see where the bus is headed in the front window. If you are going back to your hotel, look for a bus with a list of hotels in the front window. If you are unsure where the bus is going, just ask the driver.

Photo: Pierre-Luc Auclair

Taxi



The taxis in Puerto Vallarta are yellow and easy to use. You can either hail them just about anywhere or find them at one of the many

taxi stands. Usually they don't have a lot of cash so you should have small coins as well.

Photo: ArrivalGuides

Post



Mexico's postal service is called Correos de Mexico and the post office buildings are usually pink and white. There are several mailboxes located

throughout the city of Puerto Vallarta where you can mail your postcard.

Main Post Office is located:

Photo: Andy Fuchs

Address: Colombia 1014, Puerto Vallarta

Opening hours: Monday - Friday 8am-5:30pm, Saturday 9am-1pm

Internet: www.gob.mx/correosdemexico

Pharmacy



There are numerous pharmacies around Puerto Vallarta. You can also find pharmacies in new supermarkets. Farmacia Puerto Vallarta:

Photo: Gemma Garner

Address: Manuel M. Dieguez 159-A, Puerto Vallarta

Phone: +52 322 223 9319

Internet: www.farmaciapvr.com

Email: contacto@farmaciapvr.com

Telephone



Country code: +52 Area code: 322

Photo: Jardson Almeida

Electricity



110V, 60 Hz

Photo: Stirling Tschan

Population

256,000

Currency

Mexican peso (MXN) 1 = 100 Centavos

Opening hours

Shops are generally open from 9am-5pm on weekdays and Saturdays. In tourist areas shops and larger malls usually stay open until 8pm. On Sundays shops are open at their own discretion. Banks are open from 9am-3/4pm. In the city some banks stay open a few hours on Saturdays as well.

Newspapers

Vallarta Today
El Faro
La Jornada

Emergency numbers

060 or 066

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