



Switch to hosting



Guidebook for Puerto Vallarta

Food Scene



Andale's Restaurant & Bar

425 Olas Altas

28 locals recommend

Fun entertainment and good food



San Angel Burgers And Tacos

449 Olas Altas

13 locals recommend

Great coffee shop but also the best burgers in Vallarta



La Langosta Loca

Great seafood and great views. Ask to sit upstairs.



Mariscos 8 Tostadas

44 locals recommend

Great seafood restaurant with variety of ceviches.
Then spend some time walking around the marina.



Pancho's Takos

162 Basilio Badillo

75 locals recommend

Best pastor tacos in town!



The Pancake House

289 Basilio Badillo

28 locals recommend

Best breakfast place in town!



Mole de Jovita Vallarta

17 locals recommend

Great spot for mole and other traditional dishes.



Swell Beach Bar

182 Amapas

9 locals recommend

Great spot to have lunch and drinks at the beach.



Mangos Beach Club

13 locals recommend

Great beach club for food and drinks on the north end of the malecon. Quieter than the beach clubs on Playa Los Muertos.



La Palapa Restaurant

105-3 Púlpito

132 locals recommend

Delicious food and views. Celebrating something special? This is the spot. Reserve a table on the beach.



Las Carmelitas Restaurante Bar

8 locals recommend

Absolutely the BEST panoramic view of the Bahia de Banderas. Be sure to arrive at least an hour before sunset. Plan on a 2 hour stay. Pre-arrange pick-up with your taxi or Uber.



A Page In The Sun

179 Lázaro Cárdenas

15 locals recommend

Large "leave-a-book / take-a-book" library, and expat company.



The Coffee Cup

146 Rodolfo Gómez

9 locals recommend



Starbucks Malecón Puerto Vallarta



Lamara

199 Francia

40 locals recommend

Best ceviche spot in all of Vallarta.



Mi Cafe Restaurant & Coffee Shop

505 Calle Francisco I. Madero

7 locals recommend

Great tiny spot for breakfast. Closed Sundays.



Casa Nicole Boutique Hotel

203 Pino Suárez

Casa Nicole has a great restaurant for breakfast. Usually no line, but food is excellent and reasonably priced.



Yeo Sushi & Bar

12 locals recommend

Looking for something other than Mexican Food?
Yeo has fantastic sushi and Japanese cuisine.



Siam Cocina Thai

271 Calle Francisco I. Madero

21 locals recommend

Excellent Thai food. Locations in Old Town and
Fluvial.



Siam Cocina Thai De Los Tules

317 De Los Tules

Great Thai food. Locations in Old Town and Fluvial.



Archie's Wok

130 Francisca Rodríguez

59 locals recommend

Great Chinese fusion restaurant with long history in Puerto Vallarta.



Cha'

167 Hamburgo

Excellent breakfast spot in Versalles



Barrio Bistro

305 España

27 locals recommend

Excellent dining experience in Versalles. Chef comes out and explains the menu. Best rib eye I have ever had.



Sonorita Olas Altas

234 Pino Suárez

6 locals recommend

Great tacos and great alternative to waiting in line at Pancho's Takos.



Natureza Restaurante

27 locals recommend

Great lunch and dinner spot with healthy sandwiches and delicious potato salad.



Restaurante Mykonos Cocina Griega y Mediterránea

199b Francia

Looking for a touch of Mediterranean? Check out this beautiful roof top terrace.

Sightseeing



Le Kliff

34 locals recommend

This is a restaurant and bar under the largest palapa in North America. Great views! I recommend going for a drink and having dinner elsewhere.



Malecon Puerto Vallarta

252 locals recommend

The main boardwalk of Puerto Vallarta. Starts at the end of Olas Altas and continues over the pedestrian bridge and ends at the McDonalds. Be sure to spend Sunday evening between about 7pm and 10pm here when all the locals come out.



Boca de Tomatlan

46 locals recommend

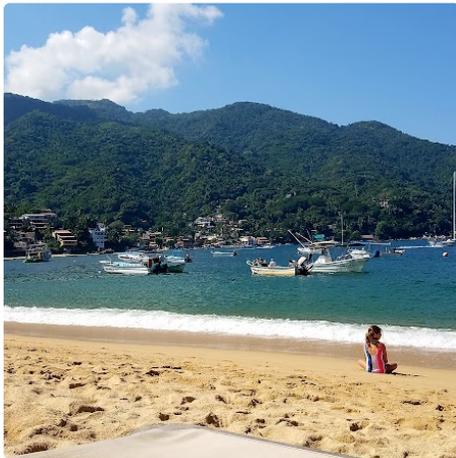
Great little village located at the end of the Orange line (catch in front of Costa Sur). Many great restaurants and small local beach.



Sayulita Playa bungalows

10 locals recommend

This "pueblo magico" is a great day trip to the north. By car it's about a 1 hour drive. To take the bus, catch the orange bus back into town. Then catch the blue bus to Wal-Mart. Then catch the bus to Sayulita. Great little surfing village with many local shops and restaurants and beautiful beach.



Yelapa Beach

37 locals recommend

Yelapa has a very pretty beach and a cute small town only accessible by boat. Take the orange bus AWAY FROM TOWN to the end of the line (Boca de Tamatlan) then catch the water taxi. Get to the water taxi by 9:30am to catch the 10am boat. Be sure while you are there to either hike or rent a horse up to the waterfall.



Mister Tequila

115 Avenida 5 de Mayo

Great place to get a quick history of tequila, see how it's made and sample the product.



Quimixto

Wonderful beach spot only accessible by boat.

Drinks & Nightlife



Reinas Bar

9 locals recommend

Great local gay spot to get your drink on early.



Paco's Ranch

278 Ignacio L. Vallarta

19 locals recommend

Most popular gay night club. Doesn't get busy until after midnight. Drag shows at 12:30 and 3:00am.



Piano Bar & Jazz Garbo

142 Púlpito

26 locals recommend

Mixed crowd with live music nightly.



Mandala Puerto Vallarta

600 Paseo Díaz Ordaz

31 locals recommend

Late night dance club on the Malecon. Most popular spot. Mixed crowd.



Roxy Rock House

217 Ignacio L. Vallarta

17 locals recommend

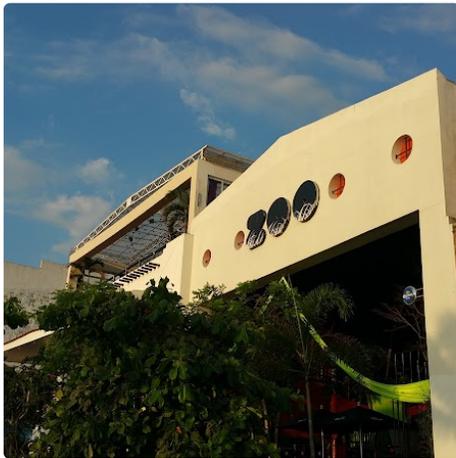
Mixed crowd bar with rock and roll



Strana

36 locals recommend

High end nightclub. Dress up for this one.



Zoo Bar And Dance

630 Paseo Díaz Ordaz

8 locals recommend

Popular dance club on the Malecon



La Bodeguita del Medio

858 Paseo Díaz Ordaz

68 locals recommend

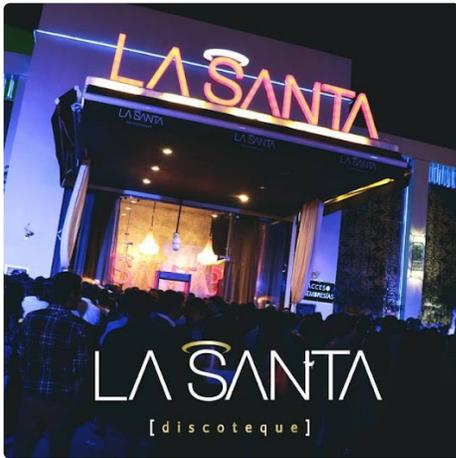
Great re-creation of the Cuban favorite. Often with live music and dancing. Located on the Malecon.



La Vaquita

13 locals recommend

Dress to impress



La Santa

2468 Av. Francisco Medina Ascencio

52 locals recommend

Famous exclusive night club. Dress to impress.



Kinky Karaoke Bar

315A Lázaro Cárdenas

Local favorite for drinks and singing karaoke.



Mr. Flamingo

295 Lázaro Cárdenas

19 locals recommend

Get ready to dance! Fun open air place to dance to the best hits of the 60's, 70's and 80's. Always a fun party.

Shopping



Río Cuale

15 locals recommend

La Isla Rio Cuale is the island located within the river. Lots of local vendors and a few good restaurants and bars.



La Isla

114 locals recommend

Newest mall in PV. Outdoors, high end stores and luxury movie theater.



Galerías Vallarta

2920 Blvd Francisco Medina Ascencio

81 locals recommend

Large indoor shopping mall with theater and casino.

Essentials



Walmart

2900 Blvd Francisco Medina Ascencio

34 locals recommend

Of course



Costco Wholesale

134 Av Fluvial Vallarta

39 locals recommend



Soriana Súper Flamingos

7 locals recommend



Farmacia Guadalajara

21 locals recommend

Similar to a Rite-Aid, has many of the essentials



Hospital Medasist

360 Manuel M. Dieguez

Closest hospital



CMQ Hospital Puerto Vallarta

365 Basilio Badillo

Close hospital



Parish of Our Lady of Guadalupe

370 Miguel Hidalgo

35 locals recommend

Most iconic Catholic Cathedral in Vallarta, known for its crown tower.

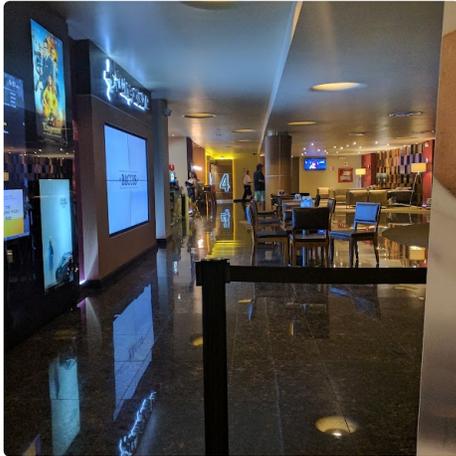


La Comer Fluvial

30 locals recommend

High-end grocery store with full service: bakery, meat, deli and seafood. Also a great selection of gourmet and imported items.

Entertainment & Activities



Cinépolis VIP

2477 Puerto Vallarta Jalisco

8 locals recommend

Luxury seating

Getting Around



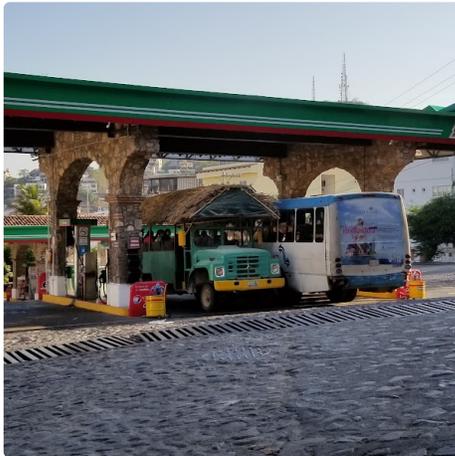
Thrifty Car Rental

DO NOT use this company under any circumstances. They are crooks who will steal your credit card information.



National Car Rental

Book your car rental online for very cheap rates (excluding taxes and insurance). BY LAW, all car rentals have minimum liability insurance as required by Mexican law. Granted, it's very minimal and may not be enough if you cause a major accident. If you pay with your AMEX card, you can decline all other coverages as well, but they will place a hold on your card of about \$3,000 USD. I used my AMEX Platinum which has no spending limit and so it's not a problem. Verify first with your credit card company that their coverage extends to Mexico. Note: the credit card only covers damages to your car and your passengers and does not cover additional liability.



PEMEX

Closest gas station.

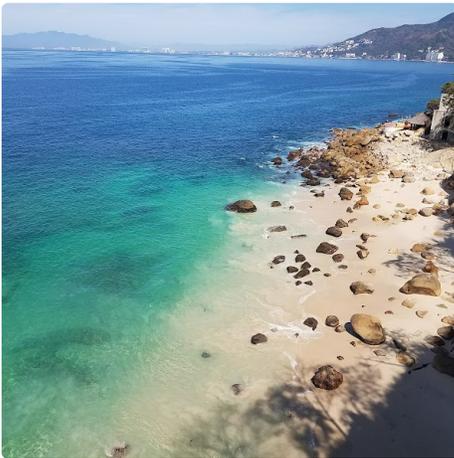
Parks & Nature



Los Muertos Beach

75 locals recommend

Most popular beach in Puerto Vallarta. Many beach clubs available.



Playa Palmares

10 locals recommend

Take the orange bus about 3-4 stops down for this very close but beautiful beach frequented by the locals. Especially popular on Sundays. Be sure to take your towels, food and drinks.



Camarones Beach

11 locals recommend

Beautiful beach in Las Glorias, hotel zone. The beach Casa Blue is situated on.



Marietas Islands

125 locals recommend

A once in a lifetime experience. You will need to pre-arrange this tour as there is very limited availability.

Neighborhoods



Versalles

10 locals recommend

Versalles neighborhood is Vallarta's most "up and coming" neighborhood. Visit and walk the European themed neighborhood and visit the local eateries and cafés.

City/town information



San Francisco, Nayarit

57 locals recommend

San Pancho as it's known to the locals is a cute, bohemian town with a very unique vibe. There is service on the beach, so you can get food and drink with your feet in the sand along with chairs and umbrellas. Check out the local shops and restaurants.



Sayulita

151 locals recommend

Popular town with surfers and hippies. Classified as a Puebla Majico.



San Sebastián

56 locals recommend

About an hour and a half from Puerto Vallarta. Up in the mountains, get out of the humidity for the day!