

PUERTO VALLARTA, JALISCO, MEXICO

This beachfront resort on Mexico's pacific coast is bustling with watersports and bars. A popular LGBT friendly destination, Puerto Vallarta is known for its vibrant nightlife. In the daytime, the old town and El Malecon (beach promenade) are full of life and color

KEY INFO

Currency: Mexican Peso (1 USD = 16.5 MXP)

Population: 221,000

Emergency #: Dial 911

Drinking water: Tap water is **not** drinkable

Time Zone: GMT-6

ID Requirements: Government-issued photo ID

Languages: Spanish, English

Drive on the: Right

Pharmacy: Walmart, MQ46+HR 

Protection: SPF 30+

Wi-Fi: Galerias Vallarta (mall), Bars/Cafes in town 

Post Office: Correos de México Puerto Vallarta 

PORT LOCATION

Cruise ships dock at Puerto Magico, in the Marina. Downtown Puerto Vallarta is about 6km south of the Marina (15-20 minute drive). Opposite the Marina is a shopping center and Walmart supermarket


Getting Around: The easiest way to get into the downtown area (Centro) of Puerto Vallarta is the take one of the many taxis that wait outside the terminal. Alternatively, public buses run along the main road to town.

Taxis: Taxis are plentiful. They are unmetered and drivers tend to charge per passenger. For a full taxi, expect \$6-10USD one-way to downtown from port


Tourist Bus: There is no hop-on hop-off bus in Puerto Vallarta

Smartphone App: Download **Puerto Vallarta Travel** app for [iOS](#) and [Android](#)

Port Facilities: None

Port Address: Blvd. Francisco Medina Ascencio, Zona Hotelera Nte., 48333 Puerto Vallarta, Jal. 

BEACHES NEAR CABO SAN LUCAS

Playa de Oro: closest beach to the Marina. 2.5km from port | 14-minute walk 


Playa Los Tules: long stretch of white sand beach with lots of resorts. 2.5km from port | 22-minute walk 


Camarones Beach: just north of the Centro, this beach is close to the main sites. 5km from port | 15-minute drive 


Los Muertos Beach: good for watersports and beach bars. South of Centro. 8km from port | 25-minute drive 

Conchas Chinas Beach: slightly quieter beach with rock pools just out of town. 9km from port | 30-minute drive 


For more: www.puertovallarta.net, www.vallartainfo.com, www.visitpuertovallarta.com

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FOOD & DRINK



Ostiones Puerto Vallarta "Cachurras": beachfront restaurant serving local seafood, at the south end of El Malecon. 9a-5p (Wed-Sun) | 

Café des Artistes: in the heart of downtown, this fancy local restaurant serves up tasting menus full of meat and vegetarian options. Set to chamber music. 5:30p-12a | 
 www.cafedesartistes.com



Pipis: for some authentic Mexican cuisine in the center of town, this laid-back cantina is the place to go. Enjoy fajitas with the music of a live mariachi band. 1p-10p | 

La Bodeguita del Medio Vallarta: yes, this is Mexico, but that's no reason not to enjoy some delicious Cuban food. Great food, drinks and music. 12p-2a | 
 www.labodeguitadelmedio.com.mx/restaurantes-la-bodeguita-del-medio.html

THINGS TO DO

Parroquia de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe: famous for its crown-capped Renaissance-style tower, this is the main church in Puerto Vallarta. 7:30a-8p (Mon-Fri), 7:30a-9p (Sat-Sun) | Free |  | 

Mirador el Cerro de la Cruz: the Hill of the Cross Viewpoint is a bit of a steep hike, but leads to some amazing panoramic views of the city and bay. 24 hours | Free | 

Arte VallARTA Museo: Local art gallery with a fun collection of local and regional works. 10a-5p (Wed-Mon) | MX\$100 |  | 

Mercado Municipal Río Cuale: a popular local market set in a small, winding park set at the base of downtown. Good for folk art, jewelry, and authentic local street food. 9a-7p | Free | 