

PV MODERNE @ PORTOSANTO

Information

BEFORE YOU ARRIVE

1. Download the WHATSAPP app. It's a cheap way to text or talk locally or internationally. It's also the easiest & fastest way to make contact with our Property Managers.
2. Download the UBER app. It might come in useful, and is lower cost than taxis.

ARRIVING AT PV AIRPORT It's a zoo. Be chill.

1. Be sure to have your Immigration and Customs forms completed while en route. Your local address is: 100 Paseo Las Garzas, #204, Zona Hotelera Norte, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco 48333.
2. The lines for Immigration are long but move quickly. Do not lose your copy of the Immigration Form as you need it at departure.
3. If you have checked bags, there are free trolleys located near baggage carousel 7.
4. Next is Customs. You will be required to tap a button which randomly selects passengers for physical baggage inspection.
5. After Customs is a raucous free-for-all section dedicated mostly to timeshare salesmen. Just say 'no gracias' to whomever approaches you.
6. Thereafter are the various 'authorized' taxi operators. Just choose one. They all seem to charge the same 250 peso (C\$18.50) rate. You will be escorted to a holding area on the sidewalk, where eventually a cab will come. Be patient. The arrival 'challenge' is nearly over, as the ride to PortoSanto takes about 10 minutes. Be generous to your driver, as he has probably waited for over an hour in the taxi holding pen for his turn!!
7. If the taxi driver is unclear as to where 100 Las Garzas is, tell him it's in the Zona Hotelera Norte, near the Krystal Altitude Hotel.

ARRIVAL AT PORTOSANTO

Las Garzas is a heavily cobbled dusty street, so be ready for some bumps in the last stretch of your ride!

Show your passport to the Security Guard in the lobby. He'll give you the keys to unit #204, which is one level up. Use the elevator or short flight of stairs. Turn left for unit #204. There's cold water in the fridge. There are maps on the white shelves.

CONDO WIFI

Search for INFINITUME000_5 or INFINITUME000_2.4 Note that _5 is faster, -2.4 gives a stronger signal. Either way, PASSWORD: fwXa37xm5x

SAFE

Located in the bedroom closet. First test to see that it works as per these instructions, BEFORE placing anything in the Safe.

1. Close the safe door and turn the knob counter-clockwise. The safe is now locked.
2. To open: enter 3121 and # on the keypad. Turn the knob clockwise to open.
3. If all goes as expected, you are ready to use it.
4. In case of emergency, call Gema, the Property Manager. She has a master key.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT

Our property manager is Gema Ramos.

Her responsibility is to ensure that the condo is cleaned and serviced to receive guests. If something needs attention, contact her at +52 1 322 245 1593

PortoSanto also has a Building Manager, Maria Fernanda, whose office is in the lobby. Contact her for water, power, gas issues, as she has a full-time Maintenance Technician at her disposal.

WASHER

Located in the closet next to the entrance door.

1. Place items into drum.
2. Insert a washing detergent pod (provided). Don't put it in the blue cavity - just toss it in with the items to be washed.
3. Close lid.
4. Select washer cycle.
5. Select temperature.
6. Select load size.
7. Press start.

The washer makes some weird noises, but these are normal for this type of washer!

DRYER

1. Insert the washed items.
2. Close door.
3. Select required dryer cycle.
4. Press start.

Please don't use any fabric softeners.

Please empty the lint tray from time to time.

DISHWASHER

Dishwasher detergent pods are in the cupboard to the right of the oven. The pods wrapped in silver paper need to be unwrapped for use. Please DO NOT wash the wine glasses in the dishwasher - they're too fragile. Also, note that it takes about 15 seconds for the dishwasher to make a noise after activation. Don't worry if you hear nothing at first.

CEILING FANS

The wall switches with RED dots control the power to the fans. Do not switch these off. If you want to switch off the fan, use the fan Remote

Control's on/off button. Use the Remote to also switch on the fan's centre light.

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KEEPING IT COOL

Besides the fans and AC, it helps if at night, you lower the living room blinds, to shield out the early morning sun.

The same AC Remote is used in both living room and bedroom. Simply point it at the wall AC unit and depress the red button.

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BBQ

Please, PLEASE turn the gas off at the TANK after use. Bbq tools are in the cupboard below the grill.

BEACH GEAR

There are 2 beach chairs and an umbrella in the laundry closet. There are melamine plates and cups, and sealable containers in the kitchen cabinets. A beach bag, rug and beach towels are in the console cabinet (left side). An insulated cooler is in the right side of the console cabinet, and ice packs are in the freezer.

GETTING AROUND

- TAXIS are usually in abundance. As you exit the building, turn left. There's a taxi rank outside the Oxxo; at the entrance to the Krystal Altitude Hotel; and where the road intersects with the main road. Meters are not used. Rates depend on the general area served, as shown below:

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- UBERx is available. Rates are good, for example a taxi to Downtown South is 125 pesos versus 78 pesos via Uber, but you might need to share the ride!

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- BUS is a very cheap way to get around. The link below gives excellent advice on how to navigate:

<https://vallartalifestyles.com/puerto-vallarta-buses-dummies/>

- This website is also informative

- <https://visit-vallarta.com/essentials/transportation/busroutes-and-bus-fares/>

- BIKE rentals are \$4/hr at Xiutla Riders. One can ride on a dedicated bike-lane along the Malecon. For details visit <https://www.xriderspv.com>

NEIGHBOURHOOD LANDMARKS

-In front of PortoSanto, but to the left are the three ICON towers; south of them is the KRYSTAL ALTITUDE Hotel; south of the Krystal Altitude is another Krystal hotel and the three PENINSULA towers; next is the LA ISLA shopping centre.

-To the north of Porto Santo are the CROWN PARADISE Resorts; the CRUISE ship terminal; WALMART and the LIVERPOOL Department Store.

-Next door to PortoSanto is the CHEDRAUI supermarket. It is easily accessible. When exiting the lobby turn right, and immediately right again. You will see a narrow alley that wends its way to supermarket. It's well-used, but if you're not comfortable, after exiting the lobby to the right walk north on Las Garzas and take the first right.

PV NEIGHBOURHOODS Heading south from the airport:

- Marina
- Port of Puerto Vallarta
- Hotel Zone North
- Hotel Zone South
- Las Glorias
- Lazaro Cardenas
- 5 de Diciembre
- Centro
- Emiliano Zapato
- Romantic Zone (Old Town)
- Amapas
- Conchas Chinas

South of PV are the villages of Mismaloya and Boca de Tomatlan and the PV Botanical Gardens.

North of the PV airport is Nuevo Vallarta, and the towns of Bucerias, La Cruz, Punta Mita, Sayulita and San Francisco (aka San Pancho)

BEACHES WITHIN A 3 MINUTE WALK

-Exit PortoSanto turning left. Turn right at the Oxxo store. Follow the 'fuschia' road as it veers right. Take first left: a sandy access path to the Playa d'Oro Beach. At this juncture there are 2 options:

-Turn right to access the calmer waves of the Paradise Golden beach, where you can rent a catamaran, kayak or paddle board. Best swimming is alongside the jetty. -Turn left for a nice walk along the Icon, Krystal and Peninsula beaches.

BEACHES THAT NEED A TAXI RIDE Our favourite is Amapas beach in the Romantic Zone.

BATHING IN THE ROOFTOP POOL

Here you'll find 3 pools: jacuzzi, kids, adults. There's also a gym, sauna, toilets and showers. Note that glass is not allowed on the Rooftop. Bring your own towel. Sunrise and sunset can be spectacular as the rooftop offers 360-degree views.

Rooftop WIFI: Search for INFINITUM 0434_2.4 or INFINITUM 0434_5
PASSWORD: sny684PTH9

CONDO QUIRKS:

-LIGHTING ABOVE THE KITCHEN SINK

There is a wall switch to left of the faucet that illuminates the undercabinet LED lighting.

-EN-SUITE BATHROOM

Does not have an extractor fan, so during the day, open the high-level window. But close it at night for better soundproofing. Turn the handle 180 degrees to open/close. (A 90-degree turn does strange things). -

BEDROOM LIGHTING

When going to bed, switch off the ceiling lights at the switch at the door, and then use the ceiling fan Remote to switch on the fan light. Take the Remote to your bedside table. This way when you want to sleep you can switch off the light from your bedside.

AUDIO

Connect your phone to our Bose speaker. It's located in the corner of the living room, next to the green sofa. To connect, depress the speaker's Bluetooth button. Then search for Bluetooth devices on your phone and connect to BOSE RESOLVE SOUNDLINK.

VIDEO

There is no cable service. However, Netflix and Amazon Prime Video are available from the LG TV's built-in streaming system. (See below). It is also possible to 'mirror' whatever you can view on your smartphone onto the TV screen (see instructions for an iPhone below).

1. NETFLIX and Amazon PRIME VIDEO:

Using the LG remote, depress the red power button at top left, which after a few seconds shows some lovely photos, with a message NO SIGNAL. Ignore this message.

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On the remote: tap NETFLIX. Then tap the button with the 2 concentric circles to select PV MODERNE, which will open your NetFlix options.

Or tap the remote's PRIME VIDEO button, which will display the Prime Video options available.

To exit, tap the remote's EXIT button.

Depress the remote's red power button to switch off.

2. IPHONE (or iPad) MIRRORING

On your iPhone or iPad (which needs to be connected to the condo's INFINITUME000_2.4 wifi network), access the 'widget' screen.

Tap SCREEN MIRRORING.

Tap [LG] webOS TV UM7310PUA.

This causes the TV to automatically switch on and mirror whatever is visible on your iPhone or iPad, including video.

WHERE TO FIND STUFF

-Paper towel: above the microwave

-Toilet paper and toilet bowl cleaner: cabinet in spare bathroom

-Tissues: cabinet in spare bathroom

-Dishwasher detergent & dish soap: cupboard to right of oven

-Dishtowels, oven mitt, potholder, apron, trivets: slide-out cupboard to left of fridge

-Cleaning cloths: cupboard to right of oven

-Garbage bags: slide-out cupboard to left of fridge, lower level

-Washing machine, pods & stain remover: in laundry closet behind doors to right of entrance door

-Iron & Mini Chopper: cupboard above fridge

-Ironing board: next to washer/dryer

A WEIRD STORAGE SPOT

On top of the fridge, completely out of sight, you'll find a Baking Stone and Peel.

RECYCLING & GARBAGE

The building has bins for Organics, Inorganics and Containers, located in the Garage. Walk 2 floors down or take the elevator to level PB. In the cupboard to left of the oven are plastic trays to store dry Inorganic items: paper, glass, plastic, metals and containers.

Try to use the under-sink bin for Organic food scraps exclusively. Not easy, but give it a try.

FIRE EXTINGUISHER

Located in the slide-out cupboard to the left of the fridge.

PUBLIC MARKETS

-Olas Altas - Romantic Zone Saturday

9am until 2pm.

A substantial number of food stalls, as well as handicrafts and artwork. Worth a visit.

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-Marina Thursday evening 6pm

- 10pm.

Pretty much a repetition of the Olas Altas vendors, but easier to navigate.

Worth a visit. A nice stroll as well.

-La Cruz Sunday morning. See below under "Day Trips".

WALKS AND HIKES

- LOCAL BEACH WALK

From the Playa d'Oro beach down the street from the condo, turn left (head south) for a nice walk along the Icon, Krystal and Peninsula beaches. Then wade across the shallow lagoon, and immediately turn left at the El Oasis del Holi cafe. Head inland along the paved pathway to the main road. (To your right is the La Isla Shopping Centre). At the main road, turn left, crossing the bridge. There's a Starbucks, followed by the Peninsula Centre, where the Canadian Consulate is located. Continue on, passing the Krystal Resort. At the next intersection (Calle Aguilas) turn left heading toward the Krystal Altitude Hotel and the Icon towers. The road takes a right turn and becomes Calle Las Garzas. PortoSanto is about 70 meters further.

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- MALECON BOARDWALK

Get there by taxi or bus (see below) or car. The walk is 20 blocks, 1 mile along the seashore.

The "traditional" stretch begins at 31 de Octubre street, right next to the Rosita hotel (one block away from the Miguel Hidalgo plaza and underground parking garage), and continues southbound for several blocks as far as the Los Arcos public amphitheater. Beyond Los Arcos, the "new" Malecón continues southbound until the Isla Río Cuale pedestrian bridge. The walkway continues into Emiliano Zapata, ending at the Lázaro Cárdenas plaza and underground parking garage. Beyond this point, the promenade narrows to a sidewalk, continuing south along Los Muertos Beach until you reach Los Muertos Pier. For info about the Malecon sculptures, visit <https://visitpuertovallarta.com/activity/the-boardwalk-malecon>

- ART WALK - is a self-guided 90 minute walk in Centro, which is home to at least 12 galleries that showcase the best of Mexican art. The galleries are open Wednesdays 6-10pm until May 27th 2020. For further info, and map, visit <https://www.puertovallartaartwalk.com/> and https://www.puertovallarta.net/what_to_do/puerto-vallarta-artwalk

- VALLARTA FOOD TOUR - a 3.5 hour walk. For details visit <https://vallartafoodtours.com/food-tours/the-original-downtown-tour/>

- BOCA DE TOMATLAN HIKE to Playa Colomitas - is a 8km out and back trail located just south of Puerto Vallarta, that offers scenic views and is rated as moderate. For details and comments from hikers, visit <https://www.alltrails.com/trail/mexico/jalisco/boca-de-tomatlanhike> From comments on this website, it appears that it is possible to hike one way and take a water-taxi back. Get to Boca by taxi or bus (see below).

MUSIC

▪ Incanto

Located in the Romantic Zone, Incanto features local and international talent. For performance details and to buy tickets visit <https://incantovallarta.com> They have a pleasant riverside cafe for a quick drink or bite before the show. Recommended from personal experience. Taxi cost each way, 120 pesos (C\$8.40). By bus - see below.

RESTAURANTS

-Restaurants nearby within a 10 minute walking distance:

Food Park - various ethnic food trucks - outdoor tables - relaxed atmosphere

Main Rd just south of La Isla Shopping Centre

Jardin de Sol - basic middle of the road Mexican

Las Garzas just to north of PortoSanto

Tacos Candora - Tacos - unpretentious, inexpensive breakfast & lunch

Las Garzas across from Portosanto

Abbraccio - Italian - huge restaurant - outstanding inexpensive pizza & wine

Main Rd where it intersects with road from Krystal Altitude Hotel

Outback - Burgers & Steak

Main Rd next door to Abbraccio

Porfirio's - Mexican

Main Rd at Peninsula Centre

Zeferino's - Pizza - un-pretentious entrance that leads into a nice open-air courtyard. Really good pizzas. Recommend the Venecia.

Main Rd, just north of the Outback parking lot.

-Restaurants in Versalles (a nearby residential area that is home to several very cool restaurants and cafes - a 30 minute walk)

Opa Bistro - Greek - small - authentic - highly recommended.

Calle Francia No. 199

Lamara - Seafood - open until 7pm - incredibly well-reviewed - recommend their Aguachile Fresa.

Calle Hamburgo No. 108

Organic Select - Health Food - also sells organic meats

Calle Francia No. 169

Miscelanea - Café - cool vibes - closes at 3pm - superb waffles
Calle Milan No. 255

Punta Mariscos - Seafood - closes 9pm - highly recommend the Atun (tuna) and the Camarones Ajillo (grilled garlic shrimp). Friendly service in a completely family-run restaurant.
Calle Francia No. 111

Hola Arepas - Nicaraguan - open for lunch, except Saturdays when it is closed - recommend the Arepa (a gluten-free, white corn pocket bread), filled with ground beef, black beans, Manchego cheese, topped with creamy garlic sauce. Delicious.
Calle Espana No 282

-Restaurants in Malecon Zone:

Veggitalia - Italian - small, intimate - authentic
Calle Corona

Barcelona Tapas - Spanish - for a special night out
Calle Matamoros

Vallarta Food Tours - see WALKS above.

-Restaurants in Old Town

El Dorado - seafood - literally on the beach in a magical setting - special occasion dining. Be ready to pay C\$50 per person!
On the beach. Calle Pulpito No. 102

Eclecticos - Greek - lovely courtyard - excellent service - reasonable pricing
Calle Pulpito

Jerusalem Express - Falafel - vegan - hole in the wall - closes at 8pm
Calle Venustiano Carranza

-Restaurants in the Marina:

Pezlimon - Seafood - limited menu, but great prawns and spicy octopus
Marina boardwalk

La Terazza - Italian - classic Italian with white tablecloths
Marina boardwalk

Rincon Buenos Aires - Argentinian - cool interior, good service - great steaks - prices similar to what you would pay in Canada for a good steak.
Marina boardwalk

Sonora Grill - Steak - high end, full service - extensive menu.
At entrance to the Marina

BY BUS TO THE MALECON AND TO THE ROMANTIC ZONE
From PortoSanto walk to the bus stop, on the main
road

-TO THE ROMANTIC ZONE (OLD TOWN)

- Bus fare is \$7.5 pesos
- Take a south bound bus that has BOTH Centro and Tunel written on the windshield.
- Buses which indicate BOTH Centro and Tunel are heading to Parque Lazaro Cardenas without stopping downtown.
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-TO THE MALECON

- Take a blue bus that has Centro written on the windshield.
- Exit the bus just after it takes a sharp turn to the left. Trip time 20-25 minutes.
- The Malecon begins at Hotel Rosita.

DAY TRIPS BY BUS

▪ BOTANICAL GARDENS

Requires 2 bus trips. First one is to Parque Lazaro Cardenas in the Romantic Zone.

From PortoSanto walk to the bus stop on the main road

- Bus fare is \$7.5 pesos
- Take a bus that has BOTH Centro and Tunel written on the windshield.
- Buses which indicate BOTH Centro and Tunel are heading to Parque Lazaro Cardenas without stopping downtown.
- From PL Cardenas, walk 4 blocks east
- Take a BLUE bus at the corner of V. Carranza & Aguacate
- The windshield of the bus should state: El Tuito / Botanical Gardens
- Buses come by every 20-30 minutes.
- Bus fare is \$20 pesos

▪ MISMALOYA & BOCA DE TOMATLAN

- As above, catch the south bound bus to Parque Lazaro Cardenas in the Romantic Zone.

- From PL Cardenas, walk 4 blocks east to the corner of Basilio Badillo & Constitution (by the OXXO convenience store)
- Bus fare is \$8 pesos
- Take an ORANGE & WHITE bus
- These orange & white buses only go as far as Boca de Tomatlan
- These buses stop at: Conchas Chinas, Dreams Resort, Presidente Intercontinental, Mismaloya, Boca de Tomatlan

▪ SAYULITA

- Total bus fare for this one-way trip: \$46 pesos
- From PortoSanto head east, until the main road. Cross over to the lateral road that heads north.
- Look for a blue sign indicating a bus stop.
- Take any bus heading north that has Walmart written on the windshield. The bus fare is 7.5 pesos. Exact change required. Or walk there. It's easily walkable.
- Get off at Walmart. You'll notice two bus waiting areas.

Facing Walmart and Sam's Club, walk to the larger bus waiting area on the left.

- There is usually a man with a clipboard stationed there to direct passengers to the correct bus for their desired destination.
- Board a green-and-white Compostela bus with the word Sayulita written on the windshield. Fare is 46 pesos. Exact fare required or pay 50 pesos. No change given!

▪ LA CRUZ DE HUANACAXTLE

Has a marvelous Sunday Market. For more info on La Cruz visit:
<https://vallartatribune.com/busing-bay-destination-puerto-vallarta-lacruz-de-huanacaxtle/>

The bus to La Cruz also leaves from Walmart (see Sayulita above). However DO NOT take a bus that says Sayulita. You require a bus with "Punta de Mita" or "Mita" on the front window; they usually are "ATM" buses. You may see "Cruz" or a "+" on the window as well. Takes 60-75 minutes. Approximately 44 pesos.

▪ PUNTA MITA

See above. The La Cruz bus terminates at Punta Mita.

DIALLING LOCALLY IN PV USING A CANADIAN OR US CELL PHONE +521
 then 3-digit area code then 7 digit number. For example:
 +521 322 xxx xxxx where 322 is the PV area code.

DIALLING TO CANADA OR US FROM PV USING A CANADIAN OR US CELL PHONE
 001 then area code then number, or +1
 then area code then number.

MEDICAL

- Minor ailments and Urgent Care with top class facilities:
CMQ Premier
Avenida Francisco Villa 1749
Colonia Vallarta Villas Puerto
Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico.
Check their website:
<https://www.google.ca/amp/s/hospitalcmq.com/medicalservices/walk-in-clinics-and-urgent-care/amp/>

- For emergencies:
San Javier Hospital is just a few minutes north on the main road at Blvd.
Erco Medina Ascencio 2760
Phone: +521 322 226 1010
Website: <http://www.sanjavier.com.mx>

GENERAL EMERGENCIES

- Call 080 from a cell phone
- Call Red Cross Ambulance:
Phone: +521 322 223 1533
- For more emergency info, including credit card and consular items, visit <https://visit-vallarta.com/essentials/safety/emergencyphone-numbers/>

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using hashtag xxxxxxxx.

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