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AN INSIDER'S GUIDE TO PUERTO VALLARTA

Welcome

TO **THE PARAMAR.**

We are delighted to have you with usandhope yourstayinPuerto Vallartais filledwithunforgettable moments.

This guide has been thoughtfully created by our team to share some of our favorite places throughout the city... Enjoy every moment.

The Paramar Team



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RESTAURANTS

PuertoVallarta isknown for itsvibrantfood scene, breathtaking scenery, and endless opportunities to explore. While this list is far from exhaustive, these are some of our personal favorites - places we frequently visit and recommend to friends, family, and guests. We hope you'll discover a few new favorites of your own during your stay.

Recommended Walk:
Many of our favorite spots are located in Downtown Puerto Vallarta and the Romantic Zone. The journey itself is often part of the experience, taking you along the Malecón, past local landmarks, public art, ocean views, and the beautiful Cuale River. If the weather is pleasant, we highly recommend taking your time, exploring on foot, and enjoying Puerto Vallarta at its own pace.

Recommended by Taxi/Uber:
While certainly walkable for some, we generally recommend a short taxi or Uber ride for the most comfortable experience.

Breakfast:

While breakfast is included with your stay at The Paramar, Puerto Vallarta is home to an incredible variety of breakfast spots that many visitors enjoy discovering during their stay.

Whether you're looking for a traditional Mexican breakfast, specialty coffee, healthy options, or a beautiful setting by the river or the ocean, we hope you'll enjoy exploring some of the wonderful flavors our city has to offer.



EL ANDARIEGO RESTAURANTE BAR:

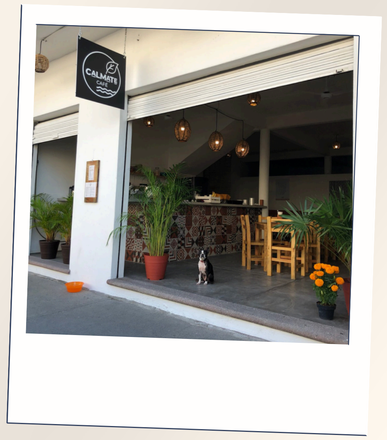
Just a short stroll from The Paramar, El Andariego is a beloved local favorite where generous portions, authentic Mexican flavors, and warm hospitality come together. A wonderful choice for traditional breakfast specialties.

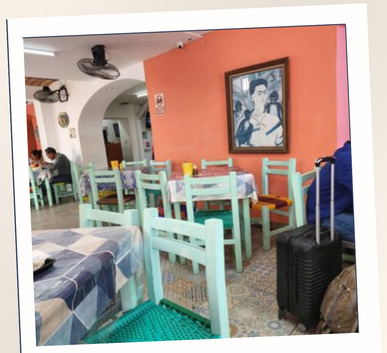
200 m | 4-minute walk

CÁLMATE CAFÉ:

A relaxed neighborhood café serving excellent coffee, fresh juices, smoothies, and wholesome breakfast dishes. Known for its fresh ingredients and easygoing vibe, it´s a great choice for those looking for a laid-back, less touristy start to the day.

200 m | 4-minute walk





EL CAMPANARIO:

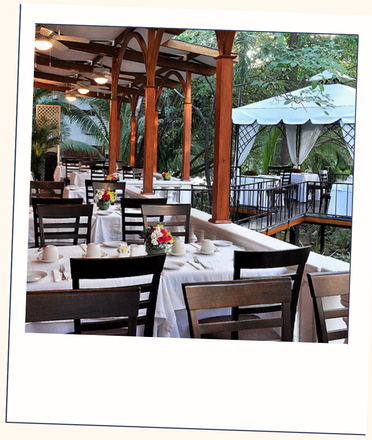
A beloved local favorite located directly across from the iconic Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Known for its authentic Mexican breakfasts, freshly handmade tortillas, and relaxed atmosphere, it's the perfect stop while exploring downtown Puerto Vallarta. It's also a wonderful choice for a casual local dinner.

1.3 km | 8-minute drive | 20-minute walk

THE RIVER CAFÉ:

Set alongside the peaceful Cuale River, The River Café offers one of the city's most beautiful breakfast settings. Surrounded by tropical gardens, it is the perfect spot for a leisurely morning, featuring refined cuisine, attentive service, and a truly memorable atmosphere. While best known for breakfast and brunch, dinner here is equally enjoyable.

1.6 km | 9-minute drive | 25-minute walk



Breakfast:



LA PALAPA OR EL DORADO

Located side by side on Los Muertos Beach, La Palapa and El Dorado are both fantastic choices for breakfast and offer a very similar beachfront experience. Expect great food, ocean views, your feet in the sand, and one of the most iconic settings in Puerto Vallarta.

2.3 km | 14-minute drive | 35-minute walk (both great options)



CHÁ:

A small and creative café known for its thoughtfully prepared breakfast dishes, beautiful presentation, and contemporary atmosphere. A favorite for guests seeking a unique and modern breakfast experience.

2.1 km | 10-minute drive

COCO'S KITCHEN:

A longtime favorite among visitors and locals alike. Located in one of Puerto Vallarta's most charming and walkable neighborhoods, Coco's Kitchen offers a relaxed courtyard atmosphere and a diverse breakfast menu filled with both classic favorites and house specialties like churro pancakes.EL

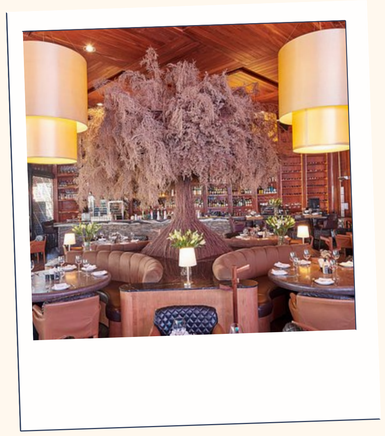
2.3 km | 14-minute drive | 35-minute walk



LA MAGDALENA:

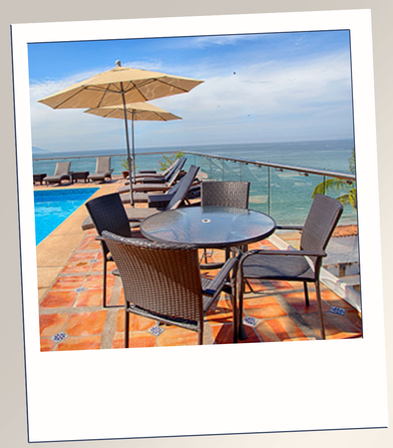
One of Puerto Vallarta's newer breakfast spots, La Magdalena combines a beautiful, thoughtfully designed atmosphere with attentive service and delicious food. The menu blends Mexican and international influences, while the bakery specializes in artisanal sourdough breads and pastries made in-house. Air-conditioned indoor seating is an added bonus on warmer mornings.

2.2 km | 10-minute drive



Casual Lunch & Dinner

These are spots we return to for their great food, relaxed atmosphere, and genuine sense of place.



COBALTO SNACK BAR:

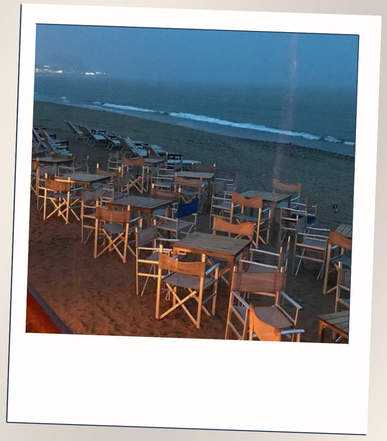
Our rooftop snack bar offers one of the best sunset views in town, along with refreshing cocktails, tropical flavors, and a relaxed poolside atmosphere. Whether you're joining us for lunch, enjoying snacks and cocktails by the pool, or simply taking in the sunset over the Pacific, it's one of our favorite places to unwind.

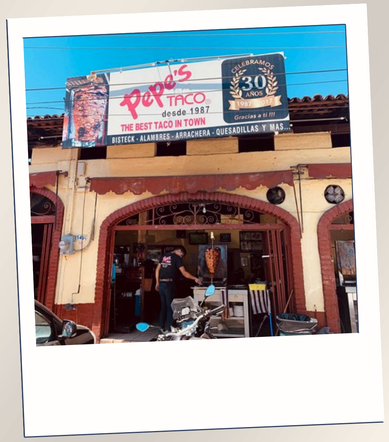
On our rooftop

EL BARRACUDA:

A relaxed neighborhood café serving excellent coffee, fresh juices, smoothies, and wholesome breakfast dishes. Known for its fresh ingredients and easygoing vibe, it´s a great choice for those looking for a laid-back, less touristy start to the day.

50 m | 1-minute walk





PEPE'S TACOS:

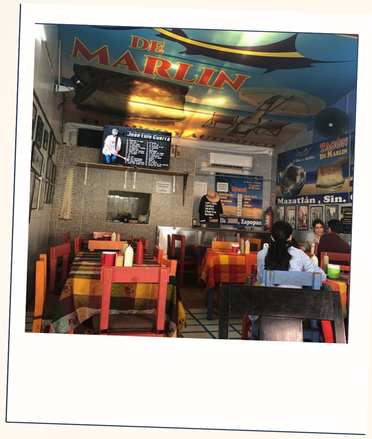
A true Vallarta institution famous for its tacos al pastor. Casual, authentic, and always lively, this is the kind of place you visit for the food rather than the setting. The tacos are undoubtedly the main attraction, making it a perfect stop for a quick, satisfying bite.

150 m | 3-minute walk

TACÓN DE MARLÍN:

One of Puerto Vallarta's most iconic local specialties. Known for its smoked marlin and shrimp burritas, this beloved spot offers a distinctly Vallartense take on the burrito that is unlike the versions found elsewhere. Burritas are prepared fresh to order, so a little patience may be required, but they're well worth the wait.

150 m | 3-minute walk





MARISCOS 8 TOSTADAS ESTADIO:

One of the most popular seafood spots among locals, and for several good reasons. Fresh seafood, flavorful ceviches, generous portions, friendly service, and a casual atmosphere have made it a longtime favorite in Puerto Vallarta. More local than touristy, it's the kind of place where Vallarta residents gather with friends and family over great seafood.

700 M | 6-minute drive | 11-minute walk

Casual Lunch & Dinner



EL BODEGÓN DE PASTAS:

A small local favorite specializing in freshly prepared pasta and Italian comfort food. While you'll likely hear about many excellent Italian restaurants in Puerto Vallarta, we wanted to include this lesser-known gem for its authenticity, charm, and consistently delicious food.

1.5 km | 7-minute drive | 20-minute walk



MONZÓN BREWING CO.:

One of Puerto Vallarta's best-known craft breweries, serving house-made beers, great burgers, and elevated comfort food in a lively yet relaxed atmosphere. Particularly popular among visitors, expats, and beer enthusiasts, it's a great spot for a casual meal, a cold pint, and occasionally catching a game on TV.

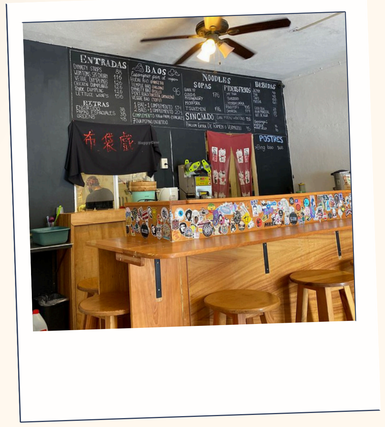
1.7 km | 10-minute drive | 25-minute walk



JOE JACK'S FISH SHACK:

A favorite in the Romantic Zone, known for its fish and chips, fish tacos, and cocktails. More coastal comfort food than traditional Mexican seafood, it's particularly popular among visitors and expats, yet has become so well loved that many locals have adopted it as one of their regular spots as well. A reliable choice for a casual meal in a lively atmosphere.

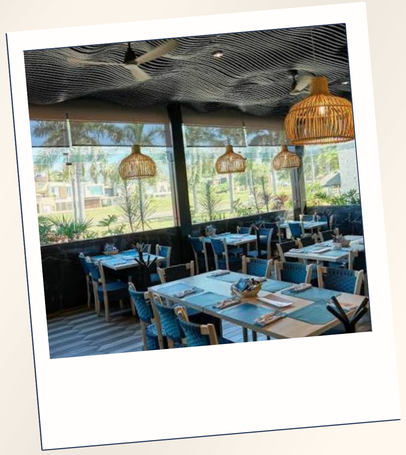
1.8 km | 10-minute drive | 25-minute walk



BUDAIXI:

Authentic Taiwanese cuisine in the heart of Versalles. Famous for its handmade dumplings, steamed baos, and rich noodle soups, rarely found elsewhere in town. Budaixi has become a favorite for those seeking something beyond traditional Mexican or seafood restaurants. Small, intimate, and full of flavor.

2.7 km | 7-minute drive | 35-minute walk



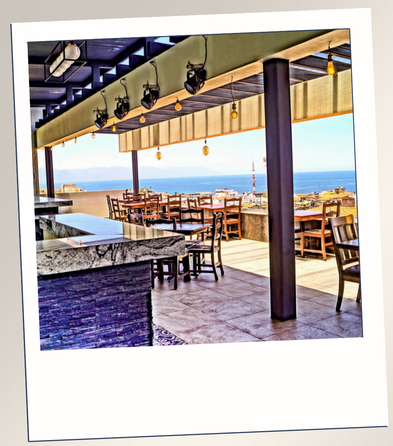
AZÚL (FLUVIAL):

Known for its creative cuisine and original signature dishes, Azúl is famous for its inventive seafood "botanas," combining traditional coastal flavors, textures, and preparations in unexpected ways. A great choice for guests looking for something beyond the traditional Vallarta seafood experience.

2.8 km | 10-minute drive

Special dinner

From romantic garden settings and intimate hidden gems to chef-driven cuisine and spectacular sunset views, these restaurants offer some of the most memorable dining experiences Puerto Vallarta has to offer. Some are beloved local classics, others are lesser-known discoveries, but each has earned a place on this list for its own reason.



BARCELONA TAPAS:

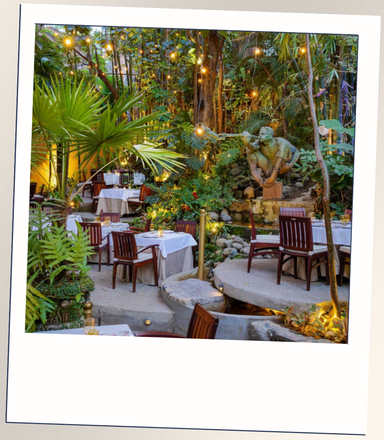
While the panoramic views are what first draw people in, the food and service are equally deserving of the restaurant's reputation. A wonderful choice for sunset cocktails, tapas, and a memorable evening overlooking the bay. Be sure to check their flamenco and live music schedule before visiting, as these performances add a special touch to an already beautiful setting.

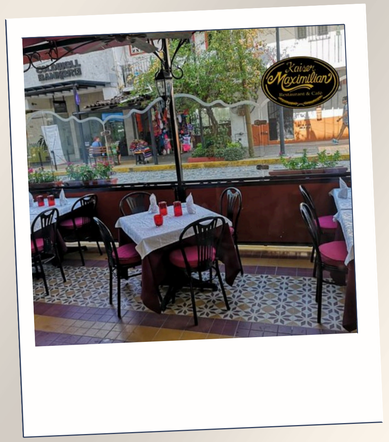
1.5 km | 6-minute drive | 20-minute walk

CAFÉ DES ARTISTES:

One of Puerto Vallarta's most celebrated restaurants and a true classic for special occasions. While the cuisine is elegant and beautifully executed, the real magic lies in its breathtaking garden, filled with tropical vegetation, candlelight, and violin music on many evenings. Romantic, refined, and uniquely Vallarta, it remains one of the city's most memorable dining experiences.

1.6 km | 6-minute drive | 20-minute walk





MAXIMILIAN'S:

A longtime favorite known for its excellent European-inspired cuisine and warm, traditional hospitality. The setting itself is relatively simple, but the food is truly the reason to come. Consistently delicious, intimate without feeling formal, and beloved by returning visitors who have been dining here for years.

2.0 km | 8-minute drive | 30-minute walk

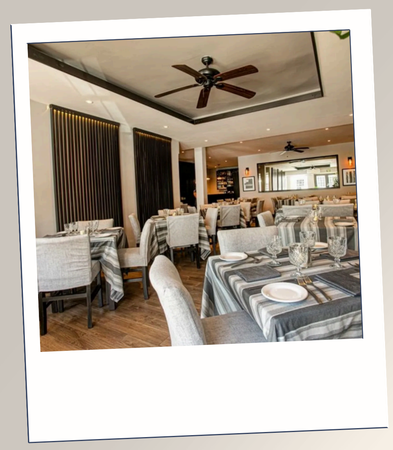
TARTUFO:

One of Puerto Vallarta's newer hidden gems. Tiny, intimate, and exceptionally quiet, Tartufo feels almost like a private dinner party rather than a restaurant. The atmosphere is understated, the service is personal, and the Italian cuisine has quickly earned a loyal following among those looking for a more romantic and low-key dining experience away from the crowds.

2.1 km | 8-minute drive | 30-minute walk



Special dinner



BRAVOS:

Located on a quieter street but sill right in the Romantic Zone, Bravos is known for its consistently delicious food, warm service, and relaxed atmosphere. It may not be the most elaborate restaurant in town, but it has earned a loyal following among visitors and locals alike by doing one thing exceptionally well: serving great food.

1.7 km | 15-minute drive | 28-minute walk

TREPIATTI:

A stylish contemporary Italian restaurant located in downtown Puerto Vallarta. Offering excellent pasta, beautiful presentation, thoughtful wine list, and polished yet welcoming atmosphere, TrePiatti feels modern without being trendy. A wonderful choice for a relaxed but elegant dinner centered around great food and wine.

1.9 km | 15-minute drive | 30-minute walk



ICÚ:

One of Puerto Vallarta's most acclaimed restaurants and recently recognized by the Michelin Guide with a Bib Gourmand distinction. The menu highlights local ingredients and regional flavors, elevated through thoughtful execution and beautiful presentation. Sophisticated yet approachable, it's an excellent choice for guests who truly enjoy food and want to experience a more contemporary side of Mexican cuisine.

1.9 km | 15-minute drive | 30-minute walk





DE CORTÉS:

Located outside the city's main tourist dining areas, De Cortés is one of those places many visitors would likely overlook. The surroundings are modest and the setting is simple and unpretentious, but the thoughtful cuisine quickly makes it clear why so many locals speak highly of it. Well executed and full of flavor, it's well worth the short trip.

2.5 km | 15-minute drive



BARS, COCKTAILS & NIGHTLIFE

If you're in the mood for a handcrafted cocktail, a beachfront sunset drink, a tasting of Mexico's iconic agave spirits, or a lively night out, these are a few places we genuinely enjoy and often recommend to our guests.

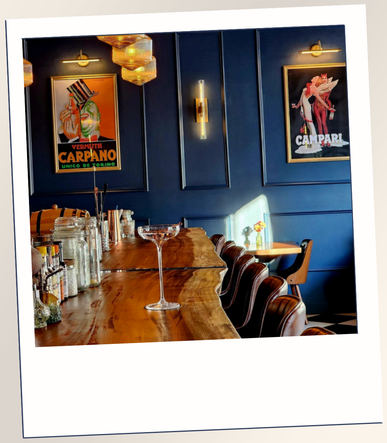
Craft Cocktails & Spirits:



THE TASTING ROOM:

A unique destination dedicated to tequila, mezcal, raicilla, and other Mexican craft spirits. A wonderful introduction to Mexico's rich agave traditions and one of the most distinctive drinking experiences near The Paramar. Thoughtfully designed and exceptionally curated, it offers a welcoming setting to explore Mexico's rich agave traditions.

150 m | 3-minute walk



BLIND TIGER:

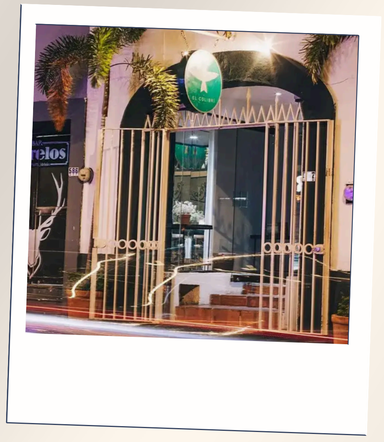
A stylish speakeasy-inspired cocktail bar known for its creative drinks, intimate atmosphere, and attention to detail. Hidden behind an unassuming entrance, it offers a more refined and elevated nightlife experience, making it a favorite among cocktail enthusiasts and guests looking for something beyond the typical bar scene.

700 m | 11-minute walk

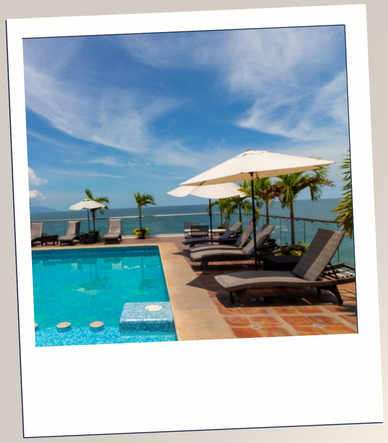
EL COLIBRÍ COCKTAIL BAR:

Known for its exceptional cocktails, lush courtyard setting, and effortlessly sophisticated atmosphere, El Colibrí offers one of Puerto Vallarta's most memorable nightlife experiences. Renowned DJs perform on weekends, adding to its unique energy.

1.5 km | 15-minute walk



Beach & Sunset Vibes



COBALTO ROOFTOP BAR:

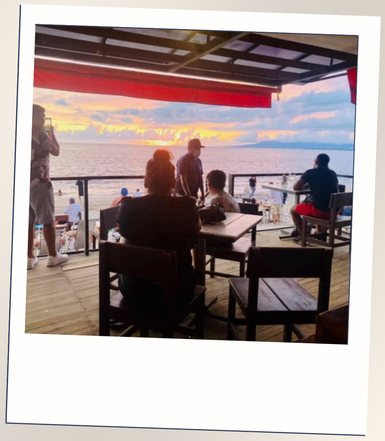
Located atop The Paramar, Cobalto offers panoramic views of Banderas Bay, refreshing cocktails, and a relaxed atmosphere. A perfect place to enjoy the sunset and take in the beauty of Puerto Vallarta, from above and without venturing far from your suite.

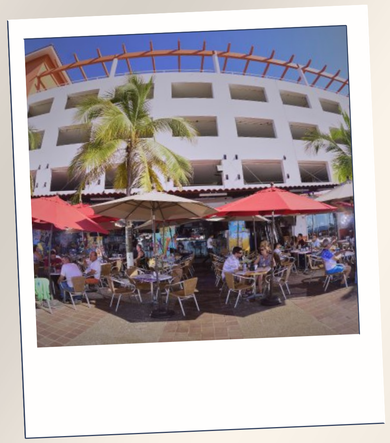
On our rooftop

EL SOLAR:

A beloved beach hangout, just steps from the hotel. Casual, welcoming, and right in the sand it's a great place to enjoy a cold drink, watch the sunset and experience Vallarta´s laid-back beach culture. Live DJs occasionally perform on weekends

50 m | 1-minute walk





DAY OFF BEACH BAR:

Located along the second section of Puerto Vallarta's famous Malecón, Day Off offers ocean views, good music, and a fun yet relaxed atmosphere. A great spot for sunset cocktails, people-watching, and enjoying a leisurely stroll from the hotel.

1.5 km | 22-minute walk

Fun, music & lively atmosphere



CAPTAIN DON'S:

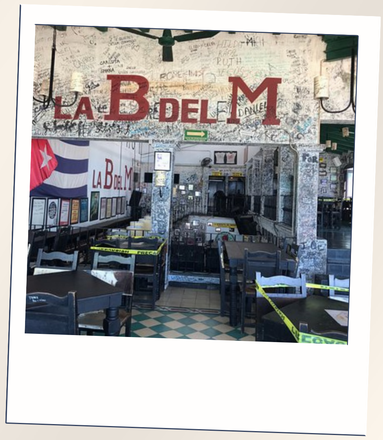
A longtime Puerto Vallarta favorite located just steps from the hotel. Unpretentious, lively, and full of character, it offers cold drinks, live music, friendly service, and a welcoming mix of expats and visitors that keeps people coming back year after year. A great place to relax, socialize, and experience a side of Vallarta that many visitors quickly grow fond of.

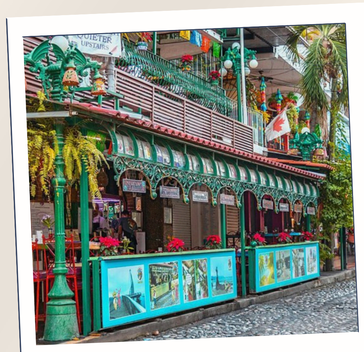
60 m | 1-minute walk

LA BODEGUITA DEL MEDIO:

Famous for its mojitos, live Cuban music, and dance floor, La Bodeguita brings a taste of Havana to Puerto Vallarta. A great choice for guests looking to spend the evening dancing to salsa and tropical rhythms along the Malecón.

600 m | 9-minute walk





ANDALE'S:

One of Puerto Vallarta's most iconic bars. Known for its oversized margaritas, upbeat atmosphere, and social crowd, Andale's has been a visitor favorite for decades. It's not about sophistication–it's about having fun, meeting people, and experiencing one of Vallarta's most enduring nightlife traditions.

2.5 km | 15-minute drive | 35-minute walk



GROCERIES & ESSENTIALS



OXXO:

Located just around the corner from the hotel, OXXO is the most convenient option for snacks, beverages, basic groceries, ATM access, phone chargers, and everyday essentials.

50 m | 1-minute walk

LEY:

A nearby full-service supermarket, offering everything from fresh produce and groceries to beverages, household items, and personal care products. Convenient, affordable, and easy to reach on foot from the hotel.

250 m | 4-minute walk



GROCERIES & ESSENTIALS



LA COMER:

One of Puerto Vallarta's best supermarkets, offering an excellent selection of fresh produce, bakery items, imported products, wine, spirits, prepared foods, and everyday essentials. A favorite among both locals and visitors for its quality, variety, and pleasant shopping experience.

2.8 km | 10-minute drive

COSTCO:

A popular option for guests staying longer or traveling with family and friends. In addition to bulk groceries and household essentials, Costco offers a large selection of wine, spirits, imported products, prepared foods, and seasonal items. Membership is required.

3.1 km | 10-minute drive





PHARMACIES

Most pharmacies offer basic medications, toiletries, sunscreen, and personal care items. Several locations also have a doctor on site for minor medical concerns.

PHARMACIES



FARMACIA MÉDISIM:

Located just two short blocks from the hotel at Honduras 201, Col. 5 de Diciembre. Médisim specializes primarily in generic medications and also offers an on-site physician for basic medical consultations.

300 m | 4-minute walk

FARMACIA GUADALAJARA:

The closest location is at Juárez 569, Downtown Puerto Vallarta. Open 24 hours a day, it is a convenient option for medications, personal care items, and everyday essentials. This location does not have a doctor on site. The nearest Guadalajara pharmacy with a physician is located at Av. Fluvial 213, Col. Fluvial Vallarta.

1 km | 10-minute drive



FARMACIAS DEL AHORRO:

Located at Av. Francisco Villa 900-D, Col. Las Gaviotas. In addition to a wide selection of medications and personal care products, this location offers an on-site physician for basic medical consultations.

2.7 km | 8-minute drive



MEDICAL CARE & HOSPITALS

Puerto Vallarta offers excellent medical care, from convenient walk-in clinics to fully equipped private hospitals with English-speaking staff and international patient services.

MEDICAL CARE & HOSPITALS



HOSPITAL MEDASSIST:

Located at Manuel M. Diéguez 360, Col. Emiliano Zapata. A convenient option for minor illnesses, injuries, and urgent medical needs.
Tel. +52 (322) 223 0656

300 m | 4-minute walk

CMQ HOSPITAL DOWNTOWN:

Located at Basilio Badillo 365, Zona Romántica. Smaller than CMQ Premiere but very convenient for guests staying near downtown and the Romantic Zone. Offers emergency care, medical consultations, laboratory services, and diagnostic imaging.
Tel. +52 (322) 223 1919

1 km | 10-minute drive





CMQ PREMIERE:

One of Puerto Vallarta's leading private hospitals, featuring modern facilities, advanced medical technology, specialist physicians, emergency services, surgery, imaging, and laboratory services. An excellent choice for guests requiring more comprehensive medical care. Located at Av. Francisco Villa 1749, Col. Vallarta Villas.
Tel. +52 (322) 226 6500

2.7 km | 8-minute drive



BANKS, ATMS & MONEY EXCHANGE

ATMs located inside banks are generally the safest option for cash withdrawals. Most major banks offer currency exchange services. We recommend avoiding independent ATMs located on the street, as they often charge higher fees and offer less favorable exchange rates.

BANAMEX ATM:

(Inside Ley Supermarket):
Conveniently located inside Ley Supermarket, making it an easy option for cash withdrawals while shopping for groceries or essentials.

350 m | 5-minute walk

BANCO AZTECA:

Located inside Elektra, Banco Azteca offers ATM services, currency exchange, and basic banking transactions.

300 m | 4-minute walk

BANORTE MALECÓN:

Conveniently located near the Malecón, offering full banking services and ATM access.

850 m | 4-minute walk

BBVA FRANCISCO MEDINA ASCENCIO:

One of Mexico's largest banks, offering full banking services, ATMs, and currency exchange.

1km | 15-minute walk

BANAMEX FLUVIAL:

A full-service branch with ATMs, currency exchange, and a wider range of banking services.

2.5 km | 8-minute drive

DISCOVERING

Puerto Vallarta

Part of Puerto Vallarta's charm is simply wandering through its streets, discovering hidden corners, local landmarks, and beautiful views along the way. It is truly a destination best experienced on foot. Beyond the restaurants, bars, and attractions listed in this guide, some of our favorite moments are often the ones that aren't planned at all.

Take your time exploring town. Cross the charming suspension bridges of Isla Cuale, sit beneath the shade of the Main Square and enjoy an afternoon of live music or traditional danzón, watch the famous clowns perform at Los Arcos on the Malecón, admire the sculptures that line the waterfront, browse local artisan shops, sample traditional Mexican candies, or simply strike up a conversation with a local. You may quickly discover why Puerto Vallarta is often considered one of Mexico's friendliest cities.

Explore the cobblestone streets, hillside views, colorful homes, and fascinating history of Gringo Gulch, forever linked to Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burton. Visit Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, stop for a freshly prepared street elote, and don't hesitate to try one of the countless taco stands scattered throughout the city—many of the best are impossible to list and are discovered simply by following the aromas and the crowds.

Puerto Vallarta is also famous for its breathtaking sunsets, some of the most beautiful in Mexico. As the sun begins to set, you'll often find locals and visitors gathering along the Malecón to watch the sky transform into shades of gold, orange, pink, and purple. Don't miss the Voladores de Papantla, who perform their traditional aerial ceremony during sunset, creating one of the city's most iconic scenes.

For those looking to venture beyond town, there is no shortage of adventures. Discover hidden beaches accessible only by boat, such as Las Ánimas, Yelapa, and Las Caletas. Explore the Sierra Madre mountains, visit waterfalls, ride horseback along the beach, soar through the jungle on a zipline, or enjoy one of the many water activities offered throughout the bay. Charming nearby towns such as Sayulita, San Sebastián del Oeste, Mascota, and El Tuito also make wonderful day trips.

More than anything, Puerto Vallarta is a place to be experienced. Leave a little room in your itinerary for spontaneity—you may find that your favorite memories come from the places you never planned to visit.

Should you wish to explore beyond the city, our reception team will be delighted to assist you with recommendations and tour arrangements.

Thank you for visiting us. We wish you a wonderful stay at The Paramar—your home away from home.

