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PUERTO VALLARTA

DESTINATION GUIDE



WELCOME TO PUERTO VALLARTA

Bienvenido a Puerto Vallarta!!!

You have arrived at the Official GradWeek Celebration! GradWeek is committed to seeing that you have the vacation of a lifetime. This Destination Guide is your link to all the info you need to know.

HELPFUL SAFETY & TRAVEL TIPS

The Buddy System – Although PV is a popular tourist and resort destination, we highly recommend you use the buddy system. Make sure that at all times your roommates and friends know where to find you. When going back to the hotel at night, always make sure you're with a group. It's always better to be safe than sorry. Do not walk on the beach, or anywhere, alone at night and never get into a taxi cab by yourself.

Money – The current currency exchange rate in Mexico is about 10 pesos to 1 U.S. dollar. However, exchange rates change daily. If you're looking for the best rate, you will want to exchange your money at one of the local exchange booths. If you're looking for convenience, most hotels will exchange money at the front desk.

Hotel Safe Deposit Boxes – We strongly recommend that you store all of your valuables in your hotel safe deposit box immediately upon check-in. If a box is not provided in your room, you can request one from the front desk.

Tourist Visa Card – On your flight into Mexico you were required to fill out a Tourist Visa Card and present it to a Mexican immigration official. The official should have returned a portion of the card to you. **DO NOT LOSE THIS CARD!** Make sure you store it in a safe place. You will be required to present this card prior to leaving the country. Replacement cards can cost \$50.00 U.S. dollars or more.

Need to Call Home? – Calling the United States from Mexico can be very expensive. Unless you're on an international cell phone plan, even if your cell phone is able to make calls, you are likely paying a premium for the service. To avoid cell phone service charges, you can make a collect call from a landline. To place a collect call simply dial 01-800-674-2328. If you call from your hotel room, the hotel will impose an access fee and per minute surcharge that you will be responsible for paying at check-out. To avoid these fees, you can make the call from a pay phone.

Taxis – Taxis run all day and all night. The cost is anywhere from \$5 to \$35 depending on how far you are going. Rates are negotiable. We recommend that you always agree on a rate before getting into the taxi. You should never ride in a taxi alone, especially at night.

Drugs – Just say no! Drug use is illegal. Do not use, buy, or sell drugs anywhere! This is one of the easiest ways to get kicked out of your hotel, sent home, or end up in a foreign jail for a long time. It's simply not worth the risk.

Motorized Water Sports – All water-sports activities are strictly optional. If you choose to participate, you are doing so at your own risk. The equipment is locally owned and any damage to the equipment will be your responsibility. If you decide to rent equipment be careful! Be sure to check the equipment before use and to document any damage with its owner. Some students have reported being charged for damage they claim not to have caused.

Mopeds – We strongly recommend that you do not rent mopeds. Moped collisions are a common occurrence. Additionally, some students have reported being charged for damage they claim they did not cause. Again, it's simply not worth the risk.

Ocean – Ocean currents can be very strong and have a deceptively strong undertow. During the day please check with your hotel for the day's conditions. Many hotels also use a flag warning system to warn against potential hazards. Respect all posted warnings and swim in the ocean with caution. Regardless, do not go into the ocean at night. It is extremely dangerous!

Balconies – Do not sit on the edge of your balcony at any time and under no circumstances should you try to jump from one balcony to another. Doing so can result in serious injury or death. If caught, you will be immediately kicked out of your hotel and sent home from the trip at your own expense. This is a zero tolerance policy.

Crossing the Street – While it may seem simple enough, this is one of the most dangerous activities in Mexico. Always look both ways and take it seriously. Cars and buses drive very fast down the roads and often do not yield to pedestrians. Unlike the U.S., pedestrians do not have the right of way. Use extreme caution when crossing the road and only cross in designated crosswalks.

Money Wire Service – If you run out of money, don't worry! GradWeek is here to help. Simply call home and have your parents call the GradWeek Corporate Office at (916) 850-1976 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Pacific Standard Time. Our office will process your parents' credit card for up to \$300 and GradWeek will pay you on-site at our 24 Hour Room. Money wires are distributed Monday through Friday between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. You will need to bring a photo ID with you to receive your money.

Wristbands – You should have received your GradWeek wristband at your on-site welcome orientation. This is separate and apart from your Action Pac wristband. All travelers receive a GradWeek wristband. Do not lose your wristband and make sure to wear it at all times. You will need your wristband to attend all GradWeek functions and events, to receive your discounts, and to board the plane home. If you lose your wristband, please go to the 24 Hour Room. You may be charged an additional fee for a replacement wristband.

Hotel Rooms – Your hotel room is your responsibility. If damage is caused to your room, you and your roommates will be held responsible regardless of who caused the damage. Do not let strangers into your room. Keep your doors locked at all times, including your balcony slider. If you lose your room key, please inform the front desk immediately. Do not keep valuables such as iPhones, digital cameras, jewelry, sunglasses, purses, etc. in open view. Keep items such as these in your safe deposit box when not in your room. Also, please respect your roommates' space.

Hotel Checkout – On the day of your departure, you will need to vacate your room, return your room keys, and take care of any incidental balances such as phone charges, room service, and pay per view movies. You must be checked-out and in the hotel lobby 3 hours prior to your scheduled flight time. If your flight is not until late afternoon or evening, you must be checked-out by Noon. At most hotels you can check your bags with the bellman after checkout. Please check the activity board in the lobby for departure information the night before your flight. It is also highly recommended you pay all room charges, if any, the night before to avoid long lines at checkout. You must present a clear checkout sheet to board the shuttle to the airport. If you miss your airport shuttle, it is your responsibility to get yourself to the airport at your own expense.

Laws of Mexico – In general, all laws that apply in the United States also apply in Mexico. The difference is in Mexico you will be tried as an adult regardless of your age and unlike the U.S., in Mexico you are essentially treated as "Guilty Until Proven Innocent." Use common sense and treat others with respect and you shouldn't have any trouble. However, using, possessing, buying, and/or selling drugs, fighting, urinating in public, vandalism, theft, and climbing hotel balconies are ways tourists often find themselves in a Mexican jail. If you taunt or harass a law enforcement officer, you will be arrested. Also, do not walk on the beach or swim in the ocean at night. GradWeek travelers may be required to provide identification to enter certain nightclubs and restaurants.

GradWeek 24 Hour Room – GradWeek staff is available to help you on-site 24/7. We have staff housed at every hotel where we have students staying and staff is present at all GradWeek sponsored events. However, if you are unable to locate a GradWeek staff member, please call 322-135-8010, or head to the Krystal Vallarta and ask for the GradWeek 24 Hour Room. The Krystal is GradWeek's headquarters in PV!

NEED MEDICAL ATTENTION?

Unless it's an emergency, contact a GradWeek staff member at your hotel or the GradWeek 24 Hour Room for a Medical Expense Claim Form before going to the hospital. Upon receiving medical treatment, you will be required to fill out the form which gives the hospital the ability to bill the insurance company directly. For treatment of minor injuries the hospital may require you to pay at the time of treatment. If this is the case, you can submit a claim for reimbursement with the insurance company when you return home.

GradWeek staff members are not doctors and thus will not make any judgment calls on whether or not medical attention is necessary for any reason. This decision is entirely up to the traveler and his or her parents. If you are in doubt as to whether medical attention is needed, we strongly recommend you contact your parent(s) and/or guardian(s) and ask for advice.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

GradWeek 24 Hour Numbers:

24 Hr Room at NH Krystal: 322-224-0202

24 Hr Cell Phone: 322-135-8010

In Case Medical Attention Is Needed: 322-226-1010

911 Emergency: 060

Police Department: 322-290-0507

Fire Department: 322-224-7701

Red Cross Ambulance: 222-1533

Global Ambulance: 226-1014

American Consulate: 322-222-0069

FLASH THE GRADWEEK WRISTBAND & GET HOOKED UP!

Outback Steakhouse: 10% discount*
Located across from Christine Nightclub.

Bubba Gump Shrimp Co: 15% discount*
Craving some seafood and fun? Bubba Gump's is your place!

Senor Frog's: 15% discount*
Located in Old Town this is Vallarta's most famous party center. Great food & drinks!

Domino's Pizza: 10% discount*
This includes all food and drinks and is typically a GradWeek favorite.

Mr. Cream: 10% discount*
Great breakfasts! Like IHOP back home but better. You've got to check this place out!

*You must present your GradWeek wristband to your server before ordering making it clear that you are to receive a discount. Ask your server about additional discounts and check the GradWeek reader board in your hotel lobby for additional discounts not listed above. All discounts are subject to change without notice.

PLACES TO GO?

Hilo's —
Vallarta's newest & hottest club. Located on the Malecon, this is a must see experience!

Cherry 7 Beach Club —
Check out the newest beach club in Puerto Vallarta!

The Zoo —
Always a GradWeek late night favorite, let the animal out and dance the night away at Vallarta's "wildest" nightclub!

Christine Club —
Puerto Vallarta's #1 disco tech. If house music is your thing, Christine's is your place!

Mandala —
Gaze at the stars from the rooftop lounge at one of Vallarta's hottest new clubs.

Senor Frog's —
World famous for late night action! You'll love this place!!!

Roo Nightclub —
If you're here to party, check out Vallarta's trendiest new club.



OPTIONAL TOURS & ACTIVITIES

Puerto Vallarta has it all! To get the full experience this amazing destination has to offer you need to get out and explore! GradWeek has partnered with North American Travel to set you up with the best on-site excursions at discounted prices. Simply talk to the representative in your hotel lobby for details. They can book your trip right then and there and be sure to let them know you're with GradWeek to receive your discount.

Canopy Tour: Head for the hills and experience a tropical jungle from the top of the forest. You'll be flying high learning to repel from tree to tree!

Horseback Riding: This 3 hour adventure includes rugged jungle trails and breathtaking wildlife encounters. Enjoy nature and experience small villages and tropical fruits. Transportation and lunch are included.

Bullfights: The real thing! Not for the weak-hearted. (Yes, the bull dies.)

Mexican Fiesta: This is a must. Do not miss out on this complete and incredible Mexican party! A real taste of Mexico with folklore, dancing shows, a mariachi band, fireworks, a charro doing rope tricks, piñatas, and a delicious buffet.

Super Go Karts: Karting International Puerto Vallarta. Race your friends in super go karts powered with Honda 270cc engines! You'll hit speeds up to 60 mph!!!

Also: Deep Sea Fishing | SCUBA Diving
Swim with Dolphins | Jungle Bus Tour

*All excursions and side trips are strictly optional. Attendance is not required. If you choose to participate, your attendance, mode of transportation to and from the excursion, length of stay, and any purchase and/or consumption of alcohol is at your own discretion. The tours quoted above are subject to change and are not guaranteed to be offered or available.

2011 EVENT SCHEDULE

All events listed below are optional. Attendance is not required. If you choose to participate in an event, your attendance at the event, mode of transportation to and from the event, and length of stay at the event is at your own discretion. Please refer to the reader board in your hotel lobby for additional events, activities, and pool parties. In addition, all events should be confirmed on the reader board or with a GradWeek staff member prior to attendance because they are subject to change.

TUESDAY

8:00PM—Welcome Dinner Party at World Famous Senor Frog's: GradWeek is welcoming everyone to PV with a great dinner at Senor Frog's. This is where enjoying a great meal and fun is combined, there's dancing, singing, and even conga lines! There are no rules or regulations at Frog's. It's dinner and a party!!! **AP**



10:00PM—Senor Frog's Foam Party: No GradWeek trip is complete without a once-in-a-lifetime foam party!!! Dance the night away in Pina Colada foam! Tonight at Frog's togas and swimsuits are your best bet, because here getting wet is a promise, not a threat! You'll be dancing the night away with foam throughout the dance floor, keeping you cool wanting to dance some more!!! **AP**

WEDNESDAY

8:00PM—Sunset Dinner Party at Mandala: Experience a stunning picturesque Puerto Vallarta sunset while dining at PV's top restaurant and club! **AP**



10:00PM—Mandala: Once dinner is finished, this restaurant turns into the hottest nightclub in PV. You can choose between two separate dance areas and DJs. Mandala will start your night out right and keep it going all night long!!! **Free Cover with your GradWeek wristband! GW**

THURSDAY

8:00PM—All-American Hard Rock Café Dinner Party: Tonight it's an all-American dinner with some added Mexican soul, where they spread the spirit of Rock 'N Roll. Located right on the Malecon, come and enjoy a yummy American meal, the taste is so close to home, it's unreal! (Please use your Club Roo Dinner Party coupon) **AP**



10:00PM—Club Roo: It's time to party Roo style! The Class of 2010 loved Roo and so will you! Come join us at Puerto Vallarta's newest dance club. **Free Cover with your GradWeek wristband! GW**

FRIDAY

8:00PM—Dancing Under the Stars Dinner Party at Sky Bar: Don't miss out on this exclusive VIP rooftop lounge overlooking Banderas Bay and PV's famous Malecon Boardwalk! GradWeek is taking over the private lounge complete with your very own DJ so you can party under the stars! **AP**

10:00PM—Rockstar Block Party 2011: It's your chance to walk the walk — literally! This annual event takes place in downtown Puerto Vallarta along the Malecon. This classic event includes FREE COVER into all the clubs on the Malecon: Sr. Frog's, Hilo, The Zoo, Mandala, Hard Rock Café, Sky Bar, Club Roo, La Vaquita, and Punto V!!! **AP**

SATURDAY

11:00AM—Paradise Island Day Cruise: Voted #1 tour by the Class of 2010! Cruise to a private beach and hang out with your friends in a true tropical paradise. **Be sure to check your hotel lobby reader board for the correct departure time and location. AP**

8:00PM—Bubba Gump Dinner Party: It's an American favorite right here in Mexico! It's nice to know when you're South of the Border there's still a Bubba Gump's! GradWeek has set you up with a great menu with options for everyone's tastes! **AP**



11:00PM—Hilo Stomp & Go Party: After dinner can you find a winner? Come dressed in GREEN if you're single, YELLOW if you're playing the field, and RED if you're taken! At this party there is definitely NO PARKIN' ON THE DANCE FLOOR! But don't forget to be alert and see who's wearing what color shirt! **Free Cover with your GradWeek wristband! GW**



SUNDAY

5:00PM—Outback Steakhouse: This is the perfect place to fuel up before tonight's cruise. Enjoy an Australian take on some of your American favorites! Located right across the street from the hotel, give yourself plenty of time to eat because you'll need to be at the boat pier by 7:00PM for the cruise. **AP**



7:30PM—Mardi Gras Party Cruise: It's time to party! Join us for Vallarta's hottest Mardi Gras dance party aboard the MS GradWeek, PV's famous triple decker party boat! Crusin' on the Pacific Ocean on a hot summer night with music and a dance floor, need I say more??? Always a GradWeek favorite, you don't want to miss this 2.5 hour event! **AP**



10:00PM—Club Roo: Just when you think the party is over, it's off to Club Roo for the Glow Party! We recommend you wear white, because with the glowing paint and black light you'll be sure to shine bright. **Free Cover with your GradWeek wristband! GW**

MONDAY

8:00PM—Punto V Dinner Party: Start your night off right and enjoy a great dinner along with a picturesque Puerto Vallarta sunset and one of Vallarta's trendiest restaurants and nightclubs. (Please use your Glam Dinner Party coupon) **AP**

10:00PM—Mandala & Zoo Nightclub: 2 is always better than 1!!! It's your last night to celebrate so we're doubling your pleasure and doubling your fun! Party like a ROCKSTAR at Mandala and let out your inner animal at The Zoo. Walking distance to one another, you can go between both all night long! **Free Cover with your GradWeek wristband! GW**



Please check the GradWeek information board in your hotel lobby for all start times, pick-up locations, and/or schedule changes daily.