



THE BEST BOUTIQUE HOTELS IN PUERTO VALLARTA

DESPITE POPULAR OPINION, PUERTO VALLARTA IS NOT JUST MEGA-RESORTS AND TOURIST TRAPS. HERE ARE OUR FAVORITE HIDDEN GEMS FOR A MORE AUTHENTIC AND INTIMATE EXPERIENCE



Xinalani

Healthy living comes easy at Xinalani, a remote yogi retreat on the southern shore of Banderas Bay that's accessible only by boat. Wake up to ocean views from all 33 palm-thatched rooms and casitas, then hike up to the yoga pavilion for morning vinyasa flow before enjoying a nutritious and mostly plant-based breakfast buffet. After a few days here, you'll feel relaxed, rejuvenated and several years younger.



Hotel Mousai

For something more chic and contemporary, Hotel Mousai is another adults-only all-inclusive that exceeds expectations.

Request a room in the new south tower and simply text your private butler for anything you might need as you soak in your terrace jacuzzi. A spa visit is required - the hydrotherapy circuit is complimentary for guests but the ancestral cocoa ritual that includes a hot stone massage and decadent chocolate body wrap is worth upgrading for.

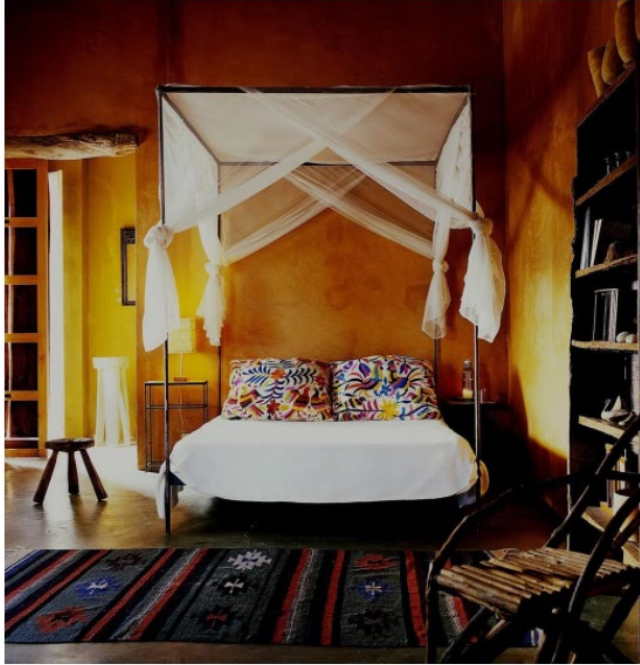


Casa Velas

Casa Velas may be an all-inclusive, but it's an adults-only sanctuary with a sophisticated serenity that sets it apart.

Kind, earnest service, verdant topical gardens inhabited by peacocks and a surprisingly quiet oversized pool translate to immediate vacation mode.

There's a golf course on-site and white-gloved service at Táu Beach Club too. If you're itching for more dining options, the all-inclusive package includes meals at all eight restaurants at nearby sister resort Grand Velas Riviera Nayarit.



Verana

Luxury eco-lodge Verana can only be reached by boat and you'll trek uphill along a bamboo and agave-line path into a jungle to find your room while mules deliver your luggage. Honeymoons are a specialty here. Couples can book the starlight bath and float under the stars in an infinity pool for two, surrounded by candlelight, then indulge in a bottle of champagne and dessert.