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# The 12 Best All-Inclusive Resorts In Puerto Vallarta

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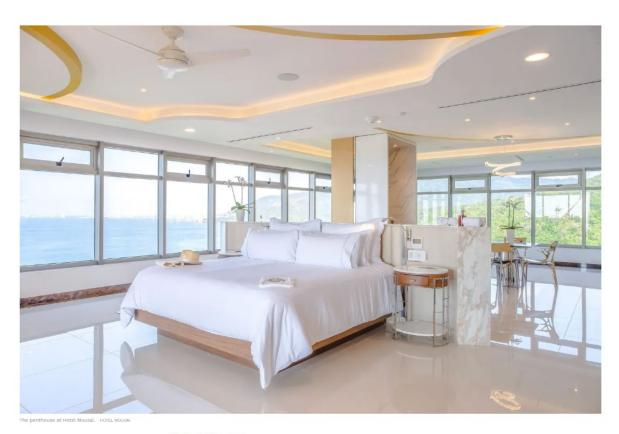
uerto Vallarta is one of Mexico's most beloved beachfront destinations, thanks in part to its coveted position tucked along the Bay of Banderas. With ocean views up front and jungle-covered Sierra Madre mountains in the background, the lively Pacific coast resort town offers vibrant restaurants, non-stop nightlife and a thriving arts scene. It's easy to see why travelers return year after year, and the best all-inclusive resorts in Puerto Vallarta make that decision even easier, offering a little something different for every type of traveler.

Whether you're seeking romance, a fun-filled family getaway, or are looking to reconnect or friends who want a truly epic pool scene, we've narrowed down the top picks for you. Our top pick is Hotel Mousai, an adults-only, all-inclusive resort with six fabulous restaurants to choose from. For those traveling with little ones, you can't go wrong with Hilton Vallarta Riviera All-inclusive Resort, and for couples, the oceanfront pools and swoon-worthy sunsets at Secrets Vallarta Bay Puerto Vallarta are sure to set the mood. Below, our selections for the best all-inclusive resorts in Puerto Vallarta.

- Best All-Inclusive Resort In Puerto Vallarta Overall: Hotel Mousai
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## Best All-Inclusive Resort In Puerto Vallarta Overall: Hotel Mousai



#### **Hotel Mousai**

Reserve At Booking.com

Who Will Love It: Couples seeking a vibrant pool scene, unparalleled views, unique design and fabulous food All-Star Amenities: Two rooftop pools; a luxury spa; six restaurants What Not To Miss: Book a corner suite for views of both the ocean and jungle Location: Highway to Barra de Navidad

Sandwiched between the jungle-covered Sierras and the brilliant blue of the Bay of Banderas, Hotel Mousai has one of the most enviable addresses in town. The two-tower luxury, adults-only, all-inclusive resort has a brag-worthy hilltop perch, with spectacular rooftop infinity pools atop each tower. Add to that the ocean-view Spa Imagine, six fabulous restaurants and funky suites with balcony plunge pools, and it's easy to see why this is the best all-inclusive resort in Puerto Vallarta.

## Best High-End All-Inclusive Resort In Puerto Vallarta: Grand Velas Riviera Nayarit



The oceanfront pool at Grand Velas Riviera Nayarit. GRAND VELAS RIVIERA NAYARI

#### **Grand Velas Riviera Nayarit**

#### Reserve At Booking.com

Who Will Love It: Couples or families who love spacious suites, many restaurant options and a large stretch of beach All-Star Amenities: Multiple restaurants; oceanfront pool; 24-hour personal concierge; teens and kids clubs What Not To Miss: An elegant meal at Frida restaurant Location: Nuevo Nayarit

While not technically in Puerto Vallarta proper, Grand Velas Riviera Nayarit is one of the few true high end all-inclusive resorts in the area. Plus, it's only a 20-minute drive from the Puerto Vallarta airport in neighboring Nayarit. Overlooking a stretch of silky white sand, the resort features 267 suites, all of which have gorgeous bay views from their private balconies. The infinity pool is the heart of the resort, with plenty of chaise lounges and Bali beds, and make sure to take advantage of the soaring handmade palapa that sits over the open-air lobby: it's one of the most prized possessions at the resort and truly a sight to behold. Nearby, active travelers will find five golf courses, while spa lovers can enjoy treatments at the on-site Se Spa, one of the best in the region.

## Best Boutique All-Inclusive Resort In Puerto Vallarta: Villa Premiere Boutique Hotel & Romantic Getaway



Villa Premiere Boutique Hotel & Romantic Getaway

Who Will Love It: Couples who want the all of the perks of a beach resort within walking distance of town

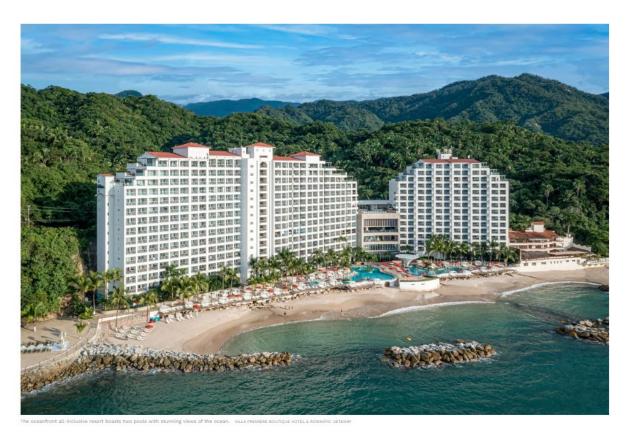
All-Star Amenities: Oceanfront pools; welcome massage;

What Not To Miss: A romantic dinner at the end of the private jetty

Location: Cinco de Diciembre

An intimate resort with only 80 rooms, Villa Premiere Boutique Hotel & Romantic Getaway offers guests the best of both worlds: a fabulous beachfront resort experience and proximity to Puerto Vallarta's vibrant downtown. The oceanfront all-inclusive resort is all about five-star service, from the five-minute de-stressing welcome massage to an aromatherapy and pillow menu, two pools and several restaurants. Reserve a private beachfront cabana or book a romantic outdoor massage overlooking the Bay of Banderas.

## Best All-Inclusive Resort In Puerto Vallarta For Families: Hilton Vallarta Riviera All-Inclusive Resort



#### Hilton Vallarta Riviera All-Inclusive Resort

#### Reserve At Booking.com

Who Will Love It: Families who love a fun pool scene and lots of activities and restaurants

All-Star Amenities: Spa; nightly entertainment; oceanfront pools
What Not To Miss: Afternoon sushi snacks at Azulinda
Location: Hiahway to Barra de Navidad

Although it's only a short drive from Puerto Vallarta's bustling Zona Romantica, Hilton Vallarta Riviera All-Inclusive feels a world away. The oceanfront tower has a picture-perfect view over the Bay of Banderas and a spectacular pool deck with oceanfront pools and a small slice of beach. Each of the property's 444 rooms has a balcony with ocean views. Families will love the wide variety of activities here, from water sports to beach volleyball, art classes and sunset pool parties. When it's time for a break, adults can indulge in the eforea spa's hydrotherapy pools, steam room and sauna.

## Best All-Inclusive Resort In Puerto Vallarta For Romance: Secrets Vallarta Bay Puerto Vallarta



#### Secrets Vallarta Bay Puerto Vallarta

#### Reserve At Booking.com

Who Will Love It: Couples seeking a beachfront location with spectacular pools and spacious suites
All-Star Amenities: Oceanfront pools; eight restaurants and bars;
14,000-square-foot spa
What Not To Miss: Sunset from the pool deck
Location: Las Glorias

It doesn't get much more romantic than a front-row seat to one of the best sunsets in Mexico, and the best place to find it is at Secrets Vallarta Bay Puerto Vallarta, a luxury, adults-only all-inclusive resort overlooking the Bay of Banderas. Couples who check in here are treated to the best seat in the house each night from the spectacular oceanfront pools as the sky erupts in fiery shades of reds, oranges and pinks. Inside their luxury suites, guests can relax in their private hot tub or opt for the option of a room with swim-up access. Preferred Club guests enjoy enhanced amenities like an upgraded suite, an exclusive lounge, and dedicated concierge.

Best All-Inclusive Resort In Puerto Vallarta For Groups: Sheraton Buganvilias Resort & Convention Center



Sheraton Buganvilias Resort & Convention Center

Reserve At Booking.com

Who Will Love It: Groups who want a beachfront location close to downtown, with tons of activities and a convention center on-site All-Star Amenities: Two pools; four tennis courts; a 24-hour fitness center; spa

What Not To Miss: Kick back after meetings with a fun night out at Nine Ninety 9 pub

Location: Lazaro Cardenas

One of the only beachfront resorts in Puerto Vallarta with its own on-site convention center, Sheraton Buganvilias Resort & Convention Center is one of the best all-inclusive resorts for groups in Puerto Vallarta. Guests of all ages and interests will find something to do at this centrally located resort. Choose from six different restaurants and bars, pop into the 24-hour fitness center or unwind with a massage at the spa village. The resort also has two oceanfront pools, as well as four tennis courts and a kid's club.

## Best All-Inclusive Resort In Puerto Vallarta For Spa And Wellness: Garza Blanca Preserve Resort & Spa Puerto Vallarta



Garza Blanca Preserve Resort & Spa Puerto Vallarta

#### Reserve At Booking.com

**Who Will Love It:** Travelers seeking relaxation, natural beauty and a beach at their doorstep

All-Star Amenities: Semi-private white-sand beach; free non-motorized water sports; infinity pool; full access to luxury Imagine Spa at sister property Hotel Mousai

What Not To Miss: A kayaking tour of the Bay of Banderas; a hydrotherapy treatment at Imagine Spa Location: Highway to Barra de Navidad

Garza Blanca Preserve Resort & Spa Puerto Vallarta is the sister resort to Hotel Mousai, our best overall selection, and it boasts the same spectacular views with the addition of an enviable beachfront location. While taking advantage of perfect ocean views and serenity, spa and wellness fanatics have full access to the stellar Imagine Spa up the hill, which includes hydrotherapy treatments and even customizable therapy suites. The property also has direct access to the area's surrounding natural beauty, offering free non-motorized sports like kayaking, stand-up paddle boarding and beautiful hiking trails. Garza Blanca Preserve is truly the best place to disconnect from the outside world and reconnect with your inner peace in Puerto Vallarta.

Best Beachfront All-Inclusive Resort In Puerto Vallarta: Velas Vallarta



The beach at Velas Vallarta. VELAS VALLARTA

## Velas Vallarta

Reserve At Booking.com

Who Will Love It: Families seeking a fun pool scene and a great

beachfront location **All-Star Amenities:** Two pools; 500-foot stretch of beach; nightly

What Not To Miss: Float down the resort's lazy river

Location: Marina Vallarta

Tucked away in an exclusive residential neighborhood near Puerto Vallarta's ritzy Marina, Velas Vallarta is hidden away from the hustle and bustle of downtown and is perfect for beach lovers whose primary goals are sun and sand. Overlooking a long stretch of white sand beach (one of the best beaches in the area), this family-friendly resort also has sprawling pools, a lazy river and residential-style suites. Don't miss a meal at the al fresco La Ribera Restaurant, serving steak and seafood overlooking the Bay of Banderas.

## All-Inclusive Resort With The Best Views In Puerto Vallarta: Marival Distinct Luxury Residences



Marival Distinct Luxury Residences at night. MARIVAL DISTINCT LUXURY RESIDENCES

#### **Marival Distinct Luxury Residences**

Reserve At Booking.com

Who Will Love It: Travelers who want residence-style room with resort amenities

All-Star Amenities: Suites with full kitchens; kids' club; spa What Not To Miss: A sunset cocktail at rooftop Insú Sky Lounge Location: Nuevo Vallarta

For the best views of Puerto Vallarta, just head a quick 25 minutes north to the neighboring Nuevo Nayarit beachfront community, where you'll find the Marival Distinct Luxury Residences, home to some of the most breathtaking views of Puerto Vallarta, the surrounding mountains and the bay. Rooms here are residential in design, giving guests a homey vibe while still offering resort amenities at their fingertips. Head to the sprawling beach for a day in a private cabana, or spend time at one of the many pools on the property. The very best views are up at the Insú Sky Lounge—make sure to grab a cocktail and take in the sunset.

## Best Adults-Only All-Inclusive Resort In Puerto Vallarta: Casa Velas



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#### Casa Velas

#### Reserve At Booking.com

Who Will Love It: Adults who prefer a fabulous pool and on-site golf course over beachfront access

All-Star Amerities: On-site IS-hale golf course; spa; pool off-site beach club

Whot Not To Miss: Dinner at signature Emiliona restaurant

A lush, jungle retreat tucked away in Marina Vallarta, this adults-only all-inclusive is a tropical paradise complete with roaming peacocks and vibrant flowers. While the resort itself is not directly on the beach, guests do have access to the private Táu Beach Club, which is just a few minutes away. The pool at Casa Velas is tranquil, wreathed in palm trees, while many of the 80 suites have private plunge pools. The resort features an 18-hole golf course directly on site, as well.

All-Inclusive Resort With The Best Amenities In Puerto Vallarta: Fiesta Americana Puerto Vallarta All-Inclusive & Spa



The sps at Flesta Americana Puerto Vallarta. FISSIA AMERICANA PUERTO VALLARIA ALL-INCLUSIVE & SA

## Fiesta Americana Puerto Vallarta All-Inclusive & Spa

#### Reserve At Booking.com

Who Will Love It: Families or adults seeking a beachfront resort loaded with restaurants, activities and perks

All-Star Amenities: Free airport transfer; spa; kids club

What Not To Miss: A private cabana at the adults-only rooftop pool

With a prime location directly on the beach and within a quick distance to downtown Puerto Vallarta, plenty of restaurants, a beach club, spa and separate areas for adults-only, there's lots to love about Fiesta Americana Puerto Vallarta All-Inclusive & Spa. Among the many amenities found at the property are a nearby marina golf course, the secluded, tropical Nakawé Spa and the adults-only rooftop Sonne Club. Guests who book the Fiesta Club level suites have upgraded amenities.

## All-Inclusive Resort With The Best Pools In Puerto Vallarta: Dreams Vallarta Bay Resort & Spa



The view of the pool at night. Usewer will also are resolut a sex

## Dreams Vallarta Bay Resort & Spa

#### Reserve At Booking.com

Who Will Love It: Families who want a mix of activities for the kids and wellness amenities for the adults
All-Star Amenities: Private balconies; spa; kids and teens club
What Not To Miss: Soaking up the sun at one of the three oceanfront pool
Location: Las Glorias

With a fantastic location on one of Puerto Vallarta's main beaches, just five minutes from downtown, Dreams Vallarta Bay Resort & Spa is all about low-key family fun. There are plenty of activities for travelers of any age to enjoy here, but the real showstoppers are the property's three outdoor pools complete with oceanfront views. A teens and kids club makes the resort a perfect spot for families traveling together, and wellness-seeking adults will also find it easy to wind down thanks to the property's luxurious Spa by Pevonia. Guests can choose from four different a la carte restaurants on-site, including the adults-only Capers restaurant serving Italian cuisine.

## About Meagan Drillinger, Your Puerto Vallarta All-Inclusive Resorts Guide

Mexico has been more than a beat to me over the past 10 years—it's been, quite literally, a second home. My adventures across Mexico have taken me from northern Baja to southern Chiapas, from remote beaches to pulsing cities, from dusty backpacker routes and hostels to the high thread counts and Champagne bars at the best resorts in the country. Today I call Puerto Vallarta my second home when I'm not off on assignment. My life as a travel writer has also taken me beyond Mexico and across the borders of Europe, Asia, Africa, South America, Central America and Australia. I spend more than half the year on the road, with my passport and my carry-on as my most prized (and only) possessions. In addition to writing for Forbes Vetted, I am also a contributing Mexico editor for Travel Weekly magazine. You can find more of my work in Travel + Leisure, Afar, Lonely Planet, Business Insider, and others.

