

HACIENDA CAMINO AL MAR – GUEST COMMENTS

Arvada, Colorado

Review Submitted: **June 2, 2009** Date of Stay: **May 2009**

The online pictures and description were absolutely true. This villa was as beautiful in person as it was in pictures. We fell in love with the staff. Best meals we have ever had on vacation. Everything you could think of was right there-yours for the asking. Cleanest place I have ever stayed and I would go back there in a minute. 14 of us celebrated my 60th Birthday and it was just perfect. Lots of room, rooftop was fabulous and those who wanted could always find a quiet corner to get away from the crowd. Everyone involved in helping us w/ this rental was wonderful. This was the best rental experience we have ever had. I highly recommend this Villa!!

Steamboat Does Bucerias

Steamboat, Colorado

Review Submitted: **May 26, 2009** Date of Stay: **April 2009**

We stayed at Hacienda Camino al Mar for a week in April. It was absolutely perfect. The staff spoils you with incredible service. The food was some of the best Mexican food I have ever had and the margaritas were to die for. The accommodations were top notch! Everything is decorated beautifully and the house is spacious enough you don't feel on top of

best vacation ever!

Portland, Oregon USA

Review Submitted: **May 3, 2009** Date of Stay: **March 2009**

The villa was absolutely gorgeous, very well maintained and beautifully decorated. Our family of 4 stayed there with another family of 4 and we had more than enough rooms and space for everyone. For us it worked out well to be a block away from the beach to have more privacy, in addition to not having to worry about the kids running onto the beach without us. The town itself was perfect for those wanting a true, relaxing, non-touristy get away. Still close to the action when we wanted it, but far enough away to feel like a true vacation. The best part of the trip though, was the incredible staff at the villa. Luis was our "go to" person for basically anything....tours, cab rides, drinks, interpreting, planning events, bringing gear to the beach, and of course, making things very fun! Make sure you have him teach you to Salsa dance....that was a hit for our family, even the non dancers. Luis is so friendly and very professional as he manages both the guests and the property perfectly.

Lili was a fabulous cook! Our kids continually said it was the "best meal ever". Coming from picky eaters, this was a huge compliment. Lili's tamales and fish tacos were my favorite, but everything was outstanding. We went to dinner at Marks one night (excellent food, though a bit spendy) but we preferred Lili's dinners by far! The food costs for our villa meals were also so reasonable. We could never eat that well at home for the price, as well as the fabulous menu choices. Lili was also so kind, and it is obvious that her love of cooking and people makes her meals extra special. Angela made the best homemade torillas....we couldn't get enough of them! She also kept the entire villa clean while also doing our laundry. I don't know how she kept up with everything between the constant back and forth from the pool and beach.....and managing 8

people....4 of them being kids and a little on the messy side. She always did everything with a smile, and her sweet personality made us even more appreciative of her amazing skills. Luis, Lili, and Angela were a wonderful team! They made us feel so pampered, and although they were all so professional, they made us feel as special as family. They were all truly the highlight of our wonderful vacation experience! We definitely want to go back and would highly recommend this villa to anyone wanting both a luxurious, as well as the most comfortable, relaxing vacation ever! Kimberly, Greg, Miranda and Jacob

Spring Break in Bucerias!

Austin, Texas, USA

Review Submitted: **March 26, 2009** Date of Stay: **March 2009**

The Hacienda was absolutely beautiful! The pool was amazing, and always at a perfect temperature. The 3rd floor terrace was a perfect place to relax and lay in the sun. The beds were possibly the most comfortable beds I have ever slept in, and each room had an air conditioning unit that worked perfectly. The house amenities were just as great as they sounded on the website. There were bikes and boogie boards for our use, and cable television. There was a phone that we could use toll free to the states, which was a major plus!

Everything about our stay at the Hacienda Camino al Mar was amazing. The staff was so nice and helpful, and the food made by Denise was to die for! Everything was home-made, and tasted great. The best part was that we could ask for recipes at the end of our stay, and I can't wait to make Denise's flan!

Our house man, Luis, was incredibly helpful and fun! He taught us how to salsa dance, and made the best margaritas! We really appreciated his help with directions, cab rides into PV, and overall knowledge of the area. He was always there when we needed him.

The house could not have been better located. Just a walk across the street to the beach made it easy to go back and forth to the house as you pleased. Also, there are great restaurants and shops right down the street from the Hacienda. We really enjoyed Mark's restaurant, and Adriatico Italian restaurant for dinner. The food was amazing, and they were both very well priced. For lunch we loved Karen's. It is right on the beach, and has great food.

There is no doubt in my mind that I would recommend staying at the Hacienda Camino al Mar to any friend! In fact, I have already told my mother and family that they HAVE to go! The house and the area is perfect for all ages. Whether you are in college and on spring break, or getting away with family friends, Bucerias is a great place to go, and the house is perfect!

We were looking for a relaxing, kid-friendly villa where we could enjoy beauty, swimming, easy walks to beach, shopping and excellent food prepared for us. This villa had all of these qualities. The staff was gracious, hard-working, available but unobtrusive and highly competent. The meals were delicious and the villa remained spotless the whole time. The villa layout was perfect, such that the kids could nap uninterrupted by the noise of the adults. The owner was amazing in her communication and helpfulness. Thank you so much for the week of a lifetime! – **2/15/09 L. Korshkarian – San Francisco, CA**

We all had a wonderful time! We didn't want to leave and would love to go back today. The Villa and the staff are exceptional. I am

already checking on dates that might work for next year. Thanks again for all your assistance! ~ **2/5/09 N. Garrelts – Holdredge, NE**

Just a quick note to thank you for your help with our stay at Hacienda Camino al Mar. It was great and the staff was exceptional. The food was delicious and we loved the small town and easy access to the beach. We would love to go back! Hopefully it will work out for us again. The pool was so nice and the children loved playing in it for hours. Great trip!! We would all give the home and staff a top rating.....

Again, thank you!

A. Hawk – 1/17/09

It is wonderful to experience architecture that fits living and enlivens the soul. The pool was perfect and the staff unbelievable. This was one of the best weeks of our lives, the weather was perfect, and the house was like home. Walking the beautiful beach or through quaint town, it seemed as if everyone was imbued with artistic energy and color. Our "Mexican Time" is a reality here. A week in Bucerias is to be enjoyed forever! – **1/14/09 – J. & J. Armstrong, Phoenix, AZ**

This was the perfect beginning to our wedding celebration and one of the best memories of my life! Your hospitality was above and beyond! Thank you for letting us stay in your beautiful villa, we will be back next year! – **D. Madden, Denver, CO 1/5/09**

Thanks for all your help with our trip! We had a terrific time and the villa and staff are truly exceptional. We LOVED the house, the pool is like a kid's dream and the staff could not have been nicer to the kids (or to us). We do a family trip like this ever year so we've stayed in a lot of similar set-ups and Luis, Lily and Angela are truly extraordinary. They went above and beyond in many ways to ensure we had a great time. We care a lot about food and wine and Lily's cooking never disappointed. She was very attentive to what we wanted, always created delicious meals and even cooked simpler fare for the little kids.

Luis took great care of us and helped create a number of special occasions. He organized the pinata "party" for the little kids, choreographed the entrance and experience of the great mariachi band for my brother's surprise birthday party, and generally was always looking for ways to make our vacation a great one.

Once again, we loved the villa and staff, thanks for making it all happen. Happy New Year!

Thanks,

J. McWeeney- San Fran, CA, New Year's Week, Dec 27-January 4, 2009

"We have rented villas in Puerto Vallarta the last two years, each time being south of old town and was a bit nervous about renting in Bucerias, north of town

and really 25 minutes from downtown Puerto Vallarta. But we never missed it . . .before we had to call taxis to get to restaurants and shopping, at Hacienda Camino we could walk to great restaurants and shopping . .and have a walkable beach only 1/2 block away . .what a benefit. We loved the staff, Luis is great, he is always looking to please. He kept asking us if he could get us anything, and did. Lili, what a cook . .everything we gave her to make, was wonderful . .she is also very pleasing . .Angela . .she completes the team, and they are a team, helping each other in all the duties . .Angela helps Lili in the kitchen and cleans the rooms . .This team is the best we have encountered in our villa rental experience . .The heated salt water pool is a bonus . .its so much better than the chemically treated hotel pool . .and why would you want to go to a hotel with this great option. This villa is all that its descibed to be . . and more. It was very clean, relaxing and enjoyable . . .Our group of five couples have already booked for next year . . .We did hire a driver for one trip into PV, but we also took the local bus to Sayulita and into PV for pennies . .and what an experience . . I always share my travels with my friends, and they are now asking to join us next year . . We will never do a hotel again!

Thank you for letting us share in the flavor and feelings of Hacienda Camino al Mar, we feel honored and blessed...

- **D. Lloyd, Mills River, NC – December 6-13, 2008**

We all had such a fabulous relaxing time. Thank you SO MUCH for everything, Shayne. This has really been a huge blessing for all of us!

The villa could not have been more perfect - it was paradise!

- **A. Clark, Austin, TX – Thanksgiving Week 2008**

- “This was my first trip to the Puerto Vallarta Area and it was wonderful! The villa was amazing and the staff exceptional!! Luis, Lili, and Denise were so nice and helpful and the cooking was SO good. I wish that we could’ve stayed longer and we’ll definitely be returning as soon as possible! Thank you!”

- **A. Blessing Moore, California**

- “The food was fantastic! Great staff- thanks to Luis, Lili, and Denise!”

- **K. Boyer**

- “We spent a week in Bucerias and I was most excited about spending quality time relaxing in a beautiful villa. Hacienda Camino al Mar went above and beyond my expectations! There is so much beauty and detail here that I don’t want to go home. Thank you SO MUCH to Luis, Denise, Lily and Shayne for being so attentive. It was the perfect vacation!”

- **A. Klein, Santa Monica, CA**

- “We booked this villa for a week in late October ’08 and it definitely lived up to our expectations and then some! A lovely villa and a lovely staff. Luis, Lili and Denise were always helpful and attentive. Hopefully, we can all come back again soon!”
– **J. Kendig, Santa Monica, CA**

- “This was my second trip to Puerto Vallarta, but first to Bucerias. I had no idea the accommodations and experience would be this wonderful! Thanks to Luis, Denise and Doña Lili for an exceptional time!”
– **M. Plater, Los Angeles, CA**

- “Thanks so much to Luis, Lili, and Denise for our wonderful stay in this beautiful Villa! I had such a great time and all the food was so delicious. I can’t wait to come back!”
– **A. Yaracrain**
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