

Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico

A Pacific paradise where jungle mountains tumble into Banderas Bay — Puerto Vallarta blends cobblestone old-town charm with world-class beaches, adventure, and one of Mexico's most walkable seafronts.

Docked (pier)

Typical call: 8-10 hrs

Mexican Peso (USD accepted in tourist areas)

Spanish

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date:

Arrive:

All aboard:

Excursion:

Notes:

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Ships dock at Puerto Mágico Terminal, Hotel Zone — no tendering

Best For: Beach days, adventure tours, Old Town culture, whale watching (Dec–Mar)

Walk to center: 5 km to downtown; take bus ("Centro", ~\$1) or taxi (~\$8-12)

Don't Miss: Malecón boardwalk sculptures, Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Los Arcos snorkeling

Getting around:

Taxi USD 16–20/car · Rideshare Uber, DiDi, inDrive · Hop-on hop-off Hop-on hop-off

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Los Arcos National Marine Park Snorkeling** — Boat out to the iconic granite arch islands of Los Arcos, a protected marine park teeming with tropical fish, rays, and...
 - Sierra Madre Zipline & Canopy Tour** — Fly through the jungle canopy above the Sierra Madre foothills on a multi-line zipline course.
 - Marietas Islands & Hidden Beach** — Cruise to the remote Marietas Islands — a UNESCO-protected biosphere — and
- swim into the famous Hidden Beach (Playa del...

 - Old Town Walking & Food Tour** — Explore Centro Histórico's cobblestone streets, sample birria tacos and fresh ceviche at the Mercado Municipal, and...
 - Whale Watching (December–March)** — Banderas Bay hosts one of the highest concentrations of humpback whales on Earth during winter months.

BEST WALKS

- Malecón to Old Town** 3 km one-way | Easy | 1-2 hrs — Start at the northern end of the Malecón boardwalk and stroll south past bronze sculpture installations, seafront restaurants, and the...
- Playa Los Muertos Beach Walk** Easy | 30-45 min stroll — From the Malecón, head south past the Cuale River to Playa Los Muertos — PV's most popular beach.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	83°	66°	0d
Jun	86°	75°	15d
Aug	87°	77°	27d
Sep	86°	76°	26d
Oct	86°	75°	18d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 6:42AM–7:19PM · Jun 6:20AM–7:42PM · Aug 6:40AM–7:29PM · Sep 6:48AM–7:03PM · Oct 6:56AM–6:36PM

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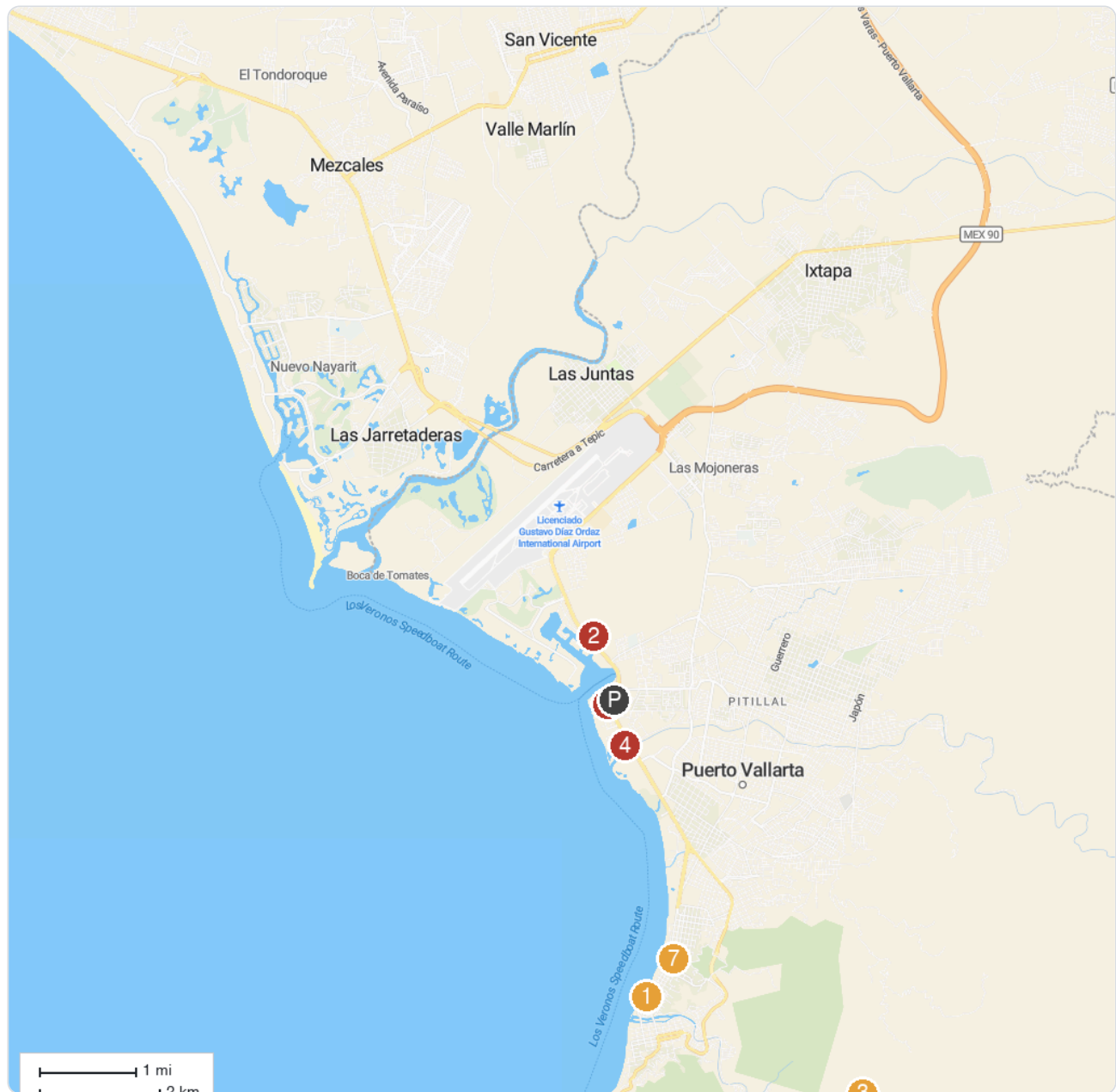
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Bus beats taxi for the budget: Local buses to Centro cost about \$1 USD — grab the one marked "Centro" outside the terminal gates and ride it all the way downtown.

Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 The Boy on the Seahorse | Iconic bronze sculpture on the Malecon, a city landmark. | 2 Área Natural Protegida Estero El Salado | Urban estuary with mangroves, crocodiles, and diverse wildlife. |
| 3 River Park | Island park on Cuale River with shops, art, and culture. | 4 Skydive Vallarta | Experience tandem skydiving over the bay and city. |
| 5 Puerto Magico | Modern cruise terminal with shops, restaurants, and entertainment. | 6 Pirate Ship Vallarta | Themed pirate ship dinner cruise with show and open bar. |
| 7 Parroquia Nuestra Señora del Refugio | Beautiful historic Catholic church with iconic crown tower. | P Cruise port / terminal | |