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Puerto Vallarta Per-City Pack

The paid, printable companion to the free city profile

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A real city wrapped around a resort town, with an international airport, serious hospitals, a huge LGBTQ+ scene, and a mature expat infrastructure that makes landing easy. It is also no longer cheap, and the difference between loving PV and burning out on it usually comes down to which neighborhood you pick and which season you first arrive in.

How this pack was built

Every figure in this pack is taken from the free Puerto Vallarta profile at mymexicomove.com/cities/puerto-vallarta/, verified November 2026. This edition goes beyond the free profile: it adds a fill-in budget worksheet built on the profile's own figures, a first-30-days plan sequenced from the profile's own sections, a rental viewing checklist, Spanish phrases for renting and for healthcare visits, and the consulate and canje steps from the site's residency guides. Where the profile states a gap, this pack states the same gap, honestly, in the Honest gaps section and in the worksheet.

What is in this pack

- The snapshot: monthly totals, rents, climate and healthcare at a glance.
- Costs and rents, with the profile's own monthly totals and rent ranges.
- Neighbourhoods, streets, markets, healthcare and IMSS, Spanish, expat life, retirement fit, work, families and schools, food, and safety.
- Climate by the month, from the profile's own published source.
- Honest gaps: what the profile does not verify, stated plainly.
- New in this edition: a fill-in budget worksheet, a first-30-days plan for this city, a rental viewing checklist, Spanish phrases for renting and healthcare, and the consulate and canje steps.
- A printable, dated checklist for this city: what to check before you sign, and your first 30 days.

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The snapshot

The profile's own headline figures, as the profile prints them.

Figure	Value	Basis
Monthly total, one person	$1,800–$2,500	One person, comfortable
Monthly total, a couple	$2,500–$3,500	A couple, good beach-adjacent life
Rent, Zona Romántica, one bedroom	$1,000–$1,800	Per month, and rising
Healthcare	Best on the Pacific coast	Hospital Joya, CMQ Premiere, Vallarta Médical Center; specialist consults $50 to $90

Travel advisory: Jalisco state is at Level 3 (Reconsider Travel) in the US State Department Mexico advisory dated 11 August 2026.

Costs and rents

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Monthly total, a couple: $2,500–$3,500 (A couple, good beach-adjacent life).

Rents

Rent	Range	Note
Zona Romántica (Old Town), one bedroom	$1,000–$1,800	And rising
5 de Diciembre and Versalles	$600–$1,100	Per month
Marina Vallarta	$900–$1,600	Per month
Fluvial and Las Gaviotas	$500–$900	Per month
Bucerías and La Cruz (Nayarit)	Slightly gentler than the Romantic Zone	With a longer drive, 30 to 45 minutes north

Realistic 2026 planning figures for decent long-term rentals. High-season short-term prices run far higher, and summer rents drop with the town.

Neighbourhoods

Zona Romántica (Old Town)

The walkable heart: cobblestones, beach clubs, nightlife, and the center of gay PV. Vibrant is the polite word; loud is the accurate one in high season.

5 de Diciembre and Versalles

The value plays locals and savvy expats moved to. Versalles especially has become the food neighborhood, a short bus or cab from the beach.

Marina Vallarta

Golf, yachts, condo towers, airport convenience. Quieter, older crowd.

Fluvial and Las Gaviotas

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Where working residents live: modern, practical.

Bucerías and La Cruz (Nayarit, 30 to 45 min)

Small-town beach life at slightly gentler prices, big snowbird energy.

Streets and getting around

Vallarta is one of the easiest cities in Mexico to live carless. The local buses are famous, loud, cheap, and they go everywhere from Centro to Mismaloya. Ubers and taxis are plentiful, and the Zona Romántica and Malecón were made for walking. The airport seals the deal: it is 20 minutes from most expat neighborhoods with direct flights to a huge spread of US and Canadian cities. Marina Vallarta, Fluvial and the northern hotel zone are more car-oriented, and Bucerías and La Cruz, thirty to forty-five minutes north in Nayarit, really need a car or a bus plan. Traffic on the coastal road is the daily friction: the trip from the Romantic Zone to Marina can take twenty minutes or an hour depending on the season.

Markets and daily shopping

PV shops in markets, supermarkets and farmers markets. The Mercado Municipal Río Cuale is the traditional market for produce, vanilla, dried chiles, textiles and crafts, and the Mercado Municipal Emiliano Zapata in the old town is the everyday food market. On Saturdays, the Olas Altas Farmers Market in Parque Lázaro Cárdenas runs about 9 am to 2 pm in the high season. For the weekly supermarket shop, Ley and Chedraui serve the daily run, and Costco, Walmart and Soriana cover the big stock-up. The honest pattern is market for produce and fish, farmers market for the specialty goods, supermarket for everything else, and the budget lever is cooking at home, because restaurant prices in the tourist zone are the highest in this batch outside Mexico City.

Healthcare and IMSS

Among the best on the Pacific coast: Hospital Joya, CMQ Premiere, and Vallarta Médical Center handle everything from checkups to surgery, with English-speaking staff accustomed to foreign patients and insurance. Specialist consults run $50 to $90. For anything truly exotic, Guadalajara is a 4.5-hour drive or a 40-minute flight.

Facility	Type	What the profile says
Hospital CMQ City Center	Private hospital	Basilio Badillo, Romantic Zone, 24-hour emergency
Hospital CMQ Premiere	Private hospital	Avenida Francisco Villa, Fluvial, 24-hour emergency
Hospital CMQ Riviera Nayarit	Private hospital	Bucerías, 24-hour emergency
Hospital Joya Marina Vallarta	Private hospital	Avenida Francisco Medina Ascencio, hotel zone, round-the-clock emergency, cardiac care and intensive care
Hospital Joya Riviera Nayarit	Private hospital	Nuevo Nayarit branch
Vallarta Médical Center	Private hospital	Hotel zone
Hospital San Javier Marina	Private hospital	Further private capacity

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