

A Visit to Paradise

PUERTO VALLARTA VILLA WILL ENCHANT YOU

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Balcony over Banderas Bay.
Photos by Villan Encantada.



Original art adds to the gracious setting.



Hot tub and solar-heated pool

Located in the scenic hills of Amapas/Conchas Chinas in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, Villa Encantada provides a vacation setting where paradise is found all year 'round.

Within a few minutes of downtown, the Amapas/Conchas Chinas area is considered by many to be the Beverly Hills of Puerto Vallarta.

Villa Encantada was designed by Arturo Ramos, one of the most well-known and respected architects in the city. He is also a native son, growing up in a small town called Mascota just 15 miles from Puerto Vallarta. As a young boy, he already was interested in studying the architectural features of buildings.

"As I grew older, I saw architecture as means to be involved in a highly creative profession for my life's work" says Ramos.

The clean lines and dramatic open spaces of the Villa are strong evidence of his work and follow

the wishes of his clients who wanted a high quality Villa that reflected native architecture. To that end, Ramos chose a Spanish Colonial approach to offer guests the opportunity to experience an environment or culture different than their own. It was Ramos's reputation that convinced his clients to contract him to design the Villa.

Ramos chose to use primary elements for the design, like cantera stone for the floors, columns and balustrades; for the windows, doors and cabinets he used rich parota hardwood that is native to Mexico.

It is evident that there was a concerted effort to repeat colors and materials throughout the grand interiors to increase the feeling of visual spaciousness.

In Spanish, Villa Encantada means enchanted and it lives up to its name in providing so many luxurious amenities. With spacious 5,000-square feet of luxury, 5 bedrooms with private bathrooms, many terraces, a solar-heated swimming pool, spa tub, spectacular décor, beautiful original art works ... the list never ends. The art displayed in the Villa was chosen not only for its design and color, but for sentiment as well. The many blown art glass bowls, plates and vases are from Tonalá, an artisan community outside of Guadalajara.

A stay at the Villa is designed to ensure a totally relaxed atmosphere. On-site service includes a staff, a maid, chef and a houseboy. You won't need to do a thing. No cooking, no grocery

shopping, nothing. Simply just sit by the pool. Relax and enjoy the sun and the air. I couldn't resist doing watercolors by the pool. By painting, I not only relaxed but I had fun doing it.

In the evening you must dine outside on one of the terraces or by the pool, feel the soft ocean breeze and enjoy the lush tropical jungle landscaping. The breathtaking views of Puerto Vallarta's famous Banderas Bay are magnificent, especially with a margarita or tropical drink in your hand--one made by a member of the staff. This enchanted house truly offers vacationers the life style of the rich and famous.

If you decide to go into town (and believe me it will be difficult to leave the Villa), Puerto Vallarta has a lot to offer. It is one of the most friendly and most diverse resort destinations in the world. There are many great restaurants, lots of shopping and the best gay nightlife.

Romantic walks on the beach await. So does whale watching as the great beasts migrate to the Sea of Cortez. Great shopping, too. I guarantee you will have one of the best vacations of your life at the enchanting Villa Encantada.

Find more information:

Villa Encantada is available for rental year 'round: www.villaencantada.com

For the gay life:

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