

Chacala one of Mexico's best kept secrets!

Off the beaten tourist path just 60 miles (100 kilometers) north of Puerto Vallarta, lies Chacala--population ~300 - is a picturesque beach town set in a small cove on the Pacific coast of Mexico in the state of Nayarit. Here, on the coastline known as Riviera Nayarita, visitors fall into the easy rhythm of the slow pace of village life for a true Mexican experience. Chacalenos are friendly people. Traditions bind the community and the locals' livelihood stems from the fishing trade and tourism.

You won't find fancy hotels in Chacala! Chacala, with its secluded bays and surrounding lush green jungles, offers visitors the tranquility away from the hustle and bustle of larger vacation destinations.

The Chacala Experience

In Chacala, your spirit will be refreshed and your body rejuvenated by the laid back atmosphere, warm sunshine, ocean breezes, friendly people, and the many activities you may choose to participate in.

- Choose to do nothing but lounge by the infinity pool surrounded by lovely gardens at Casa de Tortugas or venture out to enjoy all that Chacala has to offer. The main beach is a short, two-minute walk along the ocean. The water is warm and although there is a beach break, it is very safe and swimmable. Enjoy a long walk along a golden crescent of beach. Imagine an early morning or sunset silent walking meditation. Hang out at one of the many beach palapas. Lie on the beach and soak up some sun!
- Whale Watching: The humpback whales come to the calm waters of Chacala to give birth from December to March. Take a whale watching cruise.
- Hike in the mountains above Chacala. Hike around a crater, through orchards to a hidden beach while overlooking the coastline and Bay of Chacala.
- Birding: Over 170 species of exotic birds inhabit Chacala.
- Jungle Ride: Just one hour north of Chacala, you can take a two-hour Tobarra jungle ride. Enter the mangroves by boat and discover all the wildlife from birds to snakes to crocodiles.
- Hot Springs Soak in natural hot springs that are only a short car ride away.
- Petroglyphs A local guide will take you to an archeological site to see 2300-year-old carvings
- Explore neighbouring beach villages and nearby towns: Sayulita, lo de Marcos, San Francisco, San Blas, Las Varas ..
- Shopping: On Thursdays visit the market in La Penita where once a week you can shop for Mexican artwork, artifacts, clothes, food, plants, and fresh produce.
- Surfing: Take a day trip to Sayulita for surf school. While you are there, take a ride on the zip line.
- Nightlife: If you yearn for a little nightlife, head to more developed Sayulita or Guayabitos for music and dancing.
- Chacala Restaurants: Most of Chacala's palapa-covered restaurants are located along the beachfront and feature the best in seafood from the local area. Savor freshly caught or harvested lobster, shrimp, mahi-mahi, oysters, or other local favorites. Find live music & a festive atmosphere! Go casual. There is no need to dress up in Chacala.