

Escape to Grand Miramar, Puerto Vallarta's Picturesque Paradise

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[Grand Miramar All Luxury Suites & Residences](#) is located in a prime hilltop setting in the Conchas Chinas neighborhood where views of dazzling Banderas Bay are aplenty. The AAA Four-Diamond hotel recently received some upgrades and in April, introduced an optional all-inclusive plan, allowing guests to have a worry-free vacation. The hotel was also awarded the 2016 TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence and recently joined the exclusive Expedia + VIP Access program. With breathtaking views, top-tier cuisine and a soothing spa to boot, this Puerto Vallarta getaway is hard to resist.

The hotel features 80 suites and 20 residences spread across two towers with irresistible amenities like private balconies and ocean views, with higher-level rooms boasting outdoor balcony Jacuzzis. Indoors, accommodations include kitchenettes, artisan-crafted decor and tropical hardwood accents.

The recently upgraded pool areas now feature new, contemporary furnishings and loungers, and sun-seekers can choose from three sparkling oases, one which was recently remodeled and one that features three Jacuzzis and a swim-up bar. For those looking to head to the beach, the hotel has a beach club that serves all day drinks and dining and provides transportation to and from the hotel.



For guests seeking relaxation, the 2,800-square-foot Spa Miramar was recently awarded the "Loved by Guests Award" from Hotels.com and with its agave spa experience it's easy to see why. The spa allows guests to discover Mexican culture through the use of indigenous ingredients and traditional rituals in tempting treatments like facials, massages and body scrubs. The spa incorporates the exclusive Agave Spa Skincare line that's created from all natural, sustainable, native Mexican ingredients and botanicals. And what's not to love about blue agave, the primary ingredient used throughout the line? Aside from being a key, delicious ingredient in tequila, the blue agave plant contains natural antiseptics that allow deep moisturizing with high levels of amino sugars that boost cell renewal, anti-inflammatory and anti-scarring effects. With exotic treatments like the After Sun Teomel Deluxe Ritual or the Ixchel Anti-Aging Facial & Eye Contour Treatment, this is one spa that can't be missed.

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Just like its spa, the hotel's cuisine is an impressive spread of rooftop cocktails and international delight. La Mar serves up international cuisine in a hip, modern atmosphere while the newest concept is perched atop the highest point in Banderas Bay on the hotel's rooftop. The Gin Joint is a rooftop lounge that provides thirsty patrons with 360-degree views and tasty, signature cocktails. For a more "down-to-earth" experience, guests can opt for the newly revamped Cielito Lindo by Casianos that recently introduced Chef Casiano Reyes as the executive chef. Serving up classic Mexican with a contemporary twist with international influences, the restaurant is a surprising delight with a "no menu" Spontaneous Cuisine concept. Inspired by the ingredients found in local markets, organic farms and local businesses combined with guest preferences, the team whips up spontaneous dishes and features a three- or five-course ever-changing tasting menu that infuses the region's freshest foods into dishes like roasted corn with scallops, foie gras enchiladas and lobster tails. The restaurant is the third Casiano restaurant (after the Los Cabos and Riviera Nayarit locations) serving breakfast and dinner and features 40 seats, floor-to-ceiling windows and views of Banderas Bay.



Guests of Grand Miramar also have access to nearby Vista Vallarta Golf Club and Marina Vallarta Course where hotel guests receive 40-percent off golf fees.

All-inclusive rates start at \$305 in low season while standard rates start at \$225 in low season and \$455 in high season.

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