



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Member,

Spring time has sprung! We welcome you to the beauty of Puerto Vallarta, the mountainous jungle, the endless Bahía de Banderas, the charming Malecon and we would not want to overlook the myriad of fabulous restaurants, hosted by chefs from many parts of the world.

Let us also welcome our "new member," the hot pink Safari, "Ocho Cascadas" in remembrance of years past, when many Americans embellished their colorful vehicles with the name of their casa (often Ed Giddings design) with his trade mark palapa roof! Join us for a ride around town. Be prepared for the thumbs up!

We have had a wonderful and busy winter, welcoming many new members and enjoying reminiscing with our seasonal members and guests. A special thank you to Dave Stoenner, Luisa Anderson and the Cascadas team for their enthusiastic support. It is also gratifying to have

many members from Cascadas de Baja joining the Ocho Cascadas family. Thank you for your dedication to an Ed Giddings vacation home.

I appreciate the support of Trading Places and their team and our dedicated Board of Directors, (Steve Farrell, Keith Wisbaum, Mark Giddings and David Giddings) who are all enthusiastically embracing their role in the evolution of Ocho Cascadas.

Wishing you many years of special vacations with family and friends.

Mi casa es su casa.

Patricia Giddings

President &

Board of Directors

The Ocho Safari: The Adventure Continues!



Punta Mita's first residents



Early days of empty surf

Some of you may wonder why the heck do we have a Pink Volkswagen Safari parked out front of Ocho. The answer is pretty simple. My mom loves them! And she wanted to contribute one to the Club as a gift and a fun and bright addition to the Ocho Cascadas family. But obviously there is more to the story than that. It is a symbol of the memories of the creation of our beloved resort by Ed and Pat Giddings. It is the affirmation of a dream come true and a belief in your talent and, quite honestly, the love for the spirit of adventure!

As you may know these Volkswagens were either called Safari's or The Volkswagen Things and they were made during the 1960-1980s. They were designed as a lightweight, amphibious vehicle that could be mass-produced for use by various national military and government groups. Volkswagen saw that there was commercial potential and the Mexican customers were asking for something that could handle rural and country roads better. Thus these vehicles proliferated through Mexico, South America, Indonesia, and many other countries.

In the early days of Ocho we had a couple of Safari's for business and personal use. My brothers and I were avid surfers and we would pack up in the Safari and as cliché as it may sound, we truly went on a surfing safari. We headed out to Punta Mita

in a time when the only people you would see were fisherman, surfers, donkeys and the occasional road runner! It was like a scene out of a movie with ultra-tropical terrain, empty surf spots, and ocean as far as the eye could see. It was remote, untouched, and totally virgin and our safari got us there and back, never letting us down. They are cherished memories that I will forever hold.

So like the Safari that was innately unique, useful, slightly rogue and made for adventure so was Ocho Cascadas. Ed and Pat Giddings building of Ocho Cascadas was and will always be an adventure of a lifetime! 🌀



On-Site Manager's Message



Ulises Alfaro

Ulises Alfaro with the "Ocho Mobile"
Ulises celebrating his birthday

Hello everyone,

As a new General Manager I wanted to thank all our owners and staff for giving me the opportunity to be part of the Ocho Family. My first winter here has been a great experience.

In the first quarter of 2017, we have implemented intensive safety and security training for the Ocho team. We have encouraged and empowered employees to be mindful of new and better ways to perform their duties which has resulted in bottom line results and has created a "family, helping family" atmosphere.

We are striving for excellence in customer service with team efforts by focusing on personal attention to detail. The staff is very friendly, helpful and congenial. Everyone is patient in answering questions, offering directions or giving their best advice on everything ranging from bus usage to local customs.

Our collectible classic Volkswagen the "Ocho Mobile" was the latest edition to Ocho Cascadas. It is exciting for the resort to have this eye-catching tribute with a great pink exterior matching the interior color, the Ocho Logo, and a Palapa hut roof top! Don't miss a picture on it!

Please feel free to contact us for any assistance,
Ulises Alfaro 🍹

Areas of Puerto Vallarta

Zona Romantica: South of the Cuale River, the romantic zone has Puerto Vallarta's highest density of restaurants and tourist-oriented shops.

El Centro: Rising abruptly from the sea are hilly, cobblestone streets of downtown, lined with white-washed homes and shops.

Olas Altas: On the southern edge of Puerto Vallarta are the upscale residential neighborhoods of Amapas, Conchas Chinas, located on both sides of highway 200.

Zona Hotelera: Facing a busy avenue, this hotel zone has malls, businesses and high-rise hotels.

MEDICAL COVERAGE for the Vacationer in Puerto Vallarta

Traveler's Insurance and Air Evacuation Policies

During your stay in Puerto Vallarta medical services are available if needed. However, many travelers' insurance policies only cover emergency situations as you vacation and only a select few companies cover the cost of an air evacuation policy. Air evacuation policies can be purchased separately as a short-, medium-, or long-term plan.


International Medical Insurance

Many of the top insurance companies have international medical or travel health coverage available for purchase for all travelers. International medical / travel health insurance plans help to cover you in case of emergency and for day to day medical needs that may take place.

Medical Tourism Insurance

Over the past few years, Mexico has become an international destination for medical care as more patients travel to the country to receive procedures and treatments at a reduced cost. Medical tourism insurance may be purchased if you are traveling to Puerto Vallarta for the purpose of obtaining medical treatment and procedures.

Coverage in Puerto Vallarta


There are several hospitals in the Banderas Bay which cover a wide variety of medical specialties. These hospitals include: Servicio Medico de la Bahia, San Javier Marina, San Javier Riviera, Medasist, CMQ, CMQ Premiere, Vallarta Medical Center, and Hospiten. 



Floating Chef Service

Don't forget! Ocho Cascadas offers a very unique "Floating Chef" service that exemplifies our attention to personal service and luxury. It is a highly recommended service that is affordable, easy to do, and is one of the most cherished services we offer.

The service offers a personal chef who comes to your private villa and prepares the meal of your choice. Your chef will create and prepare delicious meals that will leave you contented and exquisitely happy. Whether you want it for just one night, or for your whole stay, they are here to provide you with incredible meals and beautiful memories.

Our chefs will be able to prepare breakfast, lunch, or dinner in the privacy of your own villa. The chefs are able to create you a variety of meals from fresh local fish, Filet Mignon, to local Mexican dishes that are prepared and customized to order. You are on vacation and deserve to sit back with a glass a wine or Margarita and gaze over the mesmerizing Bay of Banderas and leave the cooking and the dishes to us! 



**You may find a copy of the sample floating chef menu under the Services tab of the Ocho Cascadas website.*

Members & Memories



Resort Activities



Monday Tequila Tasting 4 pm

Tequila anyone? Beautifully hand painted bottles of various flavors of tequila, from the town of Tequila, Jalisco are brought right to the beautiful Ocho Cascadas lobby for a tequila tasting and social hour on Monday afternoons. The Ocho guests have enjoyed learning about the tequila process, being able to pick up a souvenir to take back home, and of course being able to sample the delicious tequila. Next time you are here at Ocho come up and join in vvvvthe fun.

Aquatic Therapy "Janzu" and Energetic healing "Golden Janzu Energy" Sessions

Relax and release your stress by experiencing the "Janzu" Aquatic Therapy, which is a wonderful natural therapy based on the healing power of water. This is more than a unique experience this is an aquatic journey into the Bliss of water. 🧜

Friday Tour 10 am & Friday Cocktail Party 6pm

Our Friday morning City Tour is getting great reviews from our members and guests who are visiting Puerto Vallarta for the first time as well as those who have been coming to Vallarta for many years. We meet in the lobby at 10 AM for coffee and pastries, then travel by private van, pointing the way to the beaches, liquor store, money Exchange/ATM, or any other place you need to know how to get to. We make 2 stops, a local produce market and a fresh fish/seafood market (a great, Vallarta experience) where you can buy salsa fixings, mangos and fresh shrimp to prepare in your villa. The rest of the tour consists of driving by some fantastic, local restaurants, shopping, etc. It's about an hour of fun with fellow Ocho Cascadas guests, owners, and Luisa who leads the tour. The cost is only \$10 for the driver. We will be happy to drop you off at the Plaza and Malecón or you can return to Ocho with us.



Events in Puerto Vallarta

Flea Market every Saturday at Parque Lazaro Cardenas

Flea Market every Thursday at La Marina boardwalk





the RESORT REPORT

BY LUISA ANDERSON

Hola,

After moving to Puerto Vallarta from Oregon 21 years ago I didn't think my life in Paradise could get any better until I had the good fortune of joining the amazing staff at Ocho Cascadas in December. I am the on-site sales agent here and I must say that, thanks to the Giddings family, I have found my dream job after working 20 years in the Vacation Ownership industry. Every week I get to meet happy owners returning to Ocho and new guests arriving for the first time.

Ocho Cascadas is a unique gem here in Puerto Vallarta and I believe in presenting it to our guests with the integrity that both deserve and allowing the guest to decide if being a part of Ocho is right for them. I am proud to say that since December many of our guests have chosen to own and become part of the Ocho family after their first stay here. Several existing owners have added additional weeks. Inventory is going fast so please allow me to help you with any questions you might have about becoming an owner, adding a week to your current ownership, pricing, and current incentives and available discounts.

I also lead the City Tour on Friday morning which is getting great reviews. Please sign up for it on your pre-arrival form. The tour is a fun way to get to see some of our local flavor including the vegetable and fish market, local restaurants, beaches and more. Hasta Pronto! 🌀

Luisa Anderson
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Moises Garcia



Staff spotlight

Moises Garcia has recently joined the Ocho team as a night watchman. He has been a great asset to the Association because his maintenance experience gives Ocho Cascadas peace of mind. He is originally from Puerto Vallarta and has worked on several properties in the Conchas Chinas area. Moises' background allows him to support our various departments and the ability to positively manage the differing situations that arise while everyone else is away from Ocho at night. 🌀



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We're getting great reviews!



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"Relaxing while surrounded by beauty"
Elegant living & hope to return soon!!!! Staff is helpful & friendly. We felt pampered every day. Sunset created a lovely backdrop & watching from our private pool was "over the top". Highly recommend for a once in lifetime experience!!!! | Jane W.

"Awesome Boutique Villa!"
Just finished our stay in this amazing architectural wonder, perched on a bluff high above the beautiful PV coastline! The photos on the website are accurate and the services provided are excellent. We enjoyed the floating chef service as well as in-room massage. If you are fortunate enough to snag a week here, please do not hesitate to go... you will NOT regret!!! | Swdunham

"We never left the place... all week!"
Our only regret is we had to leave at all. The staff is so incredible. They are there to help you with everything. The perfect romantic place due to the layout of the units. Each floor is its own unit with a private pool and we had the one unit with a hot tub. The sunset views are incredible. The beds are extremely comfortable. We had the floating chef come in a few times to make breakfasts and dinners and they were the best meals we had in PVR. Such a great vacation. | claud_hopper

