



Bienvenidos!

MEMBERS' EVENTS & NEWS SPLASHES

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MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

After these many days of physically distancing from one another, it is a joy to go back to our activities at beautiful Ocho Cascadas property. I am sure some of you missed the many wonderful things about Ocho, just as we did for some time. You may have missed the spectacular sunsets, the clear sky and the blue ocean. The natural beauty of Puerto Vallarta with the amazing architecture of Ocho Cascadas make the perfect blend for paradise.

We invite you to come back home, enjoy some delicious food in your Villa and drink a nice cold beer or a tasty Margarita. Summertime is the right time to enjoy so many activities in Puerto Vallarta. Come try the variety of flavors offered, watch the wild life or just take a short walk in the quaint streets of Puerto Vallarta. We are going to make sure you are safe at home in your Villa and provide all our support to make your next visit a pleasant and memorable one!

We will keep updating you in "Que pasa en Ocho Cascadas"!

See you soon!

Ulises Alfaro
General Manager



COVID-19 PANDEMIC IMPACT

Our resort has been closed and inaccessible to our members during the weeks of 13 – 24 this year. We are so sorry that we were unable to receive our valued members and guests during that time.

Members who lost the opportunity to vacation during these weeks have been provided with an option to schedule other weeks later in the year or to obtain an exchange bonus week from Trading Places at a very reduced price.

We began to welcome our members back in the middle of June and have been very careful to prepare for their safety and health during their stay. If you have any questions about losing your use weeks or even a rental during these weeks, please do not hesitate to contact reservations to learn more about our options.



Interested in keeping up to date with things going on at Ocho? Don't forget to sign up for All About Ocho, an email update that will get sent out periodically. The email will include local updates, happenings onsite, and anything else that can help our members stay connected. To sign up, simply go to the Ocho Cascadas webpage and scroll down to enter your email. Members can 'opt out' at any time and if you have questions or information you'd like to see shared, please let us know.

Ocho Family Spotlight

Jorge Velasco

I am from the state of Chiapas, I am 32 years old, and I currently live in Nayarit. I have my life here in Puerto Vallarta, and I think moving was one of the best decisions of my life. My favorite hobbies are listening to music and spending time with my family.



I have been working for Ocho Cascadas for 6 years and I like my colleagues. I value Ocho a lot; it is one of the best places to work for. Even though I am very far from my home, it is worth journeying every day to come to Ocho Cascadas.

I like everything about Ocho, including the eight waterfalls, the shape of the pools and especially, the architecture which I consider unique. The wonderful views we have at Ocho do not cease to amaze me every day. It is impressive when the waterfalls are lit and from afar, you can see everything.

It is a pleasure for me to greet you all and thank you for the great support you have given me throughout these years. It makes me very happy to come to work at Ocho; all the work I complete, I do with my all my heart. I hope to continue many more years here and I thank you for the amazing opportunity to work here at Ocho, by putting my best effort forth to keep Ocho Cascadas beautiful for you. I send you a big hug and we hope to see you soon!

-Jorge Velasco 🍷

Nacho López

I am from Tecolotlán Jalisco and I am 61 years old.

Approximately 2 and a half years ago, I decided to come to Vallarta in search of new opportunities and I really found many things that I like here. Two years ago, I found Ocho Cascadas and I have loved being part of this great team because I have found security, well-being and a second family. It is a privilege to work for such a beautiful place with so much history and with unbeatable views.



I enjoy Puerto Vallarta because I like its people, its architecture and its sunsets. I also like that I can find a lot of art, because painting is one of my favorite hobbies. I leave you a sample of my art and I always wish you all the best. I am incredibly grateful from the bottom of my heart to belong to this beautiful place and to have a privileged job.



Thank you for all your support!

-Nacho Lopez 🍷

TELL US YOUR STORY!

We'd love to hear from you! Will you share your comments, stories, and vacation photos with us?

Please send your story and fun and pretty vacation shots (high-res) to Trading Places International, Attn: DRO Admin at 25510 Commercentre Drive, Suite 100, Lake Forest, CA 92630 or email droadmin@tradingplaces.com. 🍷



THINGS WE PROVIDE AT OCHO CASCADAS

To make your stay more fun we have the following available:

Books of different genres We have two shelves, one is in the General Manager's office that is on the left side of the Front Desk and the other one is in the office that is on the right side of the Front Desk. You can take the ones you like and return them at the end of your stay. If you bring a book and finish reading it by the end of your stay and want to make sure someone else will enjoy it, please donate the book to our collection.

Puzzles We have puzzles to help you relax your mind for a while in the comfort of your villa with the great view of a sunset.

Board Games We have Scrabble, cards, dominoes, and several others; you can also donate one and use it again in your next stay.

Beach equipment We have folding chairs that you can carry as a backpack, beach towels, umbrellas and coolers and two snorkel sets.

Umbrellas for the rainy days so you can stay dry!

Enjoy Your Home Away from Home. 🏠



HAPPY MEMBER COMMENTS

Amazing place! Staff is incredible and very helpful with dining, excursions and general info.

Excellent. Hospitality, cleanliness, very friendly maids. Language and cooking classes.

This place is beautiful, absolutely love it.

Excellent. Everything is excellent. Staff very attentive and courteous.

Wonderful as always!

Fantastic! Meals and bar service with Lalo and Pedro muy sabroso!

As always, thank you for taking the time to fill out comment cards with comments and suggestions. Your feedback is appreciated and allows us to know the areas in which we are doing well and how we can help improve your vacation experience.

2020 ANNUAL MEETING SUMMARY

The Ocho Cascadas Association's 2nd annual meeting was held on June 6, 2020 through BlueJeans videoconferencing. The Board missed seeing everyone but would like to thank those who attended online. Below is a brief recap of the meeting to fill you in on some of the discussions that took place:

Overview of 2019 and Updates for 2020

Mark Giddings reported on a very successful turnover of the Giddings developer responsibilities and inventory to the Association effective December 31, 2019. He promised that the Giddings family continues to be involved and will support the new board into the future. Pat Giddings also attended the meeting by providing the members with a wonderful recorded message thanking members for their love and dedication to the resort.

Ulises Alfaro provided everyone with a brief update on each of the departments at Ocho. He also reported that several projects were scheduled for the 2020. He reported on the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and the closure of the resort for the past few months. He explained how things were going to reopen soon and explained the care he and the employees have taken to make sure members and guests will be safe and healthy during their stay.

Thank You Steve Farrell and Keith Wisbaum

We want to express our thanks to both Steve and Keith for having served on the board of directors all alone since the December 31, 2019 turnover date. They have continued to serve and care for all the business needs of the association this past six months. We'd also like to thank Pat Giddings, Mark Giddings and David Giddings for having continued to serve in the capacity of advisors to the board. Their service as board members ended in December but they all continued to attend board meetings and provide guidance and advice to the two remaining board members until this year's election.

We also want to thank Mark Harbour and Brian Jacobs for serving the association on the Finance Committee appointed by the board. Their time and expertise have been amazing and extremely helpful for us all.

Member Donations in support of employees

Ulises reported the generous members of the association donated \$15,450 toward supporting the employees at the resort who are so dependent on tips from members vacationing there. He expressed his deep gratitude for member generosity and reported that employees are all well and ready to come back to work.

Financial Report

Mark Harbour, Chair of the Finance Committee, along with Finance Committee Member Brian Jacobs updated the membership on the financial standing of the resort.

Sales Report

Dave Stoenner provided a brief overview of the sales program. He explained how he has now been hired by the association to market the inventory received from the Giddings family and that he is fulfilling his agreement to pay maintenance fees on that inventory to the best of his ability.

Voting Results

Congratulations to Mark Giddings, Steve Farrell, Brian Jacobs, Jack Apala, and Deborah Greenberg for being elected to the board. Mark Giddings, Deborah Greenberg, and Brian Jacobs were elected to serve a three-year term, while Jack Apala and Steve Farrell were elected to serve a two-year term. Because this 2020 election elected all five board members there will not be an election in 2021 while the two board members serving a two-year term complete that term. Elections will be held once more in 2022.

New Board of Directors Chosen

An organizational meeting of the association was held following the annual meeting and the newly elected board of directors chose the officers of the board. They are:

Mark Giddings, President
Steve Farrell, Vice President
Deborah Greenberg, Secretary
Brian Jacobs, Treasurer
Jack Apala, Director

The 2019 annual meeting minutes were approved.

For a more detailed summary of the annual meeting, a copy of the 2020 annual meeting minutes can be found by visiting the Owners Corner of the website. [🔗](#)



Activities and Sights in PUERTO VALLARTA

Here is a list of some amazing events you can enjoy during the summer!

Tour of Banderas Bay (North)

You can visit the Banderas Bay (North) by taking a bus or hiring a taxi service. Please ask the front desk for recommended taxi drivers if you want to spend the day touring the Bay with a guide.

If you want to enjoy your day, we recommend choosing to visit only two or three nearby locations, otherwise the journey times will be longer. These places are beautiful; they offer a great variety of crafts, gastronomy, landscapes and beaches that will leave you amazed. The recommended places are:



Sayulita

You can find many souvenirs here; in this small town everything is full of color. There is a wide variety of beach art and delicious food.



San Pancho

San Pancho is a bit like Sayulita, but with a little more tranquility and clean beaches.

Punta de Mita

Here you can find the prestigious Tuna Blanca restaurant, sister restaurant to Café des Artist that is in the center of Puerto Vallarta with delicious cuisine offered by the renowned Chef Thierry Blouet.

Jarretaderas Beach

There are no restaurants here, but it is a beautiful, large beach where you can enjoy swimming and having fun in peace.

La Cruz de Huanacaxtle

It is a small town that has a beautiful marina, some restaurants and a small square where you can enjoy ice cream. The beaches are comfortable, and you can even find some very colorful beach clubs with a restaurant for your comfort.



Southside Bay Tour

From our point of view, these are the most beautiful beaches with the most crystalline waters on the south side of Puerto Vallarta. Starting as follows:



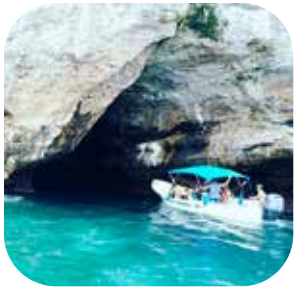
Conchas Chinas Beach

It is the closest beach to Ocho Cascadas. This is the beach that can be seen from your villa. There are no restaurants or beach equipment on the beach for rent, but you can request towels and chairs among other things for visiting at the front desk. Near the beach is the Lindo Mar Resort, with whom we have an agreement to enjoy their restaurant with a 15% discount on food and beverages. (Request your discount card at the front desk.)

Mismaloya

This is a small beach, which was once the set for the movie *Night of the Iguana*. There are many restaurants on the beach with palapas and delicious food, bathrooms and showers, and of course a great variety of boats that will take you to see Los Arcos up close. Los Arcos are the beautiful rocks that you can see from the Ocho Cascadas lobby. At Los Arcos you will find a great variety of marine life with which you can interact. If you are an adventurer this would be a great experience for you and it's an ideal place to snorkel! is a great experience if you are an adventurer, the ideal place to snorkel.





Boca de Tomatlán

Boca de Tomatlán is characterized by beach restaurants. This is also where a wide variety of boats await you at the pier to take you to the beaches on the south side of the Banderas Bay that are between the mountains accessible only by the beach.



Las Animas

Las Animas is a really nice beach that has palapa restaurants, inflatable beach equipment, and clear waters.

Quimixto

In Quimixto, you will find waterfalls and palapa restaurants. Here you will also enjoy a small town where you can also do activities such as horseback riding. It takes about 35 minutes by water taxi from Boca de Tomatlán to reach this destination.



Yelapa

Yelapa is famous for its beach, but also has waterfalls and horseback riding activities. Here the beach is small and deep, so we recommend that you be cautious while visiting. It takes about an hour by water taxi from Boca de Tomatlán.



Botanical Garden

The botanical garden is one of our favorite places to recommend. It offers a wide variety of plants for nature lovers, and they specialize in orchids. They also house many number of birds that you will be able to observe along your route. Enjoy the beautiful restaurant surrounded by nature. At different times of the year, while dining at the restaurant, you can feast your eyes on the wonderful hummingbirds or the magical butterflies fluttering around. They may even



stop by your table for a visit. To see what times of the year you can see these magnificent creatures, we recommend visiting their website.

We also recommend taking a towel and your swim suit if you wish to take a refreshing bath in the river at the end of your tour. 🧴

Sales Update

Hola Ocho Familia!

After my self-imposed grounding en mi casa since March 20th, I can't wait to see all of my wonderful Ocho amigos. I hope you are all as anxious to return to your home in paradise as we are to see you back at Ocho.

If I happen to knock on your beautiful villa door wearing a mask (pictured above), nothing to fear.... just let me in! I am sanitized, and your only concern should be that I might ask you to consider owning another week.

We have just a handful of fall/winter weeks and a few more shoulder/summer season weeks available for ownership. All have amazing pricing that I have approval to offer you and your friends.

You may contact me at luisa@ochocascadas.com or by calling the front desk at 011 52 322 221-5278, or my cell 011 52 1 322 150-6994.

Looking forward to seeing everyone soon.

Luisa Anderson
Owner's Representative



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We're getting great reviews!



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“Ocho Cascadas... a tiny gem beyond my wildest dreams”

The staff is wonderful, and each Friday they host a get to know us wine party in the penthouse complete with hor deurves and a mariachi band. It was truly the best vacation I've ever had. As for the town of Puerto Vallarta...I never felt safer or more at ease. We Lyfted back and forth to the hotel and it cost about \$8 each way. That ended up being \$4 each. Lots of great restaurants and active club scene. I hope you'll consider this hidden gem. It's the kind of place I've been excited to recommend. You won't be sorry! | DavidMcDo7

“Breathtaking”

I may be slightly biased as I'm a fractional owner of this breathtaking villa. If you want to experience a once in a lifetime private villa, Ocho Cascadas in Concha Chinas (Puerto Vallarta MX) this is it. Your own private dipping pool, all the amenities of home and privacy. You can even schedule a chef and pick out your menu. I fell in love with this place about 8 or 9 yrs. ago. Each villa is unique, had its own dipping pool, housekeeping, etc. If you and another couple want to enjoy this amazing place, I highly recommend the experience. | Travelgonecrazy

“Unbeatable Experience”

Ocho Cascadas offers an unbeatable experience that my wife and I have not found anywhere else. There are only 9 beautiful villas in total, one above the other on the face of a mountain, offering an incredible view of the land and water below. The staff can't do enough to please and it is a genuine pleasure to see them again each time we return. | Mark B