



## Great New Amenities!

**Villa del Palmar Cancun** has been open for several months and it keeps on growing. All construction is on track and we've been working hard in all areas to improve the products and services in order to make this paradise your second home. You are sure to enjoy all the new additions, restaurant options, new spa to relax and the new fitness center. We will welcome you with the great service and friendliness you've come to love at your home away from home.

**New Lobby** – The 15th of August, the main lobby building was opened. The completion of this building included the Reception and Front Desk areas as well as the Lobby Bar, 278 rooms and the new swimming pool, with a magnificent view.



**Palmita Market and Deli** – In November, we will open a full Palmita Market and Deli to replace the temporary market.

**Chaac Village Spa** – Chaac is the name of the Mayan rain deity. With his lightning axe, Chaac strikes the clouds and produces thunder and rain. Rainmaking was an important part of Mayan culture and mythology and this rain deity is a patron of agriculture. Our Chaac Village Spa has been designed to make our guests feel relaxed surrounded by a tropical jungle paradise. By December there will be 6 individual 2 double cabins and pergolas with ocean views. Chaac Spa will offer services such as hot stones, hydrotherapy circuit, waxing, paraffin manicure and pedicure as well as different massage treatments and access to wet areas. The location of the spa is outside of the main lobby building.

**Completed Resort** – Will be opened in December and we will have 415 rooms in total, which will complete the first of the three "U" or "horse shoe" shaped complexes. We have heard comments from members and guests about the resort being amazing just the way it is now. So all members and guests will be happily surprised with the new additions on this first horse shoe and the increased options for room locations we will have at the end of this year.

**Mediterranean Restaurant** – Will be opened in December. The restaurant will offer a delightful menu of Mediterranean and Greek cuisine for dinner. Don't forget to try our delicious Pizza Margherita, a traditional Italian pizza baked with tomatoes, Mozzarella cheese and fresh basil (to represent the colors of the Italian flag: red, white and green) and named for Queen Margherita.

Germinal Garcia, Director of Operations  
VDP Cancun

### Annual Meeting Reminder:

There's still time to join the festivities! Register for Club Caribe's first Annual Meeting taking place at Villa del Palmar Cancun December 16-17, 2011. The meeting will be an opportunity to combine a great vacation with social events and Club information to help you maximize your owner experience. Registration for the meeting and social functions will be offered complimentary for members. Up to two people can be registered at no charge for the first membership account through December 2, 2011 online at [www.vdpcancunmembers.com/member](http://www.vdpcancunmembers.com/member). Don't delay!



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**Hiroshi Restaurant** – An Asian Fine Dining Delight

**The Mood** – The moment you approach the restaurant you feel like you are entering a different world.

The doors themselves aren't doors at all, but a floor to ceiling sculpture created by master architect Cesar Gonzales, designed using vertical iron bars with a relief of a Japanese Bonsai Tree in the center, a motif you will see echoed in the interior of the restaurant. The ambience is decidedly intimate, with soft lighting, cozy booths, and an outside patio area accented with bamboo. With warm colors and textures, most notably rattan and bamboo, it is upscale Asian elegance in its purest form, with uncluttered and simple decor. The sushi restaurant will be



open for dinner in November. The menu will offer "Sashimi," "Tiraditos," soups and some typical Japanese dishes.

**The Food** – The star attraction is, of course, the food. For a truly authentic experience, sit at the Sushi bar with its striking back-lit Bonsai tree wall art, and watch a front row performance by our master Sushi chef as he prepares fresh delicious sushi and sashimi specialties just for you. Come experience top chef sushi and Asian cuisine as prepared by an expert chef.

Hiroshi is currently scheduled to open in November and is without a doubt going to be an incredible draw for members and guests staying on property.

**Spiritual Meaning of the Bonsai Tree** – Bonsai literally means "planted in a container" or "tray planting." Zen Buddhism is the foundation for much of the meaning in bonsai, and early bonsai was regarded as a spiritual practice, representing the three virtues of "truth, goodness and beauty." Bonsai was seen as a combination of man and nature working together to achieve harmony. Bonsai trees were placed off-center in their pots as the center was believed to be that point

at which heaven and earth met, making it a sacred space where nothing should be planted. Although Bonsai has broadened into a hobby among Western cultures, it still holds onto its traditional ideals, and this art form is still used by many as a simple way to connect with nature and find a sense of balance.

## Building Paradise

We spoke recently with Rod Barchuk, the Director of Construction for the Villa del Palmar Cancun.

**Q.** Rod, you are the guy that makes it all happen. Tell us, how is the project running overall?

**A.** The project has progressed very smoothly. This is the largest project I have worked on with the group in terms of square meters. Cesar (Gonzales, the architect) did a fantastic job. There is the quality we have come to expect with all Villa Group Properties. And Cesar outdid himself in terms of unique elements of sophistication and style that give it a distinctive look and feel. The resort is absolutely gorgeous.

**Q.** When did you become involved with VDP Cancun?

**A.** I have been here from the ground up – literally. I was here

when all there was to look at was dirt. It has been so rewarding to be involved with this project from its inception.



Your VDP Cancun Construction Team – From left to right: Al Buis, Site Superintendent, Rod Barchuk, Director of Construction, Randy Williams, Site Superintendent.

**Q.** What is the biggest challenge with a project like this?

**A.** Just coordinating everything and staying on schedule. Over the last 28 months we have maintained more than 500 workers that have been involved: carpenters, iron workers, electricians, plumbers, brick layers, HVAC personnel. It's a lot of work to coordinate simultaneously.

**Q.** What is the most satisfying part of what you do?

**A.** Seeing how far we have come, it's a very proud feeling being involved with taking an empty lot and helping create such a beautiful resort. I have worked with the Villa Group for the past 17 years and have participated in all of the Cabo San Lucas projects before moving to Cancun. I enjoy the people I work with. It really is like a family.

## Out and About Cancun

**Isla Mujeres** – is an island right off the coast of the Yucatan Peninsula in the Caribbean Sea. The VDP Cancun resort is just a few steps away from a Ferry ride to this tropical paradise! Travel to Isla Mujeres is filled with shopping trips to outdoor markets, snorkeling excursions, and trips to Isla Mujeres beaches. In Spanish, Isla Mujeres means "Island of Women" and was named after the sacred Mayan Goddess Ix Chel. To this day, visitors can see Mayan ruins scattered throughout the island.



No trip to Isla Mujeres is complete without enjoying a relaxing stroll on the beach. Isla Mujeres beaches are popular for swimming, snorkeling, and scuba diving. The eastern side of the island has a strong surf and a rocky coast, while the west coast is characterized by calmer waters. The water on the west coast is known for an abundant array of coral reefs and a variety of interesting fish species. One of the most famous Isla Mujeres beaches is Playa del Norte.

You won't need a car to travel to Isla Mujeres. The majority of visitors get around on taxis, mopeds, bicycles and golf carts, which are really fun ways to explore the island. Most convenience stores and moped rental facilities have maps of the area. Some Isla Mujeres hotels rent bicycles to visitors. For fresh seafood restaurants and interesting souvenir shops, stop at Isla Town on the northern part of the island. The main highlight of Isla Town is Hidalgo Street, where most of the town events and festivities take place throughout the year.

## Out and About Loreto

**Baja Racing** – Yearly in August – Baja California is an off-roader's dream. One popular race that is held each year in Loreto is the "Loreto 400" desert race. This annual motorsport competition is one of the biggest races in southern Baja. Locals and out-of-towners alike are drawn to the rugged beauty of Loreto to compete in this off-road event. The 200+ mile route covers terrain that is not for the faint of heart. It ranges from the start in Loreto, the home of the Nuestra Señora de Loreto mission, endures a tight climb into the La Giganta mountain range with its stunning drop offs, and then race teams head in the direction of the 300-year-old San Javier mission situated on a green oasis in the middle of the sizzling desert. After that comes the treacherous Piedra Parada and its notorious silt beds that have claimed many drivers in the race in past years. Through San Jose de Comondu, an oasis surrounded by mountains, the course loops at Rancho Viejo to head back to Loreto. This adventure is a must-see in 2012!

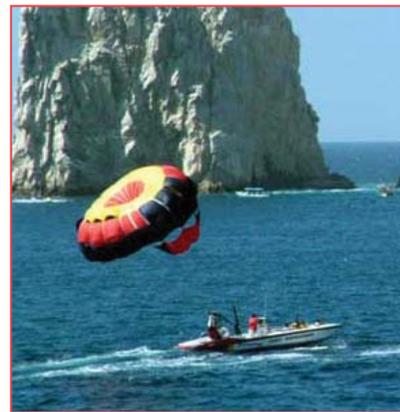


## Out and About Cabo

**Puerta Vieja Restaurant** – The name of this fantastic restaurant was inspired by the beautiful 150 year old door from India that opens wide to welcome you (“Puerta Vieja” literally means “Old Door”). This restaurant serves high quality food, using only the freshest ingredients and fine cuts of meat from Sonora Mexico. Start off with the grilled pineapple and Panela cheese, then “surf” lovers can move on to any of the fresh seafood offerings on the menu, (lobster, fish, shrimp) while “turf” lovers have their choice of steak (New York, Rib Eye, Mignon) or chicken. The ambiance is comfortable with rustic furniture and breathtaking views of Los Cabos Bay. Contact your resort concierge for reservations.



**Parasailing** is one of the best tours ever! Imagine flying near the famous Arch and enjoying the view and scenery of Medano Beach, while feeling the fresh ocean breeze and watching the glimmering waves below you. Simply exhilarating! You’ll take off from a boat and safely land back on it. If you’re a bit scared to try it, you needn’t be, as you’ll only be in the air for about 10 minutes, but the memory will last a lifetime. The boats used are very fast with a capacity of about 10 people per trip.



**Bisbee’s Black & Blue Marlin** – Oct. 14th to 22nd – This international tournament event is one of Los Cabos’ most important and most popular, with skilled fishermen coming from all over the world to participate (Europe, USA, Canada, South America and from other parts of Mexico). The Entry fee is \$1,200 USD. Visit [www.bisbees.com](http://www.bisbees.com) for more details.

## Out and About PV

**Las Adelitas** – Highly recommended by our onsite Concierge, a new Mexican restaurant called Adelitas is a mere four blocks away from the Villa del Palmar’s downtown location. The restaurant itself has a lively, festive atmosphere, and coupled with great food and excellent service, it makes this a food destination you can’t miss on your next trip to Vallarta. Members with the Gold card are entitled to a discount, so please check with your onsite Concierge to make a reservation and to get more information on the discount.

**Malecón Remodel** – The large-scale remodeling of Puerto Vallarta’s Malecón or boardwalk is expected to be completed in October. When completed (see rendering), it is expected that the popular Puerto Vallarta landmark will regain popularity among visitors and locals, not to mention increased prosperity for the city’s downtown area. The Malecón renovation, along with other Vallarta landmark renovations such as the Los Muertos Pier, the second

Libramiento tunnel (both currently under construction) and the Basilio Badillo sidewalk widening project, are all possible due to federal funding that has been earmarked specifically for these endeavors and must be used within a specific timeframe. In addition, improvements to Puerto Vallarta’s downtown infrastructure were one of the requirements for the city to qualify as a venue for the upcoming 16th Panamerican Games that will take place in Guadalajara October 14th to 30th. Puerto Vallarta will participate by hosting several water-related competitions, such as beach volleyball and open water swimming.





# Why Our Members are So Smart!

Does anyone ever ask you why you purchased into a vacation club instead of going on individual trips? Let us take a minute to remind you what a good decision it was to become part of a vacation club:

**Club Features** – Being a member of our vacation club is different than being a guest at a hotel. You are part of a family – and a network of resorts. We offer a beachfront resort atmosphere, sophisticated and first rate spas, sports facilities, access to world class golf, full activity programs for adults and children, special events and theme nights, all inclusive options, and exchange opportunities. All with fantastic, friendly staff who really are there to make you feel welcome in your second home.



**Locations** – Our vacation club allows you to visit different locations every year, so you aren't locked into the same resort or same travel experience. Whether you are in the mood for the excitement of the big city or the solitude of the countryside, there are options for any preference. Not only can you visit different Villa Group resorts, you can also internally exchange at other ResortCom resorts through the Club-to-Club program, or with Interval International for thousands of resort locations.

**Membership Benefits** – Your vacation club offers a depth of products and services not available to people making one-at-a-time vacations. On an ongoing basis, we present special offers to our members through email programs. We also offer members discounts on additional weeks, airfare, cruises, rental cars, and other travel services. We offer a Referral Program, Rental Program, Travel Insurance, airport transfers, room stocks and special deliveries.

**Member Support** – Belonging to a vacation club requires some planning. Whether you want to change destinations, cancel a vacation or bank your week for a following year, we eliminate the headache of dealing with unnecessary logistical hassles. Your Member Service department is here to facilitate all these arrangements for you. We are committed to addressing any member complaints and issues promptly and professionally. We also offer a complete member information website, myuvc.com with full FAQs.

**Value** – The real value in vacation ownership is actually using the membership. If you regularly vacation, plan ahead and really utilize all the benefits and flexibility available with your purchase, then your investment will pay for itself many times over. There is an inherent value in leisure time. Owning a timeshare is an investment in your quality of life. Vacation ownership is a very strong motivating factor in making sure you dedicate time and attention to relaxation and achieving "balance." Members who embrace this philosophy and really use their membership are truly happy with their purchase – and definitely recognize the value in it. Aren't you glad you are part of your Vacation Club? We are!

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## UVCI Annual Calendar

**October** – Maintenance fee assessment bills will be mailed.

**November 30th** – Maintenance fee payments due. 1st Installment is due for members utilizing the quarterly maintenance fee payment option.

**December 1st** – Unpaid maintenance assessments are delinquent and subject to late fees and penalties.

**February 1st** – 2nd Installment due for members utilizing the quarterly maintenance fee payment option.

**May 1st** – 3rd Installment due for members utilizing the quarterly maintenance fee payment option.

**August 1st** – 4th Installment due for members utilizing the quarterly maintenance fee payment option.

### Vacation Banking Deadlines:

**Summer Requests must be received by:**

Villa del Mar	07/15
Villa del Palmar – PV	08/01
Villa del Palmar – Cabo	08/15
Elite/VPA/Gold (Summer)	09/01

**Winter/Holiday Requests must be received by:**

Villa del Mar	09/15
Villa del Palmar – PV	10/01
Villa del Palmar – Cabo	10/15
Elite/VPA/Gold (Winter/Holiday)	11/01



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