

Bellamar

Punta Mita Living



The pool area is looking more open without the ficus trees! A few more to take out as we are doing it slowly when the gardeners are here, but its opening up the view!

Fighting the Tides of Time



Tip: Have a concern about a neighbor or their guests that you want addressed? [Please use this form](#). Betty and the VC will be instantly notified so they can take appropriate action as needed.

We are nearly done on getting through the complex building inspections. The report for the common areas has been delivered and the good news is that while we are still analyzing - it's not nearly as bad as we might have feared. So more to come on that. We also have two more individual units still in process - 3 and 6.

Themes we have seen thus far with individual units:

- Water leaks (obviously) - The reports are helping us to determine where the more serious issues are so that we can address them
- Gas leaks - Half the units have shown minor gas leaks. Small enough you wouldn't smell them, but we've been repairing them anyway.
- Bad Breakers - Half the units have shown "hot" breakers that needed to be addressed by an electrician.
- Gas Meters - They all need to be replaced. Fortunately, this is not expensive. Think less than \$200 USD per unit.
- Water Heaters - Some units have been replaced recently. Those that are 10+ years old are end of life and we will recommend to individual owners that they replace.
- GFCI Circuits - Some electrical outlets are not working as they should to prevent electrocution in bathroom and kitchen areas. We will be replacing the faulty outlets.

Irving Insider Info

One of the things Irving did over the summer was to apply "anti skid" treatment to the slick common area tiles. As you all know, in the rain the landing tile areas were slick as ice and a number of people over the years have taken some spills.

We can report that the treatment worked and has not affected the aesthetics of the look of the tile. The tiles are not nearly so slippery anymore - you get some "grip" when you put your foot down even when wet.

Irving is going to put one more coat of the treatment on to make the tiles even a bit more "grippy".

If you want Irving to apply the treatment to your unit tiles (many of which are the same tile as the common areas) - particularly in bathroom or kitchen areas - please let Betty know. Its not expensive and doesn't take a lot of Irving's time.

Tip: Want to know whether the food in your freezer is still good when you return from months away? Worry a power outage might make the food go bad, but it will have re-frozen and you won't know? Leave a bowl of ice cubes in your freezer. If they melt while you are gone you will know to toss all the food when you get back. We also recommend that you empty the ice out of your ice maker and turn it off when you leave for the season because if it melts it will create a big mess of water in the freezer that will be hard to clean after it refreezes.

Restaurant Review HECTOR'S PERSONAL CHEF

Feeling like you want to have friends over for dinner but don't feel like cooking? There's an alternative to going out. During the pandemic Hector (of Hector's Kitchen at the other end of the strip) developed a personal chef service. They bring the same fabulous food the restaurant is known for to your own kitchen.



Website has standard menus, but sounds like they will come and use your ingredients in your kitchen too. You want to be extravagant? You can get a chef to cook every day during your stay!

They will serve anywhere from 2 to 20 people. Breakfast and lunch run \$30 - \$35 USD per person. And dinners anywhere from \$57 to \$80 USD per person. Plus 18% gratuity.

Contact Information:

<https://www.hectorskitchen.mx/catering>

MYTHBUSTERS

Today's Myths:

Punta Mita is too far away to get groceries delivered!

Its hard to get the account setup because I don't have a Mexican credit card.

I don't know enough Spanish to order on line from local websites.

We have now successfully and routinely placed orders with a number of the larger shops. Below is a list that we have successfully ordered from – along with a few tips and tricks on what can be ordered and what doesn't work so well. To get your account set up for delivery – give Melissa a holler – she is happy to come sit with you to get it all setup and working.

One of the fun things about having groceries delivered is that they carry the bags right to your kitchen!

Google translate (built into your browser) will automatically and seamlessly translate the Spanish websites to English.

La Comer (<https://lacomer.com.mx/>):

- At checkout choose "pay upon delivery" option and they bring a credit card reader when they deliver – same as restaurants.
- They will deliver anything. We were able to get an organic frozen whole turkey for Thanksgiving!
- Their ordering system allows you to choose the ripeness of your fruits. Quality of the fruits and veggies is higher than Mega.
- Have a great selection of gluten free.
- You can select a 1 hour delivery window.

Mega (<https://www.soriana.com/>):

- You need a Pay Pal account to pay.
- They will deliver anything from frozen meat to fresh vegetables to canned goods.

Costco (<http://costco.com.mx/>):

- You can use your US membership number so you don't need to pay for a Mexican membership. However, every year when you renew your US membership you need to contact customer service via email to manually update the expiration date.
- No fresh or frozen goods (no meats and veggies).
- No beer or pop (presumably too expensive to ship).
- Wine and liquor and other dried goods such as nuts, rice, flour, and even toilet paper work great.
- They use a shipper like DHL so you can't schedule deliveries for a particular time. But not a problem since you can't order fresh goods. Irving and Rosa will see to it that your order ends up inside your front door.

Amazon:

- We use for everything from clothes to electronics.
- You can either use:
 - Mexican site: www.amazon.com.mx – which guarantees your delivery will be smooth.
 - US site: www.amazon.com – which so long as the product is "fulfilled by Amazon" it will reach you no problem.
 - Its good to compare prices between the two sites as sometimes the US site is much, much cheaper even when the import and shipping fees are added. (Don't ask why – I have no idea.)