

## **Isla information sheet for Casa Vive con Fe**

### **Transfers to and from Island**

You can book transfers at [www.cancun.com](http://www.cancun.com) the company who provides this service is called Best Day – they have always been great, on time and reliable for us. The trip from airport to Gran Puerto is approximately 30 minutes. The rate on June-06 was \$17.00 US per person round trip. Another option is AGI tours <http://www.agitours.com/> This is a private van and is very reasonable if your party is 4 people or more since they charge a flat rate for the entire van. Either company will pick you up at airport and deliver you to Gran Puerto to catch the ferry to Isla and like wise pick you back up and Gran Puerto and deliver you to the airport for your return flight.

Ferry ride to island is approximately 15 minutes and a gorgeous ride; it will cost 70 pesos per person each way roughly \$6.50 US and they accept US currency. You will purchase a ticket at the ferry dock. There is a little market there to grab a soda or beer for your ride over to Isla

Luggage - the people from Best Day and the ferry docks will assist you with loading and unloading your luggage at both locations. I normally I tip these people for their kind assistance.

### **Arrival at Isla**

Our property manager Donna Jane Rivera will meet you at the ferry dock and accompany you to the house for a quick walk thru. You will catch a Taxi at the ferry dock that will take you to the house; the cost is roughly 5 US dollars. Please provide us with your flight information so Donna can meet you at the Ferry dock. Just incase your flight is late and you miss each other at the ferry dock, Donna's cell number, when calling in Mexico, is 998-214-6535. When calling from the US the number is 011-521-998-214-6535 . During your stay a cell phone will be provided at the house for your use. Donna will be your contact if you encounter any problems during your stay.

### **Things to consider for a personalized vacation**

Donna will be happy to arrange a very personalized vacation for you. She can arrange services that include: flowers for a special occasion, champagne upon arrival, golf cart rental, tours, diving, snorkeling, fishing trips, massages, daily maid service, and even a chef to prepare special occasion meals, grocery shopping before you arrive. Please feel free to e-mail her at [donnajanerivera@yahoo.com](mailto:donnajanerivera@yahoo.com). She will be happy to quote you prices on any of these and almost any other services that would make your vacation special.

### **Getting around Isla**

I recommend you get a map from Laura at [www.mapchick.com](http://www.mapchick.com) she has a great map with all the things to do and very specific to Isla Mujeres she charges \$8.00 for the map and will mail it right out to you. We have one we left at the house but having your own copy lets you plan in advance where you would like to visit.

## **Taxis**

Taxis are plentiful on the island and many people use this means of transportation – depending on where you want to go rates vary between \$2 and \$7.

## **Golf Cart or Scooters**

Renting a golf cart or scooter is the best way to get around the island – there are several places in town to rent these, rates vary but you can usually negotiate better rates for several days rental at a time, if you would like Donna will be happy to arrange one for your arrival. When we arrive we usually take a taxi out to the house and drop off luggage get settled then catch a taxi back to rent the golf cart. Taxis go in front of the house fairly regularly or you can make an arrangement with the driver who drops you off to come back and take you to town. They have been really good about doing this for us and usually show up on time. Most of the rental places close around 5 pm so depending on what time you arrive, you may wait until the next day to head in and get your wheels

## **Things to do**

- Spa services there is a center on the island that could provide massages etc -here is a link [http://www.casadellossuenosresort.com/ing\\_spazenter.htm](http://www.casadellossuenosresort.com/ing_spazenter.htm) - this is a located not far from the house
- Massages can be arranged for you at the house thru [maryannburns@yahoo.com](mailto:maryannburns@yahoo.com) or via phone at 998.735.4705, her studio is located right across the street from the house.
- Swim with the Dolphins here is the web site for information <http://www.swimwithdolphinscancun.com/reservations>
- Diving and snorkeling can be arranged via Donna
- Visit the Pirate Munduca Zoo – small zoo and the pirate Munduca house – this site has information for you <http://www.isla-mujeres.com.mx/english/haciendamundaca.htm>
- Turtle Farm – a great visit 20 peso donation here is a site for you to check <http://www.isla-mujeres.com.mx/english/turtlefarm.htm>
- The Beaches we recommend for sunbathing and snorkeling are: North Beach, Zama Beach Club, Playa Lancheros, Playa Indios, and Garrafon. All except Garrafon are free of charge. At Lancheros you can pet a nurse shark
- For beachcombing and shell collecting I recommend right across the street from the house walking towards town there are a couple miles of great beaches on the Caribbean.
- Mayan Ruins and the light house are located at the very end of Punta Sur.

## **Souvenir Shopping**

There is plenty of shopping downtown along Hidalgo, Rueda Medina, and Juarez Streets. There is a craft market located at the corner of Carlos Lazo and Matamoros. Hortensia is located here and will custom make island clothing for you.

## **Night Life**

Hidalgo street has quite a few places with live music Faynes, OM, Bamboo and Miguel's to name a few. Jax's located at north corner of Rueda Medina and La Luna located on south end of Guerrero across from zocolo.

The Zocolo (town square across from super Mercado) usually has something going on Sunday nights.

## **Groceries Stores**

There is a decent size grocery store in downtown that has most any item you could need. It is called San Francisco. There is a smaller store with many America products called Mirtita's. The Island has many Mom and Pop grocery stores that carry a variety of items and are located on almost every block. We stop frequently at the Super Ronco on the drive out the Caribbean side of the island. The fresh juice here is great and they have a bit of almost everything here. There is also the Navy store (check the map) and it has a good variety of wine alcohol and many other items worth checking out.

## **Dining out**

This could be several pages because honestly we have never had a bad meal on Isla but here are a few of our favorites. Most of these can be located on your map

## **Breakfast**

- M&J on Bravo and Guerrero unique egg casserole type dish I recommend the Ranchero and they have the best fresh juice.
- Elements of the Island – my favorite BLT on the island
- Chili Locos – on Hidalgo between Abasolo and Matamoros almost anything is good
- Pinguinos at the Posada del mar hotel
- Carmalita's bakery in La Gloria – unbelievable pastries and cheese pies
- Alexia & Giovanni's – actually any one of the 4 restaurants in this area
- Poc Chuc – also great for lunch and dinner

## **Lunch & Dinner**

- Playa Lancheros – tic n tix (BBQ fish) must try this – cooked when you order so it takes a few but awesome
- Angleos -- great pizza and pasta
- Amigos – I love the spaghetti here
- La Bruja – great variety and prices
- Freddy's – we like everything we have tried here
- Soggy Peso – daily special item and great Tiki bar
- Ballpark Tacos – can not beat these – but only in evenings
- Hotdog carts—the bacon wrapped hotdogs can not be beat
- Tino's the Rib Guy – normally open on weekends but delicious
- Rolandi's pizza – also great pasta try the Rolandi salsa pasta special yum-mo
- El Varcadero – Cuban food excellent
- Picus – my favorite is stuffed fish – but anything seafood here is great

- Playa Leydi -- if you can get Manuel the owner to cook for you, you wont regret it
- Olivia's – nice place for upscale dinner we love it
- Rolandi's Villa – nice place for elegant dinner
- Jax's – good ole American food
- Rotisserie Chicken – there is a magnet on the fridge with numbers
- French Bistro – good lobster and steaks also
- Miguels Moonlite – you have to meet Miguel he is a very nice guy
- Olivia's – Mediterranean style food -
- Bally Hoo – great fish tacos and margaritas
- Cocina Criolla – (Victors Cuban place) The Cuban place on Hidalgo – my favorite Mojitos
- CoMoNo's - mid-eastern cuisine – great humus
- Cockteleria Justicia Social – everything I have ordered here is great

The house is directly across the street from Caribbean Ocean - I have included pictures taken from the balcony to give you a better idea of location. There is a rocky ledge to walk down across the street but I recommend that you walk about a block as seen last 2 photos









