

ENJOYING YOUR STAY AT CASITA SARAFINA

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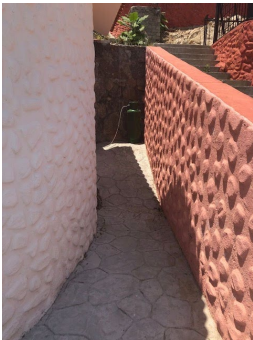
Welcome to our home in Mexico. We are glad you have come to experience the beauty of the Oaxacan coast. Enjoy your time here and make yourselves right at home. As a courtesy, we ask that you leave our home just as clean and tidy as you found it. **JESSE & SARA**

You probably have met Lupe and Lupita by now. They are our local hosts to greet you and answer any questions. Feel free to reach out to Lupita if you need anything, but remember she only speaks Spanish. Google translate comes in handy!

Remember that check-out time is **11:00 am**. We ask that you please respect this so we can adequately prepare for the next guest to arrive.

General maintenance and assistance – Lupita Aragon +52 958-128-1136

Casita Sarafina uses Propane for the hot water and for the cook top. The tank is at the northern outside corner of the house. The tank should already be open and ready for use upon your arrival but in case it is not, here is the location.



Water is a valuable resource in these parts of Mexico, so please use the water sparingly. Hot water is only supplied to the shower, not the individual sinks.

There is a safe available to keep cash and passports. The key to access the safe is on the key ring...please do not lose this key or you will incur a fee to replace it.

Our septic systems in Mexico do not do well with toilet paper. Please do not flush any toilet paper. There is a trash can for soiled toilet paper next to the toilet. THANK YOU!

Under the kitchen sink you will find supplies like trash bags, cleaners, bug spray, ant killer, etc.

Please remember you are in a rural part of Mexico on a hill. Ants, scorpions, spiders (including tarantulas), wasps, bees, etc. are part of the natural habitat here.

In the kitchen there are two trash cans. A small brown trash can with a lid for organic materials and a general trash can. In order to keep the gnats away, we recommend emptying the organic can at least every other day. Since we do not flush our toilet paper, it is also a good idea to empty the bathroom trash every few days. The bathroom and kitchen trash can be bagged and taken to the main trash collection area along the entrance road to our community, just before you head down the steep hill to exit. If you take the trash to the collection area, please ensure it is bagged well and placed inside the trash collection area, not outside. Look closely, there is a recycling pile for plastics and cardboard and then an area to throw your trash bags (enclosed area). If you see one of the workers, they can point you in the right direction.

There are clothesline clips, beach chairs, beach umbrella, and other basic necessities for your convenience. You will be supplied with a bathroom towel, a beach towel, soap, shampoo, conditioner, and a general first aid kit.

The cell service in this area is very good, typically 4G is everywhere. However, on our cliff, it can be spotty. You may want to check with your service provider PRIOR to leaving your country and finding out what your most economical options for international service is. We have found that AT&T is available in Mexico and works seamlessly for us. **The WIFI for our casita is CASITA SARAFINA. The password is: estab2019**

DINING

Puerto Angel is a small fishing village with many dining options.

Brisas del Mar - Seafood and variety. The food is excellent, and the location is great. Nice view of the shoreline.

There are a few other local small spots and as you venture through town that we are sure you would enjoy.

Zipolite

If you wish to venture over to a few other towns the dining options open tremendously. The most dining options are in Zipolite, the next town to the North. It is a 15-minute drive if that, 1.6 miles. As you arrive in Zipolite, you must get through the southern part of town before arriving to the main street (Adoquin). The street name is Pelicano, but good luck finding the sign. Look for Piña Palmera, a school and boutique. It is on the corner of the entrance to the Adoquin. Enjoy the adventure of feeling lost and finding your destination. You will turn left on to the Adoquin and go ahead and park as soon as you can. No need to drive all the way in to the Adoquin.

As you walk into the Adoquin, you will see a variety of restaurants and here are our favorites:

Bacco – Excellent steaks, seafood, pastas and pizza – Alessandro is the owner, and the food is creative and very tasty. Some nights there is live entertainment and live drawing classes. Call for reservations +52 958 116 8045. Currently located passed the Mezcalaria Gota Gorda and just slightly up the hill.

Bazar Zipolite – This is the Italian hangout. Great little deli with specialty wines and liquors, cheeses and meats. This is a great spot to grab some bread, wine, cheese, deli meats, and watch the crowds walk by.

Entropia – This is right on the corner as you turn into the main section of the Adoquin. Sand floor restaurant with very good options for dinner.

Don de Franco – Italian options and very reliable meal. Dining upstairs offers a great view of the Adoquin.

Le Castelet Café – This is a little breakfast place, more French style with coffee and breakfasts being the main. You can also buy whole and ground coffee.

KellyKo – A favorite breakfast spot right on the main Adoquin. Try the Enfrijoladas or Motulenos!

Orale Café – This breakfast place is off the Adoquin, along the dirt road that leads past the main Adoquin. Once you get to the end of the Adoquin, just keep going straight until the dirt road starts to turn right. Look for the Mexcaleria called Gota Gorda and just south of there you turn right onto a dirt road. Walk up that hill and you will arrive at Orale Café on the left. It will be worth the journey, we promise.

La Providencia – Owned by Javier and Paco (Chef). This is by far the best restaurant in Zipolite. You must get reservations. We suggest stopping in at the beginning of your trip one evening and finding a few nights that they have availability and snagging the dates. The food is very regional and very creative. You will not be disappointed. You can also access this restaurant by car if you drive past the main entrance to the Adoquin and turn left onto a dirt road just passed Hotel Los Angeles and Hotel Rancho Los Mangos. You follow the bumpy dirt road until you see a corner with a

front end of a boat. Follow to the right and La Providencia is on the left. You can turn left at the restaurant and turn left again, and you are back on the dirt road. Parking here makes for an easy exit back to the main road.

El Alquimista – This is a real treat because of the location. You will not see the hotel or restaurant from the Adoquin. You must cross over to the sand and head north a few yards. You will see candle lit tables on the sand just passed a big set of rocks on the beach. The food is always excellent and our favorite here is the Tamarindo Margarita de Mezcal. If you wish to drive directly to this hotel restaurant, you can follow the same instructions above for La Providencia except drive past and you will see the small parking area for Alquimista on the left.

Zipolite has many more places to eat along the beach side. You would have to cross over to the sand area and walk. Some of our beachside favorites are:

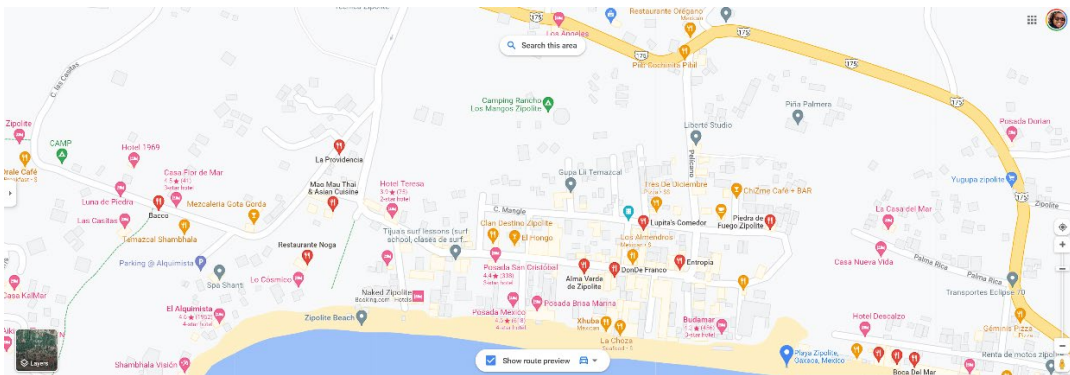
Sal y Pimienta – Excellent seafood

Boca del Mar – Great options and variety

La Choza – Excellent service, great beach chairs and loungers. A small fee allows you to sit, eat, drink, and enjoy the view.

Tuti Fruti on the Adoquin is a great spot to have ice cream and gelato as you stroll back to your car.

The map below will help you get the idea of where some of the restaurants mentioned above are located.



San Agustinillo

San Agustinillo is another 5-minute drive past Zipolite. A very quaint and somewhat quiet town right on the water. Some of our dining favorites here are:

La Termita – Excellent Pizza, one of our favorites. Seating right on the beach with a great view of the ocean.



Mazunte

Mazunte is another 5-minute drive past San Agustinillo. This is a little busier town, similar to Zipolite. A lot of tourists and backpackers tend to stay in Mazunte. Dinner options are abundant, but we have only tried a small handful here. If you drive over to Mazunte, drive through the town and turn left at Calle Rinconcito (look for La Dolce Vita restaurant as a landmark). Park anywhere and walk down into Mazunte beach. There are several restaurants along this road and the



main road.

BEACHES

The beaches along this stretch of the Oaxacan Coast can be a little treacherous. The tides tend to be strong and the waves can suck you into the short shore break. Please use caution. If the waves seem rough, expect the pull from the waves to be even rougher.

Playa La Mina

The beach in La Mina is located minutes away from Casita. You can drive down to the security gate and just passed the gate you can park your car and walk down the dirt road. Once at the bottom of the dirt road you take a trail up and over the small hill and will arrive at Playa La Mina. It is usually very empty. We strongly suggest you leave your car at the top of the entrance to the beach, just past the security gate and walk the rest of the way.

Playa Estacahuite

This beach is very small and quaint but has a couple of beer and food options with chairs to enjoy the view. Renting a couple chairs and umbrella from the food stands is very cheap and supports the local economy. The waters here can be very calm and excellent for swimming and floating.

Playa Panteon

This beach is on the north end of Puerto Angel, almost as you exit the town. You will see a sign on your left side of the main road, and it heads down to the beach. Good beer and food options as well as chairs and umbrellas for rent. Calm waters in this bay as well. Since this is a fishing village, there will be plenty of small boats anchored off the beach here too.

Playa Zipolite

This is Mexico's only official clothing optional beach. It is a long stretch of beach which offers a very nice relaxing walk. Many cold beer and food options along this beach and plenty of chairs and umbrellas for rent as well. Just keep eye contact with those who choose to be nude and you will be fine. If you are here at Sunset, do yourself a favor and walk to the southern most part of the beach and climb up the stairs to Vista del Amor. Have a cold beer and watch the amazing sunset from here. Use caution in the water... this beach is famous for its extremely strong rip tides and can suck you out to sea very quickly. It is recommended to only go knee or waist deep and keep an eye out for the caution flags.

Playa San Agustinillo

A very nice calm bay, small beach with restaurants and chair rentals.

Playa Mazunte

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SHOPPING

San Agustinillo

Arte Sano is located as you enter the town. This store specializes in handmade arts from the local region. One of a kind items, not commercially produced. A little pricey but worth it to get a special item.

Mazunte

There is a store just passed the main street down to the beach called Cosmeticos Mazunte. This is an all-natural products store and worth the trip. You can find everything here from bug repellent to body wash. Shampoo, conditioner, lotions, aloe, sunscreen, etc. This is a must stop for us.

Puerto Angel

As you enter Puerto Angel, there is an OXXO on your left. Just across the street and at the southern corner is a small grocery store called Neto. You can find most essential items here. If you drive past Neto into town and turn right on the very first street, you will see Super El Angel, another grocery store. There are many "Abarrotes" in town, that carry a few items of this and that, snacks, soda and some food staples.

Zipolite

There is a fresh fruit store on the corner of Pelicano and the main Adoquin and a few Abarrote stores along the way. No main grocery store here.

Pochutla

If you want to go to a super grocery store, you will need to drive back up the hill about 15 minutes to the town of Pochutla. Go through the main intersection at the two highways and drive in about another 2 minutes. You will find a Super Chedraui on your right. Pretty much anything you are looking for can be found here. Even some household and hardware items. There is also a Pemex gas station in Pochutla, one of the few in the area.

On Mondays, the town of Pochutla has its "Tianguis" or public open-air market. If you drive into the town, about 5 minutes, you can park along the road and look for the main entrance to the market. Many locals with fresh meats, fruits, and crafts for sale during the morning hours. Quite the adventure.

In this general area, there are many other local stores for crafts and clothing, things like huaraches and pottery, etc.

ATM'S

ATM's are a challenge in this region. They often run out of cash or are out of service. It is best to plan and bring Pesos with you. Another option is to use the ATM's at the DEPARTURES building of the Huatulco Airport. Credit cards are not widely accepted in the towns along the coast.

There are several banks in the town of Pochutla with ATM's. Pretty reliable but they tend to have long lines.

As of this writing, there is only 1 ATM in Zipolite, in a Hotel Lobby, but 90% of the time it is out of service.

We hear there are more ATM's being installed in the towns, but we have yet to find them.

ACTIVITIES

A must do on your trip to the Oaxacan coast is watching the sunset from a few spots.

Vista del Amore in Zipolite. This is a small bar on the top of a small hill at the southern most part of the beach. Cold beers and a beautiful view.

Punta Cometa in Mazunte. This is a bit of a hike but worth every single moment. It is the southern most tip of the Mexican coast and the sunsets are breathtaking. You can drive into Mazunte, turn down the road to the beach (Calle Rinconcito) and about halfway down that road you will see signs to Punta Cometa. You park along the road or at a designated parking area and then hike into Punta Cometa. Wearing sneakers is a good idea here although some do the hike in sandals or even barefoot.

Azul Profundo (Cesar) – Tours and Whale Watching - +52 958 109 8612

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MEDICAL

If you need a pharmacy, every town near you has a “Farmacia”. You can buy just about anything here and some items without a prescription. If you need a Dr. look along the road in Puerto Angel and Zipolite, there are signs for Dr’s. offices as well. Very very affordable. You can also drive into Pochutla where there is a hospital on the main road as you enter the town and many medical clinics. You will be paying in cash for your services.



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