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A complete guide to traveling to San Pancho



SAN PANCHO

A quaint Mexican village nestled between the Sierra Madre Mountains and jungle and a long stretch of pristine Pacific coast. Is in close enough proximity (45 min drive) to the international airport at Puerto Vallarta and easily accessible

San Pancho has a stunning long quiet beach, with no sellers, sun beds or big crowds. Just a friendly atmosphere, perfect for enjoying family beach activities.

The surrounding area is worthy of exploring, you can catch the best beginner waves surfing in Punta Mita, explore the jungle in Sayulita, visit the Orchid Farm or go sailing , and more.

Arriving From Puerto Vallarta & Puerto Vallarta's Airport

San Pancho is just 1 hour (44.8 km, 27.8 miles) from Puerto Vallarta and the Licenciado Gustavo Díaz Ordaz International Airport.

There are multiple options available to get to San Pancho from Puerto Vallarta:

Purchased Airport Pick-up from the surf house

Authorized Taxi Company From Within the Airport

Bus

Car Rentals

PRIVATE AIRPORT PICK-UP

We provide ground transportation, from and to the Puerto Vallarta Airport in cooperation with DIVA TOURS TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, local taxi provider.

The driver will be waiting for you out to the Airport main door, holding your name card, and will take you to the Surf House.

Rate: 100 USD

Trip time: Approximately 50 minutes

AIRPORT SHUTTLE SERVICE

Depending on availability we can offer group airport shuttle to and from the Surf House at a budget price.

Rate: 500 MXN

Trip time: Approximately 50 minutes

AUTHORIZED TAXI COMPANY FROM WITHIN THE AIRPORT

This is the most convenient, but also the most expensive, option. Only a few taxi companies are certified to pick up passengers within the airport grounds. For this reason, these companies are more expensive and do not negotiate their rates.

Taking a cab from within the airport is the most reliable and comfortable option, especially if you have a lot of luggage. You can arrange a taxi as soon as you leave customs - you'll see the taxi booths as you exit customs and enter into the airport.

Tip: There are a few options available, and rates will vary from company to company. Ask around to find the best rate. These companies accept pesos and credit/debit cards. Once you have bought your ticket, you'll go to the airport exit, where you'll be assigned a cab.

Street Taxi

Rate: Between 50 -80 USD / \$800 and \$1000 MXN

Trip time: Approximately 50 minutes

If you'd like to try a more economical taxi option, you can hail a cab on the main road next to the airport. In order to do this, you'll need to exit the airport grounds. Once you walk outside, you will see a highway to your left. Walk towards this highway and cross the pedestrian bridge. Once you reach the other side, hail any cab.

Tip: You'll need pesos to pay for these cabs. Make sure you arrange the price of the trip in advance, before leaving, and ensure that the driver has change.

Uber

Rate: Around 30 USD / 500 MXN

Trip time: Approximately 50 minutes

Uber started offering its service in Puerto Vallarta in June 2017, and it's a great alternative to traditional taxis. Now, Uber is the cheapest car service option available. Rates for Uber rides are based on a dynamic pricing model. This means that, depending on demand, the price can change slightly. The exact rate will be given when requesting the ride.

Since Uber is not authorized to pick up passengers inside the airport, you'll have to leave the airport grounds before you request a ride. Once you walk outside of the airport, you will see a highway to your left. Walk towards this highway and cross the pedestrian bridge. Here, you can request an Uber ride.

Tip: To use this service, you'll need to have the Uber app installed on your smartphone and an active data plan.



BUS

Rate: 3 USD / \$40 MXN

Trip time: Approximately 1 ½ hours

If you crave the adventurous side of traveling, then the bus offers a great local experience for visitors. The ride is about 1 hour and a half, due to stops, and allows you to take in the beautiful scenic views of the jungle.

To catch the bus to San Pancho, you'll have to leave the airport grounds. Don't worry, this merely involves crossing the street. Once you walk outside, you will see a highway to your left. Walk towards this highway and cross the pedestrian bridge. The bus stop is in front of "El Tacon de Marlin," which is also a highly recommended lunch spot!

You're going to be looking for a bus from the "Compostela" line - it will have a green sign that says "San Pancho" in the front window. You can also ask the bus driver if they stop in San Pancho if you're unsure. The buses run on the hour.

Alternatively you can take a bus to Sayulita, which is only 5 minutes away from San Pancho. From the entrance of Sayulita, where the bus will drop you off, you can then take a taxi to San Pancho for about 10 USD / \$150 MXN.

Another option is to take a taxi to the Central Camionera (bus depot), just 5 minutes from the airport. Here, you can catch a bus to San Pancho. Buses leave every 30 minutes from the Central Camionera - a plus if you don't want to wait for the bus by the highway.

Tip: The bus will drop you off at the entrance of San Pancho. You will then have to walk from here. From the bus stop to the beach is 1.2 km (.75 miles), and Hotel Casa San Pancho is approximately 800 meters (.50 miles) from the bus stop. Sometimes, there are taxis at the entrance of the town, but this is not always the case.



CAR RENTALS

Rate: Varies depending on the type of car rented as well as add-ons such as insurance

Trip time: Approximately 50 minutes

You'll find all of the major car rental companies at Puerto Vallarta's airport, plus some smaller ones. If you're planning on renting a car, you can do so online in advance or in the moment upon your arrival. Renting a car is a great option if you are looking to get to know some of San Pancho's surrounding towns and beaches. You'll be able to pick up the car at the airport and drop it off when you go back to catch your return flight.

Tip: Consider renting a car for the extra mobility and the ability to explore many of the nearby beaches in the region.

Driving From Puerto Vallarta

When driving from Puerto Vallarta to San Pancho, we recommend taking a look at these Google Maps driving directions. Ideally, open these directions and save the route on your smartphone prior to the trip to avoid any issues. The trip will take about 50 minutes, depending on traffic.

Tip: As you approach the town, the sign for the entrance will say "San Francisco," since San Pancho is a loving nickname. Pull into the lane on the right in order to make the left-hand turn into the town.

Arriving From Guadalajara

Guadalajara, the state capital of Jalisco, is 179.5 miles (289 km) from San Pancho by car.

Taking the Bus From Guadalajara

Rate: 40-60 USD / \$700 - \$850 MXN

Trip time: Approximately 3 to 4 hours

To get to San Pancho from Guadalajara by bus, your best option is to take a bus to La Peñita de Jaltemba, and then a taxi from there to San Pancho.

There are a few bus companies available, some of which are: Primera Plus, Vallarta Plus and ETN.

Tip: Ticket prices and trip time will vary depending on the origin and destination of your ticket. Typically, bus tickets will range from \$450-600 MXN. If you take the bus to La Peñita de Jaltemba, you can find a cab at the bus stop. A taxi will cost approximately \$250 MXN.

Arriving From Sayulita

Taxi

Rate: 12 USD / \$150MXN

Trip time: Approximately 10 minutes

Sayulita is only 4 miles (7km) from San Pancho. By car, San Pancho is roughly 10 minutes from Sayulita, depending on the exact pick up location in Sayulita.

Bus

Rate: 2 USD / \$20 MXN

Trip time: Approximately 10 minutes

You can catch a bus at the entrance of Sayulita that will drop you off at the entrance of San Pancho.

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