

Enjoy Your Stay



At Casa Chips and Barra de Navidad!

Welcome to Casa Chips!

Thank you for joining us at Casa Chips! During your stay, we want you to enjoy our house as your home, or “nuestra casa es su casa” as we say in Spanish.

Casa Chips opened in 1990. Over the years since that time, we have modernized our facilities for your comfort and added two additional oceanfront rooms and a large terrace with a sweeping view of the coast on the fourth floor.

We want you to enjoy your stay with us and we hope that this booklet will provide a wealth of information about our “Pueblo Magico” that will make your trip enjoyable and you more familiar with the people and area.

If you any questions, our staff is at your service:

- **Reception:** Iriz Gallardo Gutierrez
- **Room Service:** Norma Garcia Mellin & Damian Sanchez Rodriguez

Our regular office hours are 8:30am to 9pm – Monday through Sunday

If the services they provide meet your expectations, please don't hesitate to tip the staff. They appreciate the opportunity to serve you.

In case of emergencies please contact our staff at the reception desk or call their cellphones at: 315-100-1961 or 315-104-2890. They will be happy to assist you in any way they can.

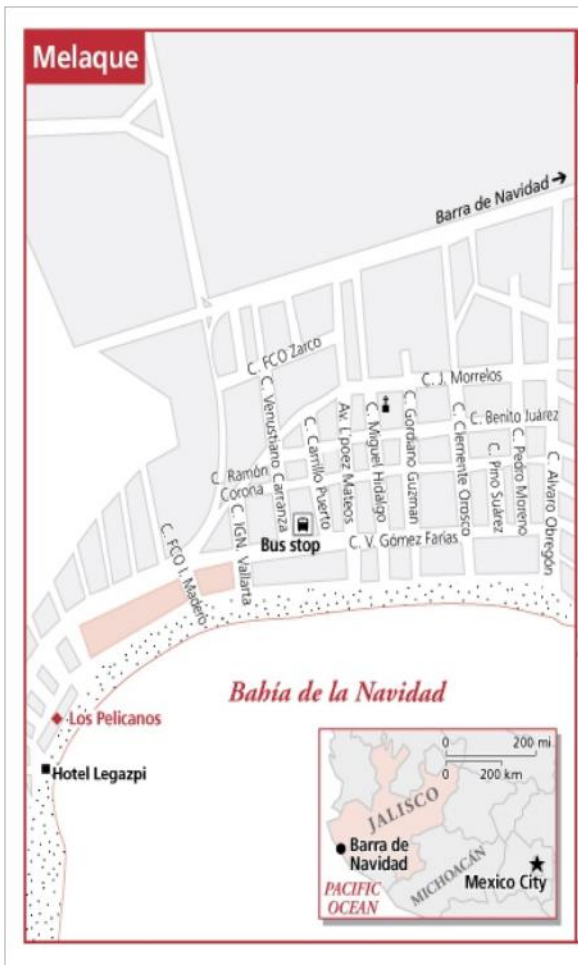
For inquiries or comments about our hotel and the services we offer, you can also contact our senior management in the US:

- Emerita Hinojosa, Director, (Español and English), Cell Phone 415 350-6686 or email at merah3460@gmail.com
- Carlos Hinojosa Leonard, Owner, phone 415 240 -1282, or email at barrachip@earthlink.net

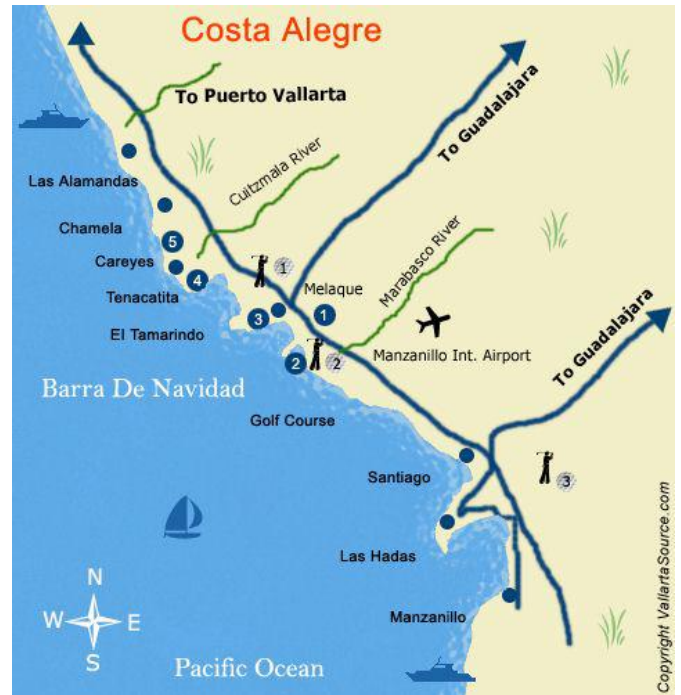
Map of Barra Navidad



Map of Melaque



Map of Costa Alegre



Restaurants in Barra

Restaurant Ramon

Restaurant Mar y Tierra

Restaurant Bananas

Restaurant Nonsolo Pizza Italiana

Café Bar Italianos

Café Pan Frances

Restaurant Bambu

Restaurant Marlenas (at Casa Chips)

Restaurant Besame Mucho

Restaurant Paty

Rsetaurant Coco Loco Pizza Italiana

Restaurant Sea Master

Restaurant Pancho

Restaurant Nacho

Restaurant Mary's (In Colimilla, across the lagoon. Transport by boat, courtesy of Casa Chips. Ask in advance at reception)

Restaurants in Melaque

Cortes Finos Scooby

Restaurant Rooster

Comida Japones Con Goro Tanaka

Restaurant La Flor Del Café

Restaurant La Salamandra

Restaurant Esmeraldas

For more information about restaurants in the area, recommendations, locations, etc. ask at Reception.

Banks, Stores and Markets

Banamex - San Patricio, Melaque

Bancomer - Cihuatlan

HSBC – Manzanillo and Colima

- There is a public market in San Patricio, Melaque on Lopez Mateos where you can range of local fresh and prepared foods.
- A store named “Hawaii” is located in Melaque on Lopez Mateos, with a range of local and imported products and foods.
- In Barra, at the corner of Veracruz and Sinaloa, you will find a store named “Arselia” with wines, liquors, and groceries.

Central de Autobuses

Just three blocks from Casa Chips, the bus station is served by ETN, Primera Plus Y Auto Transportes Cihuatlan. Routes are available to Melaque, Cihuatlan or Manzanillo and from those cities on to points throughout Mexico.

Services in Barra

Ask at Reception for recomendations and locations

- Massage with Ocean View
- Dentists
- Laundromats
- Clothing Stores
- Yoga
- Manicure and Pedicure
- Mariachi
- Photo Sessions
- Spanish and English classes
- Boat Tours of the Bay and Beaches
- Sport Fishing
- Snorkeling, Diving
- Surfboards
- Motorcycle Rentals
- Watercraft
- Bike Rental
- Horse Riding

Local Festivals

There are several seasonal events you might want to plan your trip around or for your next trip!

February & November

- International fishing tournament – Dates vary year to year. If you are interested – just ask us!

Lent Carnival Festivals – 40 days before

Easter

- Varies year to year – Catholic observances and local events

Semana Santa – Easter Holidays

- Holy week – Good Friday and Easter Sunday

January – February

- January 1 Año Nuevo – New Year's Day.
- January 6 – Día de los Santos Rey
- January 17 – Feast Day of de San Antonio de Abad
- February 24 – Flag Day

March

- Saint Patrick's Day – Two-week celebration centered in nearby Melaque.

May

- May 1 – Primero de Mayo – Labor Day
- May 5 – Cinco de Mayo – Not a big day, except in northern Mexico, but there are

events, more because of the tourist trade than local interest.

- May 10 – Mother's Day

September

- September 15 – Dia de la Independencia, Mexico's Independence Day. One of the biggest national holidays

November

- November 1 – Dia de los Muertos – Local remembrances of the dead that start on the night of November 1st and continue into the next day
- November 20 – Celebration of the Mexican Revolution

December

- December 12 – Día de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe – Starting 9 days ahead of this date there are a series of posadas and ceremonies in pueblos throughout Mexico
- December 25 – Christmas Day

The Beaches of Jalisco

The Bay of Chamela

North on the coast from Barra, the Bahia (Bay) of Chamela is in the municipio (similar to a county in the US) of La Huerta and a breathtaking part of the Costalegre, Jalisco. It provides ten kilometers of splendid beaches with names like El Negrito, Felicillas, Las Rosadas and the main playa – Chamela. It is a good area for day trips and adventures outside of Barra but still within reach.

The bay is home to a wide range of land and sea birds, living in a varied ecology that includes rivers, rocky outcroppings, and long stretches of beach. Divers love the peaceful beaches and to explore the many small rocky inlets and coves along the bay.

In the bay itself, there are many small, attractive islands including La Colorada, Cocinas, San Andrés, Novilla, Esfinge, San Pedro, San Agustín, La Negrita and Parjarera – which is known for its bird reserve and ideal diving opportunities. All the islands of Chamela are reachable by boat and provide unparalleled views of the bay and its surroundings. Boats can be hired from services in the town of Chamela and at popular beaches around the bay.

A walk along the beaches of Chamela will reveal regional artisans with crafts made of sea shells, plates of fresh tropical fruit and seafood from the region as well as tropical drinks that are popular around the bay. Xametla is an example of a beach with a very “local” flavor and casual options that including bars, restaurants and crafts from vendors right on the beach.

If you enjoy snorkeling, you will find the waters of Chamela very inviting with a transparency of about four meters. Divers with tanks and equipment can find excellent diving in depths of up to 40 meters.

Cuastecomates

Near the beaches of Melaque, Cuastecomates is a small, picturesque beach town with a warm brown, sand beach. The beach is about 250 meters long and 20 meters wide and is surrounded by forested hills and valleys providing a wonderful environment for water sports, ecotourism or relaxing on the beach.

The calm, protected waters of Cuastecomates provide opportunities to kayak, swim, snorkel, or pedal boat and access to hiking or just sunbathing on the sand. There are also several small islands off the coast that can be visited by hired boats.

Melaque

Melaque is actually a cluster of three villages – including San Patricio, Villa Obregon and Melaque itself. It is at the southern end of the Costalegre and in easy reach of Barra de Navidad with about five kilometers of beach. The beach is lined with restaurants and hotels but much less developed than better known tourist destinations. Because of its proximity to Barra, it shares many amenities and a similar range of activities.

Bay of Tenacatita

Continuing northward from Barra, La Bahia de Tehacatita is another option for day trips. The area includes the small beach town of La Manzanilla and Tenacatita beach itself. The beach is long and beautiful, but without improvements and often, without very many visitors. Bring your own drinks, food and beach things and be careful to pickup when you leave to keep this example of a peaceful relaxing spot unspoiled.

La Manzanilla

La Manzanilla is a small town, on the south side of the bay of Tenacatita with a nice beach, restaurants and activites. Water sports and activities like boggie boarding, fishing, snorkling, and swimming in the warm waters of the ocean are all available in a relaxed, small-town atmosphere. From November to March, La Manzanilla is a good spot to take a boat tour to see humpback whales and if you are visiting in other seasons you can visit the mangroves to see many types of birds, iguanas and much more. If you want to just enjoy the sun and sand, there are beachfront restaurants and bars that will bring their services right to your spot on the beach.



Casa Chips – Terraza and Hotel Rules

1. For reasons of security and liability, only currently registered guests are allowed to use the Terraza, except friends and family of registered guests who are permitted only when accompanied by registered guests. There is a limit of two persons per registered guest. Any additional invited persons of registered guests, in excess of the two-person limit, needs to sign in at the hotel office and show their ID before being permitted to enter the hotel premises.
2. The hotel reserves the right to prohibit the entrance of unregistered guests.
3. Pets are not allowed on the Terraza unless accompanied by registered guests.
4. Smoking is permitted only in designated areas.
5. Special parties of five or more persons need pre-authorization from hotel management a minimum of one day prior to the event.
6. All deck furniture is to remain on the Terraza and should not be moved into rooms or to the beach without prior permission from management.
7. Please dispose of garbage into the proper receptacles: paper trash, bottles, and cans are separated into the designated containers.
8. Deposit toilet paper into the plastic wastepaper basket in the Terraza restrooms, do not flush paper into toilet.
9. Terrace hours are from 10:00 am until 10:00 pm. Exceptions require approval from the hotel management.
10. No excessive noise or music is permitted.
11. Casa Chips is not responsible for injuries or lost or stolen property. Please check our Lost & Found for missing items.
12. Please do not bring room towels to use on the Terraza. Beach towels and umbrellas are available in the hotel office with a \$100 peso deposit.
13. Barbeques are permitted on the Terraza and hotel suite balconies only with advance hotel permission.
14. Please be considerate of other guests and pick up after yourself.

Thank You! Enjoy the new Casa Chips Terraza

Comments?

Please feel free to write your comments on this page and leave them at Reception.

Your feedback is very important to us!
