



Bienvenidos!

MEMBERS' EVENTS & NEWS SPLASHES

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Member,

It's amazing that we are well into 2018, spring is in the air and exciting things are happening. I just love this time of year especially in Puerto Vallarta! We have had a terrific winter season with the addition of many new members to the Ocho family! Also, we have had a lot of our current members add additional weeks to their vacation experience. We know, as you may also know, that we have a one of kind resort with unparalleled architecture, an incredible location, and a warm and friendly staff. Best of all we have the most passionate and enthusiastic of members!

We are constantly looking at ways to improve Ocho Cascadas and the members vacation. We appreciate everyone who fills out their comment card because they provide great insight into the level of service and the management of the resort. If you have not filled out a comment card, I highly recommend it because we read each one. Comment cards help us come up with new ideas to improve the services to our members and guests.

Now that we are in spring, some of us will be making summer vacation plans and we would love for you to experience all the beauty that Puerto Vallarta has to offer. If you have not been to Puerto Vallarta in the summer, it is amazing! It is so tropical and lush, and the jungles come alive and everything is so green. The evening tropical rains descend on the bay like clockwork. They cool off the night but not until the lightning has put on a spectacular show by illuminating the bay. It is a natural wonder, and just as the rain arrives in evenings, the morning prevails with blue skies and sunshine. It's just beautiful and exciting too! Also, if you like to swim or snorkel, the summer ocean temperature provides the warmest



water of the year pushing about 84 degrees! Not to mention you can just enjoy your beautiful villa with the breath-taking view of the Bay of Banderas.

We encourage you to visit us this summer! You can contact Dave Stoenner in our California office or Luisa Anderson on-site for special summer packages for you and your friends. You will not be disappointed!

I will be going down in June with my family and I look forward to seeing some of you at the Friday Cocktail party. I can't wait to be back at Ocho!

Saludos,

Patricia Biddings

President &

Board of Directors

The Surfing & Diving Connection to Ocho Cascadas

BY DAVID GIDDINGS



Surfboard Shaper & Manufacturer, Greg Giddings



Greg Giddings, David Giddings, Patricia Giddings

As you may recall, our last story was about the Pink Safari and its history and lore relating to the Ocho Cascadas story. We have now added a fun addition to the tradition of adventure that Ocho brings to all our lives. My brother Greg, owner and shaper of G-force Surfboards, has created some finely shaped surfboards to add to the color, fun, and history of the Ocho story. As many of you may know, my dad, Edward Giddings, was an avid and obsessed freediver. My brothers (Mark, Greg, John and Peter) and I began our relationship with the ocean early and gained our inherent need to surf thanks to our father.

When we were young boys, he may have known that we were a little reluctant to swim forty feet deep to try and capture sea creatures, but he did know that we were keen about surfboards and riding waves! This worked out brilliantly because he could dive and swim while we rode waves, killing two birds with one stone. Why all this talk of diving and surfing? Well quite simply, my Dad lived and dived in the cold frigid waters of Washington State before he found himself on a diving trip exploring and hunting his prey off Yelapa and the tropical abundant waters of Puerto Vallarta. He would never return to Washington, and as fate would have it, he met my mom in a taxi from the airport and the rest is history!

So with these new additions of the surfboards to Ocho Cascadas there is a direct lineage, purpose, and cause and effect of what diving and surfing can inspire, and did it ever! If not for my dad's passion for diving, he would have never have found Puerto Vallarta nor would he have met my mother, Patricia Giddings, and for that matter, if not for surfing I don't think our parents could have put up with our wild and restless behavior while working in Mexico! Just as the sea is inspiration for so many great works of art, the ocean that lies right before us in the beautiful Bay of Banderas continues to inspire us all!

David Giddings

Lalo's Creations!

We want to congratulate Lalo, for the excellent work he does. He is always giving his best and making Penthouse owners and guests feel excited about their next meal, helping to make their vacations unforgettable!



Odette & Ulises



ON-SITE MANAGER'S MESSAGE

Hello everyone,

Winter season is over, and the whales have left our bay looking for colder waters, since the Bay of Banderas is getting warmer. Spring is finally here, and summer is just around the corner!

Puerto Vallarta is full of festivities and events during the spring, so please let us pamper you while you visit Ocho Cascadas. Our staff has created an updated list of many new activities, restaurants, and places to visit in Puerto Vallarta to make your stay a memorable one. So please stop by the front desk to say hi and get some tips on new places to explore!

Our goal is help you improve your vacation and make your next stay with us even better than previous ones. Your feedback is important to us, please stop by the front desk with any recommendations you may have or fill out a comment card. We would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to look after you at your home away from home.

See you soon!

Ulises Alfaro

HAPPY MEMBER COMMENTS

"Great housekeeping, great chefs, great staff, stunning location – everyone exceeded expectations! No suggestions for improvements because everyone was amazing!"

"We love it here, we are always happy to come!"

"Spent most of our meals in the Penthouse; words cannot describe the level of top notch service from Felipe and Lalo."

"Loved everything! Back after 17 years – was even better-the improvements are excellent!"

"Everyone we were in contact with, was AMAZING – thank you so much!"

"This is a unique property in a class by itself."

UPCOMING EVENTS IN PUERTO VALLARTA

Puerto Vallarta is now growing in so many good ways, thanks to all of you!

There is a new mall called “La Isla,” where different events are held throughout the year, including the Art Village in April. In addition to “La Isla,” various public spaces in Puerto Vallarta receive artistic exhibitions all year round, including the boardwalk. It’s also very common to find a variety of paintings, sculptures, and different samples of artistic creativity in seasonal markets, parks and public squares. The exhibition held every weekend during the Art Village by La Isla was proof of this as they showed off more than 100 artistic creations of 15 Vallarta painters in the port’s newest shopping center.

Farmers Market held every Saturday at Parque Lazaro Cardenas
Saturdays are market days!

We invite you to enjoy delicious Mexican cuisine, the delights of Artisan Waters, art and different shows every Saturday in the “Plaza Lazaro Cardenas, de Olas Altas.” This is an excellent opportunity to enjoy a new experience that will leave you with a good taste!



Plaza Hidalgo
Check out Friday night events, Mexican food, and cultural events, on Hidalgo’s Park near the Malecon.

Thursday Evening Fun at the Marina Vallarta Art & Market
Every Thursday from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Marina until May 31, 2018, you can enjoy this market filled with art, jewelry, clothes and handcrafts, among many other wonderful things. Have a blast enjoying life music and lots of fun!

Vallarta Restaurant Week 2018
Live this great experience from May 15th to June 10th!

Vallarta Restaurant Week is getting bigger and bigger each year and there are now 59 restaurants in Puerto Vallarta and Rivera Nayarit participating.

If you are in the city during this time, do not miss the opportunity to enjoy this delicious experience. Puerto Vallarta has an extensive gastronomy to offer, plus this experience will allow you to taste a variety of different flavors and foods!

Acuatlon Vallarta
If you like sports this is a must do! This event is 5K that will be held on June 24, 2018 beginning at 8:00 am. at the Malecon and beach in downtown Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco.

Experience one the best Mexican Atmospheres in September
National Holidays!

The Independence of Mexico is commemorated in the month of September, with a celebration on September 15th at night. The central square (Malecon) is filled with people who give the traditional “cry of Independence,” and who are led by the municipal president from the City Hall building. The flame of Independence is lit and the crowd shouts “Viva Mexico” alongside an impressive fireworks display.

For even more information about local events taking place in Puerto Vallarta, please drop by the front desk. 📞

Nacho

Staff spOtlight

We have the pleasure of introducing you to Nacho who is originally from Guadalajara, which is the capital of our beautiful state of Jalisco. Nacho is a very kind person who loves art and in his spare time likes to paint oil paintings. Please do not hesitate to stop by to say hello or ask for help with something; without a doubt, he will be able to support you with whatever you need. His English is very good and he has a lot of experience as a night guard, so you can be confident that he will be aware of your needs. 📞

Staff Birthday Celebrations

Every birthday is important, and we do our best to make each birthday celebration special. We all feel like a family and we are always happy to see our coworkers celebrate another year here with us in our special place. Over the years, coexistence has become more genuine, we have become more familiar with one another, and have gained great affection for each other. Thus, we try to make the birthday person feel indulged all day at work.

Happy Birthday to all! 🎂



TELL US YOUR STORY!

We’d love to hear from you! Will you share your comments, stories, and vacation photos with us?
Please send your story and fun and pretty (high-res) vacation shots to Trading Places International, Attn: Casey Clayson at 25510 Commercentre Drive, Suite 100, Lake Forest, CA 92630 or email droadmin@tradingplaces.com. 📞

Resort Activities

Join us in the Lobby

If you are interested in watching sports games, shows, movies or just watch the sunset, come to the lobby! And don't forget popcorn is served 5 days a week!

Owners and guests were able to enjoy the Super Bowl last February in the lobby with drinks and snacks. There were however some happy and sad faces by the end of the game but they all had a fun experience!

Wine & Cheese Evenings

In order to keep our members and their guests entertained with new and enjoyable activities, we have now added evenings of wine and cheese to the list of activities offered at Ocho Cascadas.

This activity has been a success, providing guests and members with an opportunity to share a great experience with one another and make new friends.

Come join us in the lobby on Mondays from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.



FRONT DESK STAFF

Marcel and Noe, our front desk agents, are always available to members and guests to ensure the best stay possible. Everything from calling a taxi, recommending restaurants or activities, or assisting with the wifi, these gentlemen are part of what makes Ocho Cascadas feel like home! 🌊

Monday Tequila Tasting

Come join us Monday afternoons at 4 p.m. for an opportunity to learn more about the Tequila process, pick up a souvenir to take back home, sample delicious Tequila, and socialize.



Friday Morning City Tour

The Friday Morning City Tour is a big hit with members and their guests. Every Friday morning Luisa Anderson leads a fun city tour to show off local beaches, markets, and local 'hot spots'. Learn about public transportation, local activities, and get a few insider tips from Luisa who has spent over 20 years living in Puerto Vallarta. It's a great way to start your week! 🌊



JORGE LUIS is back at Ocho!

We are very happy to announce that Jorge Luis is back with the Ocho Family.

He wants to thank you for all your support and wish you the best from the bottom of his heart. Jorge is in good health once again and is happy to be back here with everyone at Ocho Cascadas.



He always has an excellent attitude towards life and a great smile for the people around him. He has been given a new opportunity! Infinite thanks! 🌊

ENGLISH COURSES

We are excited to tell you about this exciting news! Our Front Desk staff member, Marcell, is a very kind and charismatic person! But that's not all, he has certification to teach English classes, and is now teaching our maids English.

Excellent initiative Marcell! 🌊



Information on your Resort

Ocho Cascadas continues to maintain high standards. Here are a few improvements and updates that have taken place recently:

- You may now request to borrow a cast iron griddle at the front desk.
- Kitchen knives in all of the villas have been sharpened.
- Ocho Cascadas is now a "No Drone Zone."
- New vegetarian options have been added to the Floating Chef Menu. A copy of the new menu can be found on our website or in the Owner's book located in your villa.
- A weekly events guide can now be found at the Front Desk counter.
- A new book has been added in each of the villas with recommendations and information about the city and a copy of the rules and regulations. 🌊

SALES REPORT SUMMER TIME FUN

Many of our winter season members are unaware of the beauty of Puerto Vallarta in the summer time. Yes, it's warmer. Yes, it rains in the evenings. But summertime guests know the beauty of sitting in your villa watching the electrical storms over the bay at night, seeing the city get a daily shower making everything fresh and clean. And the enjoyment of so much to do... fishing, jungle tours, ATV rentals, Jet Ski Rentals, Zip Lining, Botanical Garden, Yelepa cruise and so much more.

While we still have villas available, members and guests can enjoy the summer season for as little as \$1760 for the full week... And we throw in two free massages in your villa and a floating chef service to enjoy a luxurious dinner in the privacy of your villa. Tell your friends! Ocho Cascadas is a beautiful place to stay to enjoy summer time fun!

For availability and reservations, call Dave Stoenner in the U.S. office at 949 640 8742, or e-mail to dave@cascadaslegacy.com. 🌊

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"Fantastic"

We stayed at Ocho Cascadas last week. We didn't want to leave. The facility is gorgeous with a private pool in each villa. Chef Alene is available onsite to cook a private dinner that is incredible. The most relaxing vacation we ever had and much needed. The staff is friendly and extremely helpful, Noe, Grecia, and Odette. It all starts with the city tour with Louisa and continues with the welcoming happy hour with Ulises, wonderful margaritas and tapas, and a great mariachi band. After that they are available as needed but leave you alone to enjoy the ambiance. Try it, you'll love it! | [debsgcpa](#)

"Great Place"

Stayed there Jan 2018. One of the best places that I have stayed ever. On par with Londolozí in South Africa. Very, very unique. A true 5 Star in every way. The people couldn't be more accommodating. Worth the effort in trying to book it. | [cleebu](#)

"Best Week Ever in PV"

We had an amazing week in PV at Ocho Cascadas! From the minute we walked in until our departure...everything was perfect. The villa, the service, the location, the food, the massages...even the weather! I highly recommend this resort...if you can get in...it is usually booked. Thank you OC for a special holiday week with our family! | [Mary C](#)

