



PUERTO VALLARTA

Puerto Vallarta was a thriving Mexican village because of its proximity to the Bay of Banderas, the agricultural valley of the Ameca River, and the mining centers in the Sierras long before it became an international tourist destination. Tourism has become a major economic activity because of the climate, scenery, tropical beaches, and rich cultural history. Enjoy this painting and all of the activities you would expect from a Mexican tourist destination, including beach activities, a Mariachi band, Papantla Flyers and plenty of shopping and great food.

1. The man who balances the rocks here is magical—beyond reason.
2. Artists are always creating amazing sand sculptures along the beautiful beaches.
3. Beach vendors can be a source of some deals on local crafts.
4. Dancers of Vallarta Statue
5. Mariachis can be heard along the Malecon
6. Angel of Hope—Hector Manuel Montez
7. Triton and Nerid—Carlos Espino
8. The Boy and the Seahorse, synonymous with the city—Raphael Zamarripa
9. Papantla Flyers—traditional Mexican acrobatics
10. Friendship Fountain / Dancing Dolphins—James Bottoms
11. Statue of San Pancho
12. Los Archos—one of Puerto Vallarta's most recognizable landmarks
13. Local artist sell their paintings along the Malecon.
14. Church of Our Lady of Guadalupe
15. Golden dome over the chapel
16. Tecuntlanpeuh—Mary's Crown.
17. Take the steep steps up Calle Galeana for a gorgeous view.
18. The thick jungle clad mountains of the Sierra Madre is where Predator was filmed.