

## **Isla information sheet for Casa Vive con Fe**

### **Transfers to and from Island**

You can book transfers at [www.cancun.com](http://www.cancun.com) the company who provides this service is called Best Day – they have always been great, on time and reliable for us. The trip from airport to Gran Puerto is approximately 30 minutes. The rate on June-10 was \$17.00 US per person round trip.

If you are arriving as a group another option is CARM

<http://www.cancunandrivieramaya.com/>

This is a private van and is very reasonable if your party is 4 people or more since they charge a flat rate for the entire van. Either company will pick you up at airport and deliver you to Gran Puerto to catch the ferry to Isla and likewise pick you back up and Gran Puerto and deliver you to the airport for your return flight.

Ferry ride to island is approximately 15 minutes and a gorgeous ride; it will cost 78 pesos per person each way roughly \$5.00 US and they accept US currency. You will purchase a ticket at the ferry dock. There is a little OXXO market there to grab a soda or beer for your ride over to Isla

Luggage - the people from your transportation company and the ferry docks will assist you with loading and unloading your luggage at both locations. I normally tip these people for their kind assistance.

### **Arrival at Isla**

Upon arrival at the Isla ferry dock you should proceed to the adjacent taxi stand, there will be malestros (baggage handlers that work for tips) to assist you with your luggage. At the Taxi tell the driver to take you to Casa Vive con Fe in Punta Sur the cost is roughly a 6 dollar trip. Please provide us with your flight information so Sue & Miguel can meet you at the house and get you all checked in. Just in case your flight is late and you miss each other at the ferry dock, Sue & Miguel's cell number, when calling in Mexico, is (998) 705-9956 . When calling from the US the number is 011-52-998-705-9956. During your stay a cell phone will be provided at the house for your use. Sue & Miguel will be your contact if you encounter any problems during your stay.

### **Things to consider for a personalized vacation**

Sue & Miguel have a concierge service at

[concierge@capispropertymanagement.com](mailto:concierge@capispropertymanagement.com) that will be happy to arrange a

very personalized vacation for you. She can arrange services that include: flowers for a special occasion, champagne upon arrival, golf cart rental, tours, diving, snorkeling, fishing trips, massages, daily maid service, and even a chef to prepare special occasion meals. She will be happy to quote you prices on any of these and almost any other services that would make your vacation special.

### **Getting around Isla**

I recommend you get a map from Laura at [www.mapchick.com](http://www.mapchick.com) she has a great map with all the things to do and very specific to Isla Mujeres she charges \$10.00 for the map and will mail it right out to you. We have one we left at the house but having your own copy lets you plan in advance where you would like to visit.

**When in doubt please call Sue & Miguel 998 179 2705  
They are here for your calls and will gladly assist you.**

## **Things to do**

**Paddle Boarding** -- So much fun you will be hooked and this can be done from the very young to the very old. David teaches this in front of Na Balaam on north beach and you can reach him at [www.supim.com](http://www.supim.com) or his Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SUPIslaMujeres> or by telephone at 998 881 4770

**Mi Secreto Spa** – Stop in and see Anna Marie and Ursula if you're looking for some rejuvenation. Find them on face book here <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100001726881037>

**Scuba** – here is a link to company that provides diving [www.squaloadventures.com.mx](http://www.squaloadventures.com.mx) or by phone 998 877 0607

**Massages and Yoga** can be arranged for you at the house thru [maryannburns@yahoo.com](mailto:maryannburns@yahoo.com) or via phone at 998.735.4705, her studio is located right across the street from the house in the dome building.

**Swim with the Dolphins** here is the web site for information – they are located in Sac Bajo [www.swimwiththedolphonscancun.com](http://www.swimwiththedolphonscancun.com)

**Snorkeling** can be arranged via Sue & Miguel there are many great areas to do this

**Fishing** -- Sue & Miguel can assist you with a custom tailored fishing excursion

**Isla Contoy** – you will enjoy this adventure. Take a boat to a small bird sanctuary with lunch provided and snorkeling on the way home. I recommend Captain Tony for this excursion. Find him on Facebook here <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100000169162502> or by phone at 998 884 7483

**Visit the Pirate Mundaquita Hacienda** – Mayan Village and the pirate Mundaquita house – this site has information for you <http://www.isla-mujeres.com.mx/english/haciendamundaca.htm>

**Turtle Farm** – a great visit 20 peso donation here is a site for you to check <http://www.isla-mujeres.com.mx/english/turtlefarm.htm>

**Maritime Museum & Restaurant Bar** – this is located heading towards Punta Sur on the east road of the island – worth checking it out <https://www.facebook.com/CapitanDulche>

**Punta Sur Ruins** -- at the very southern tip of Isla there is a small metal art display and a beautiful walk way around the southern tip. Small entry fee but well worth it

**Garrafon** – snorkeling zip line bar restaurant this is a day park with an entry fee most people love it. <http://www.garrafon.com/>

## **Beaches**

We recommend for sunbathing and snorkeling are: North Beach, Zama Beach Club, Playa Lancheros, Playa Indios, and Garrafon. All except Garrafon are free of charge. At Lancheros you can pet a nurse shark

**For beachcombing** and shell collecting I recommend right across the street from the house walking towards town there are a couple miles of great beaches on the Caribbean.

### **Souvenir Shopping**

There is plenty of shopping downtown along Hidalgo, Rueda Medina, and Juarez Streets. There is a craft market located at the corner of Carlos Lazo and Matamoros. Hortensia is located here and will custom make island clothing for you.

### **Night Life**

Hidalgo Street has quite a few places with live music Faynes, to name a few. Jax's located at north corner of Rueda Medina and La Luna located on south end of Guerrero across from Zocolo.

The Zocolo (town square across from super Mercado) usually has something going on Sunday nights. Miguel's is located just off Hidalgo on Morelos.

### **Groceries Stores**

There is a large new Chedraui located by the baseball fields and there are a couple decent size grocery stores that have most any item you could need one is located downtown and another located in LaGloria. The name is San Francisco. The Island has many Mom and Pop grocery stores that carry a variety of items and are located on almost every block. We stop frequently at the Super Ronco on the drive out the Caribbean side of the island. The fresh juice here is great and they have a bit of almost everything here. There is also the Navy store (check the map) and it has a good variety of wine alcohol and many other items worth checking out.

## **Dining out**

This could be several pages because honestly we have never had a bad meal on Isla but here are a few of our favorites. Most of these can be located on your map

## **Breakfast**



**Barlito** -- this is my all time favorite, there is nothing on the menu I don't love. The cinnamon rolls are a must as are the cupcakes. My favorite breakfast sandwich is Blume and my lunch favorite is the meatball sandwich



**M&J Cauzela** unique egg casserole type dish I recommend the Ranchero and they have the best fresh juice.



**Pinguinos** at the Posada del mar hotel –



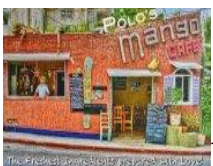
**Aluxes Coffee Shop** bakery and coffee



**Alexia & Giovanni's** – actually any one of the 4 restaurants in this area



**Poc Chuc** – also great for lunch and dinner



**Mango Café** – also lunch and dinner



**Café Cito** – great place for American bacon and eggs



**Bally Hoo** – great food and nice atmosphere



**Elements of the Island** - really healthy food can't go wrong

## Lunch



**Bobo's Fish and Chips** at its finest



**Qubano** – must try the Hungarian potatoes and Toston sandwich



**Lancheros** – tic n tix (BBQ fish) must try this – cooked when you order so it takes a few but awesome



**Angelos** -- great pizza and pasta



**Amigos** – I love the spaghetti here



**La Bruja** – great variety and prices



**Soggy Peso** – they have a daily special try the Thursday cheeseburger in paradise and Sunday rib plate – great cocktails no one under 18 allowed.



**Bahia Tortuga** – great food - great atmosphere – fantastic drinks



**Hotdog carts**—the bacon wrapped hotdogs cannot be beat



**Tino's the Rib Guy** – normally open on weekends but delicious



**Rolandi's pizza** – also great pasta try the Rolandi Salsa pasta special yum-mo



**Chuuk Kay** – Excellent food nice band Thursday thru Sunday





**Picus** – my favorite is stuffed fish – but anything seafood here is great



**Jax's** – good ole American food their Mexican is good too



**Rotisserie Chicken** – there is a magnet on the fridge with the number – whole chicken and all the fixings

## Dinner - some of our favorites



**Faynes** -- they usually have a great deal on steak and lobster



**Bistro Francais** – good steaks and lobster dinner



**Miguel's Moonlite** – you have to meet Miguel he is a very nice guy with really good food



**Olivia's** – Mediterranean style food – yummy baklava



**Bally Hoo** – great fish tacos and margaritas



**CoMoNo's** - mid-eastern cuisine – great humus



**Cockteleria Justicia Social** – everything I have ordered here is great



**Brisas Grill** - great steaks and seafood



**Roosters** - Sergio has a fantastic menu



**La Lomita** – best Chili Relleno on the island



**Seso Locos** – I love the Beef kebabs but everything is good



**Casa Rolandi's** – nice place for elegant dinner



**Freddy's** – we like everything we have tried here



**Mango Café** - voted one of the best on the island



**Lolo's** – she has a pre-set menu and you must email her at [lololorena@yahoo.com](mailto:lololorena@yahoo.com) ahead but it is fabulous