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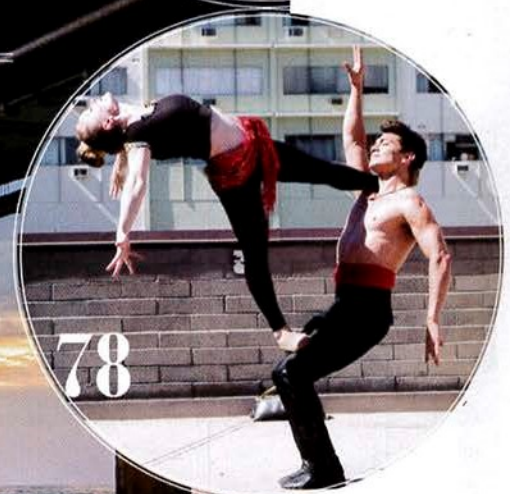
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Letter from the Editors



Warm weather travel has been our theme for the past few months with back to back trips starting in Hawaii and ending in Mexico. There are times of course where tropical vacations become a little too much for us as hard as that may be to believe and we start to crave the colder weather. This is one of the reasons we chose to visit Australia recently during their winter season and also to witness the infamous Vivid Sydney. Vivid has been on our bucket list for a while now and when the opportunity presented itself we knew we just had to go. It definitely did not disappoint

and our videography team captured some amazing footage which can be seen on our website and social media channels. Go check it out; we are sure it will inspire you to start planning your trip to catch the light show firsthand in 2018 when it returns.

We consider it a true blessing to be able to span the globe every quarter to experience all this world has to offer from the turquoise blue waters of the Caribbean to the frigid streets of Russia there truly is an unending list of places to see worldwide. Do you have a checklist of all the places you want to see before you die? We recommend making a list in the order of importance and check it off trip by trip. In this issue we take you to one of our favorite destinations in the world, Punta Mita. While it is a destination we have been to before, it certainly never gets old. It is just one of those magical places.

The Endless Summer cover with Candace Cameron Bure was shot at The Inn at Rancho Fe just outside of San Diego and as you can see it was a beautiful location. Our team had such a great time working with Candace and the resort's colorful foliage and stunning architecture really made us feel as if we were on a mini getaway.

We ended the month of May with our Taste of the World event which was another smashing success. The participating chefs and restaurants really came to win this year. On page 78 we highlighted each and every one of them plus announced the winner to the world! The entertainment was on point and the cocktails combined with the around the world wine tasting kept the party going right up until the very end. We are so thankful to our partners who helped make this year a success. We are already getting ready to announce the Taste of the World 2018 so stay tuned!

The summer months are long thankfully and luckily for us Los Angeles is a hotbed for travel and tourism. We always like to remind our readers of all the fabulous places and events there are to see and do right here in one of the most action packed cities in the world. Whether it's attending a concert at the Hollywood Bowl or watching a polo match in Pacific Palisades there is never a dull moment in the city of Angels; get out there and explore near and far!

Jennifer & Michael

Where are we off to next?



Barcelona



Cinque Terre

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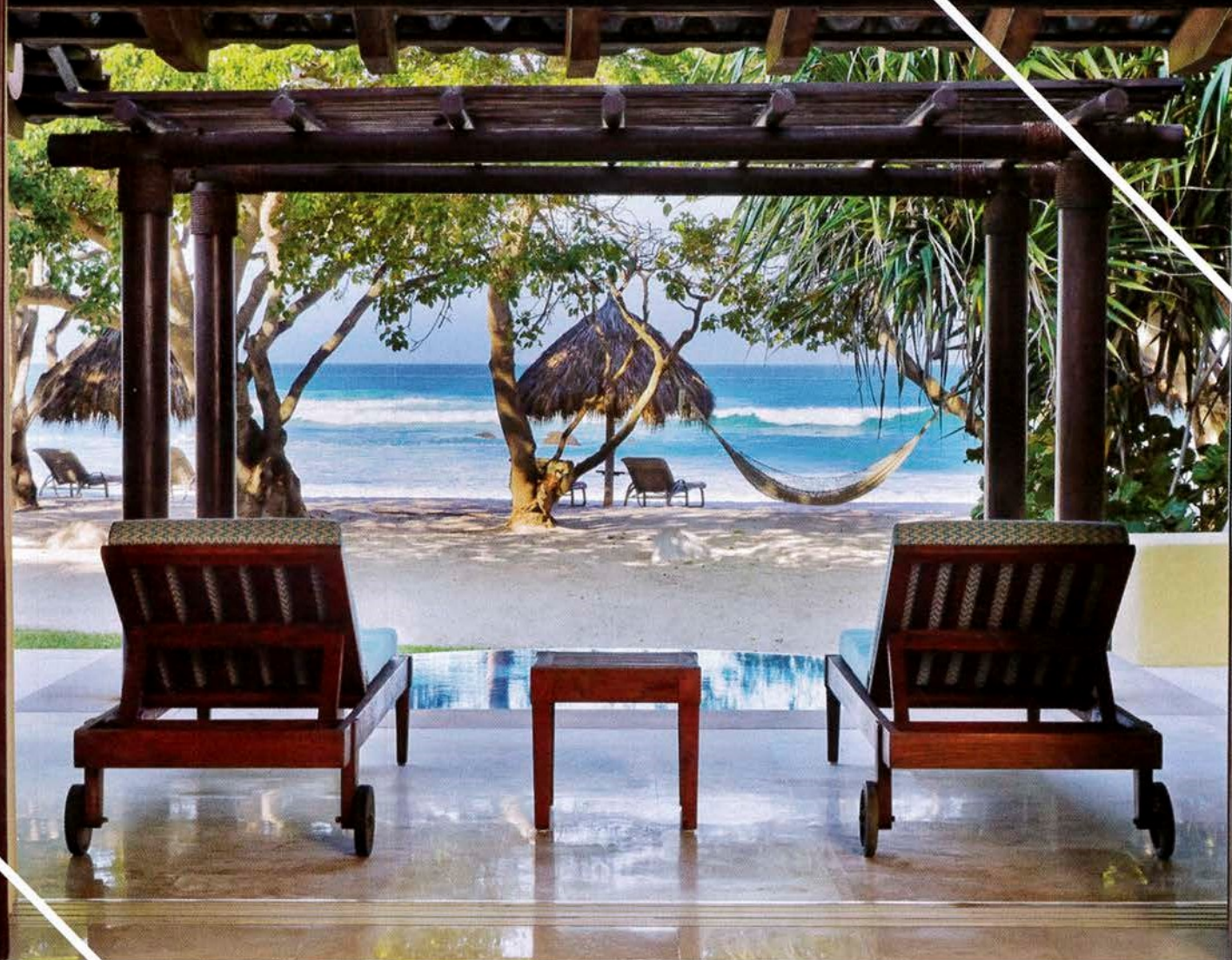


THE EDITOR'S PICK

Rediscovering Punta Mita

The hidden gem we've been trying to keep all to ourselves





Throughout all our years of global exploration you could say that we have fine tuned our travel style; we know what we like and what we don't. We certainly have our favorite countries and idyllic vacation settings but one thing we rarely do is revisit a destination more than once. It has been a rule of ours for quite some time but as the saying goes, rules are made to be broken. This one time we will break the rules because we are referring to a place where every desire is catered to and a place we have been telling people about since our last visit. That destination is Punta Mita, Mexico.

Since our last visit a few years back we are still quite surprised that this hidden gem has not become the hottest place in Mexico. To be honest this sits ok with us in the grand scheme of things as we would really love to keep this little secret all to ourselves. Honestly, we like to dream that Punta Mita was developed just for us, our very own undisclosed tropical paradise. We are quite sure that many couples traveling here probably feel the same way, it is hard not to with the attention to detail around every turn.

What makes Punta Mita so spectacular is the incredible balance of luxurious accommodations, scenic ocean views and world class amenities. Throughout our travels we have found these resources

separately but when you find them together and combine that with passionate people who make up the destination you have found something truly special.

Sitting along 9.5 miles of rugged scenic coastline Punta Mita is home to 15 exquisite residential communities as well as two world class resorts. Whether you decide to stay at the Four Seasons, St Regis or one of the amazing vacation rentals here you will be treated like royalty from the moment you arrive until the time of departure.

A short two hour flight from LAX to Puerto Vallarta and a quick 45 minute drive situates you to the entrance of the Punta Mita compound. As your driver receives a nod to enter the gates you pay notice to the perfectly placed palm trees positioned along the drive. A warm rush of serotonin takes place in your body as you pull up to the Four Seasons Resort; you have officially arrived.

FOUR SEASONS PUNTA MITA

Arguably one of our favorite resorts in the world, the Four Seasons Punta Mita has created the perfect blueprint for an ideal getaway. From the moment you enter the grounds you feel at peace; luxury

at the highest level set on an incredible piece of land with views that cannot even be captured with a camera. The open air lobby is to this day still one of the most memorable views we have ever laid eyes on; the wild blue Pacific Ocean faultlessly glistens in the backdrop while picture perfect palm trees begin to sway as if right on cue. A friendly team of staff members are there to assist your every need upon check in and greet you with an icy cold margarita to enhance their warm welcome.

Leave all your worries at the door, drop your bags and take it all in! As you are escorted to your suite via golf cart you can't help but notice how blissfully happy everyone seems to be here, guests and staff alike. Each room at the Four Seasons is designed with quintessential Mexican elements to add a pop of color and culture to the existing luxurious layout. Styled like chic Mexican beach houses the rooms are so inviting you truly won't feel bad spending a little extra time just relaxing in your own private abode.

Step out onto your furnished terrace or balcony to breathtaking ocean views with margarita still in hand, take a sip and just let it all set in. From casitas, suites and private residences the property can accommodate any size group from small families to corporate retreats, weddings and more.

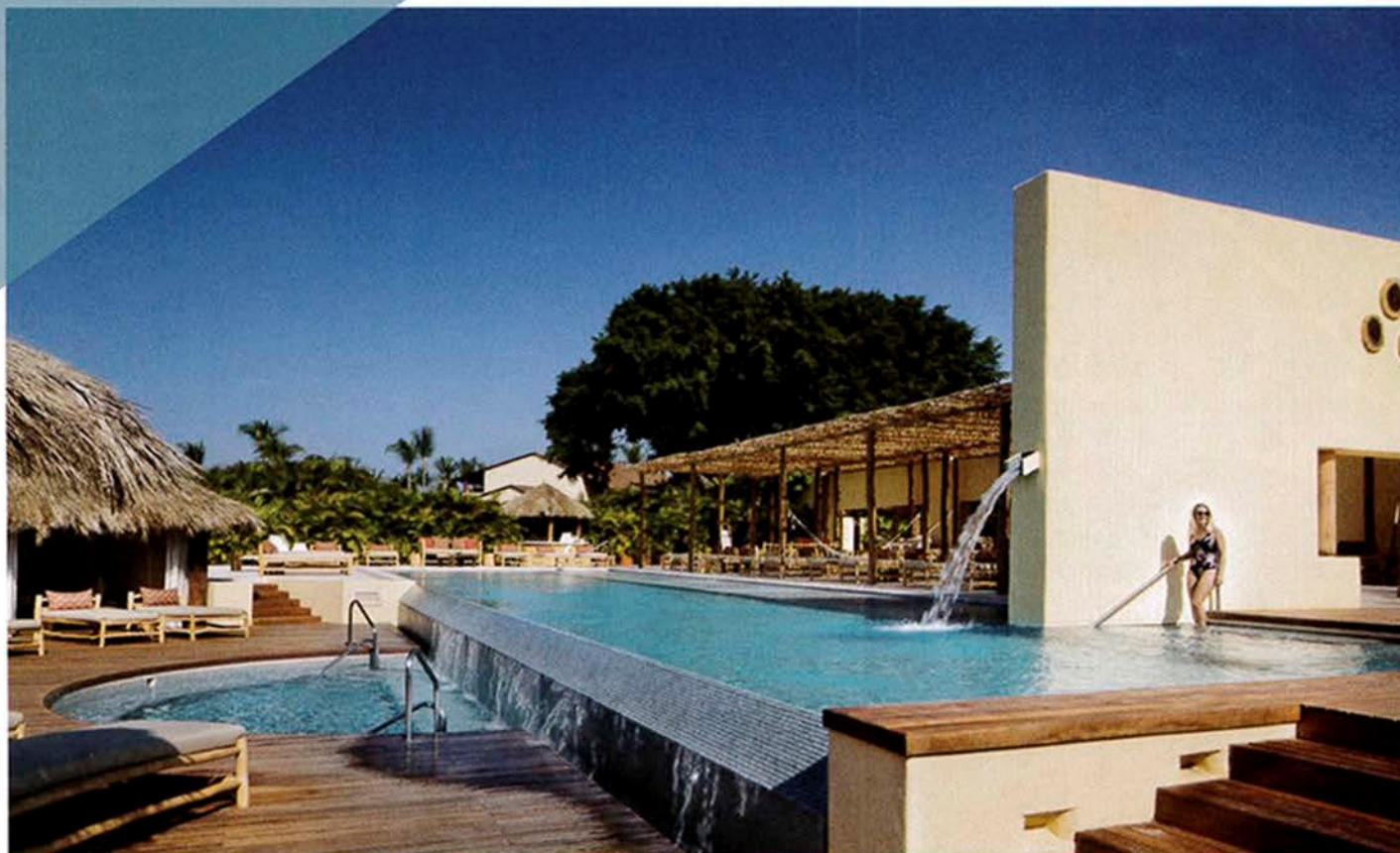
KEEP ACTIVE

One thing is absolutely guaranteed while staying at the Four Seasons, you will never be bored! Management has put an incredible amount of focus to ensure there is something for everyone and all guests are as entertained as possible. With an

unending list of activities, experiences and classes available it can be a challenge to fit it all in.

Two incredible Jack Nicklaus signature golf courses are at the forefront of the property and trust us when we tell you Punta Mita is a golfer's paradise. Many of the beachside holes are so breathtaking that it can be a bit distracting. Even though your relaxed state may help you swing the club a little easier don't forget to bring your A game while playing the two courses as there are some highly skill testing holes to keep you on your toes. The world famous "Tail of the Whale" hole is as challenging as it gets; hole 3B on the Pacifico course is the world's only natural island green and it takes every bit of your concentration mixed with a little luck to even get your ball on the green. One of the nostalgic parts of playing this hole besides trying to make the uber difficult shot is the chance to ride in one of the amphibious golf carts when the tide is high. Yes, you heard right the resort has amphibious golf carts!

If your golf game is not up to par you can spend the day experiencing the resort's other activities and experiences. From tennis, surfing, paddle boarding, snorkeling, scuba, volleyball, basketball, fishing, you name it they have it. For the athletic minded individual the resort offers a fully equipped fitness center with state of the art equipment and a variety of classes including antigravity yoga, pilates, spin and more! If you have never tried the antigravity yoga this is the place to do it. With an instructor that will guide you safely through the process you will find there is no better way to burn off that breakfast buffet!





UNIQUE FINDS

Located next to the main lobby is Boutiques at Punta Mita offering a one of a kind shopping experience that cannot be missed. Each of the four boutiques feature unique hand selected merchandise from international resort wear, exclusive jewelry pieces, local artisan crafts and delectable gourmet snacks. It's the little touches that make the boutiques stand out. Every single item for sale has been through an approval process and handpicked to ensure the highest quality possible; they even have tequila tastings in the shops to make your experience that much more special.

A COASTAL HAVEN OF REST & TRANQUILITY

We can't think of a better way to finish off an activity filled day then with an invigorating spa treatment at Apuane Spa. The ultimate indulgence you deserve, Apuane offers a plethora of tantalizing massages, facials, body scrubs and more to bring you to full relaxation mode. Try one of the signature treatments like the Lluvia de Miel Massage which features Mexican vanilla and honey and will leave your skin silky and hydrated. Or opt for our personal favorite the Punta Mita Massage which highlights the application of Tequila and indigenous sage oil while incorporating special Mexican healing techniques to bring you to a state of pure bliss!

LOUNGE AROUND

The pool scene at the Four Seasons is a major priority that cannot be missed. There are several options for uber relaxation depending on your needs for the day. Nuna is the resort's infinity pool that provides a new meaning to poolside luxury. With amphibious servers delivering cocktails to avoid relaxation interruption sit back enjoy the majestic panoramic views of the sweeping blue Pacific while you wait to be served. They have thought of everything here and it is that meticulous attention to detail that sets this resort apart from the rest.

The Tamai complex is an adults only poolside area combining four pools, a Jacuzzi, a full bar and ten private cabanas all surrounded by tropical lush foliage. The resort's lazy river is a great way to spend the afternoon, grab an inner tube and slowly float through the tropical jungle setting that encircles the oasis complex. This truly is the definition of letting go; sip on cocktails while your feet dangle over the side without a care in the world.

FUEL YOUR BODY

The dining options on property are second to none; every restaurant option has its own character and charm. Each meal is prepared with passion to reflect the resort's attention to detail and this is easily one of the top highlights of the overall resort experience.

Bahia by Richard Sandoval is beachside dining at its best. Gaze at world renowned sunsets as you enjoy the catch of the day brought in from local fishermen right to your plate! Several times a week the chef allows guests to choose their own seafood directly from

the fishing boats. The combination of cool ocean breezes, fresh fish, handpicked lobster and tropical cocktails makes for a dining experience one won't soon forget.

A sensual blend of Asian and local Mexican fare can be found at Aramara as the restaurant delivers local seafood from the neighboring waters of Sayulita and surrounding areas for the finest cuisine possible. Aramara which means "sacred place by the ocean" allows guests to enjoy live music six nights a week while experiencing the ideal combination of Asian/Mexican fusion and sipping on premium cocktails.

Ketsi the resort's open air restaurant is a perfect place to experience breakfast nirvana. Located next to the main pool with awe inspiring oceanside views Ketsi delivers contemporary and traditional Mexican cuisine with a flare that has to be experienced to comprehend. Feeling the cool ocean breeze while dining on authentic Mexican favorites is why Ketsi has become one of our favorite dining spots on property. The restaurant is also open for lunch and dinner.

THE GAME CHANGER

Palmasola is easily recognized as one of the finest luxury villas in the world and for extremely good reason. This nine bedroom, 25,000 square foot luxury vacation villa is second to none in Mexico and easily competes on a global scale for ultimate

supremacy. The property's Master Residence houses a 2,400 square foot master bedroom suite located on the upper floor, its own fully equipped study, exterior terrace with breakfast table, day bed and Jacuzzi, and a very private roof terrace with exceptional views. El Mar and La Tierra bedroom suites are located on the ground floor and share a living room, breakfast table and small kitchenette between them. The Guest Residence features two bedrooms, El Caracol and Las Mariposas on the second floor while the lower level is home to both Los Delfines and Las Tortugas bedrooms.

Offering the most prestigious location in all of Punta Mita, Palmasola shares a restricted access beach with the neighboring Four Seasons resort and also showcases incredible views of the wild rugged coastline. Just a stone's throw from the world famous "Tail of the Whale" natural island golf hole a full staff awaits you upon arrival and pays attention to every detail ensuring the perfect stay no matter what your needs entail.

A customized meal plan is designed by Chef Edher Cervantes and served with a colorful presentation that is first class. Dine in your villa, fireside or with toes in the sand, the accommodating staff is at your beckon call. Each day an itinerary is prepared for you based on your requests. Stay in and lounge poolside listening to your favorite music while sipping hand crafted cocktails or venture out on a day trip to the neighboring Marietas islands your wish is their command. Entertainment options are abound in the state



of the art media center which features a drop down projection screen, professional karaoke system and foosball table. Wellness options are also available at the property's Fitness Center which is equipped with an Elliptical, treadmill, Concept2 rower, SKIERG and adjustable dumbbells.

There truly is nothing the staff cannot provide for you, if they don't have it they will go get it. This above and beyond service is another reason Palmasola makes for the ultimate opulent escape.

An unending list of amenities accompany the villa including ping pong, croquet, badminton, beach volleyball, basketball, paddle boarding, surfing, kayaking and more. Slow down the action with a couples massage on the beach and end the evening with a romantic dinner for two, complete with a musical trio to set the tone for a memorable evening. Your team at Palmasola will dedicate their entire day making sure you have the vacation of your dreams!

THE PUNTA MITA LIFESTYLE

The vision behind Punta Mita was to create a resort style community that is accessible by golf carts and biking trails all linked together to make home owners, vacation home renters and resort guests all feel part of something unique and special. The mission is complete and the compound has quickly become one of the most sought out pieces of real estate in all of Mexico. The established infrastructure is in place and people are coming from all parts of the world to become a part of the vibrant Punta Mita lifestyle. Whether looking for a weekend retreat or a permanent place to call home every visitor receives the same royal treatment in this master planned piece of paradise. The Club Punta Mita membership that home owners and vacation renters have access to include phenomenal beach clubs, recreational trails, two signature Jack Nicklaus golf courses, a fitness center and membership only events. Club members can also take full advantage of the Kupuri Beach Club for an exclusive dining experience that is second to none. Chef Pato Pésico brings his modern approach to international cuisine served with sophisticated simplicity that leaves a lasting impression with each meal he serves.

LIVING THE GOOD LIFE

For world travelers looking to make Punta Mita their primary or secondary residence Las Marietas condominiums offer unparalleled views, membership to the adjacent St Regis Breeze Beach Club and a location that is hard to beat. Situated alongside the 18th hole of the Jack Nicklaus signature Bahia Golf Course these residences have all the luxuries of resort lifestyle. Each

home offers a spacious open floor plan with stunning views of the Marietas Islands and the alluring Pacific Ocean. For those who are looking for a little more space and an even higher level of luxury Porta Fortuna showcases Punta Mita at its finest. These large luxury homes come with unrivaled beach access, dramatic ocean views, top of the line furnishings all located on 14 acres of prime oceanfront property. All of the residences are spaciouly situated between two golf fairways and have sweeping views of the Bay of Banderas. The newly added Playa Fortuna Ocean Club adjacent to the residences offers its Punta Mita members an eco friendly ocean water pool, a beach with private lounge chairs and beachside dining at Sufi and the Playa Fortuna Ceviche Bar. Playa Fortuna Ocean Club is also home to Punta Mita Ocean Sports which is a concierge-staffed activity center providing numerous ocean sport activities to members and guests alike.



