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MEXICO'S PRISTINE PARADISE

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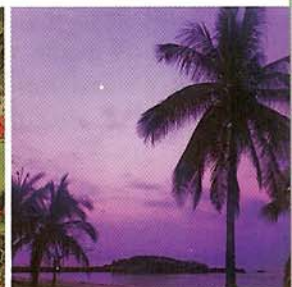
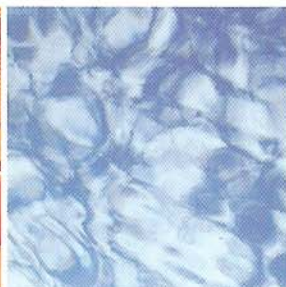




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For a low-key vacation spot, Punta Mita rings true

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At El Anclote, a surf break in the Bay of Banderas, the line-up is four people deep, the rides are long, and a handsome Australian surfer gives you praise and pointers after every wave. For some, it may sound like a dream, but in Punta Mita, it's reality.

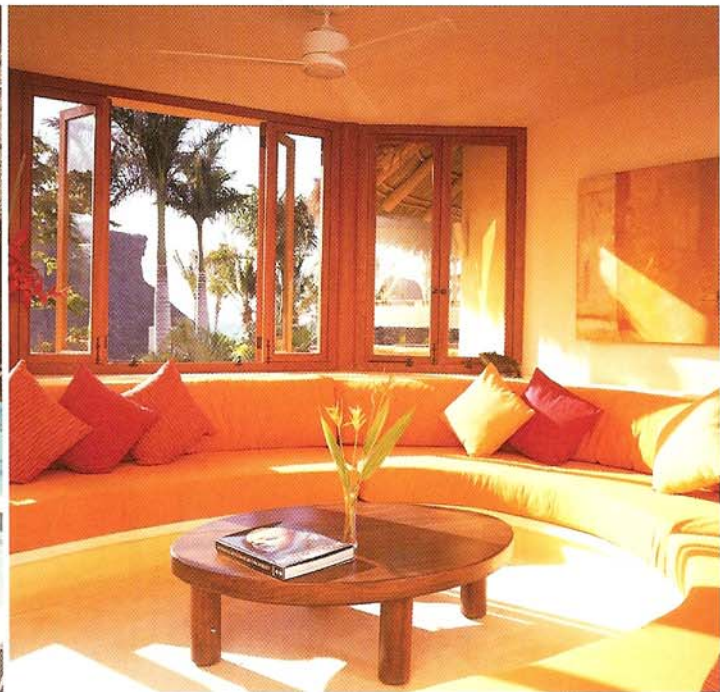
Just 45 minutes north of Puerto Vallarta in Mexico's lush coastal state of Nayarit, Punta Mita consists of more than 1,500 acres on a peninsula that separates the Bay of Banderas from the Pacific Ocean. Surrounded by verdant jungle on one side and beautiful blue in

three directions, Punta Mita has become one of the hottest real estate tickets in North America.

Along with desirable surf breaks and a laid-back, as-you-like-it lifestyle, Punta Mita has stuck to its guns by insisting on environmentally sound, low-density developments. Neighbors feel as if no one is around for miles, visitors and locals still enjoy seeing wildlife, and the pristine shoreline remains relatively untouched.

Add in the variety of ownership options, posh vacation rentals, flourishing





amenities and three of the top luxury resorts in the world—Four Seasons, St. Regis and Rosewood—and Punta Mita takes paradise to a whole new level.

Despite the unpretentious atmosphere of Punta Mita, the available real estate opportunities are anything but humble. Those in search of a new home have a handful of options, each of which offers something unique.

Although the Four Seasons Resort and the private 18-hole Jack Nicklaus Signature Golf Course put Punta Mita on the map, the development's private villas also rate far above par. The four-bedroom residences range in size from 6,475 to 7,995 square feet and start at \$2 million for oceanfront and hillside villas. That price includes a houseman, a cook and access to the resort's amenities, which keep on growing. A second Jack Nicklaus golf course is planned, along with a third by Greg Norman.

Outdoor living spaces reign supreme at Las Terrazas. While residents can choose a golf and beach club membership, each of the 27 two-bedroom condominiums

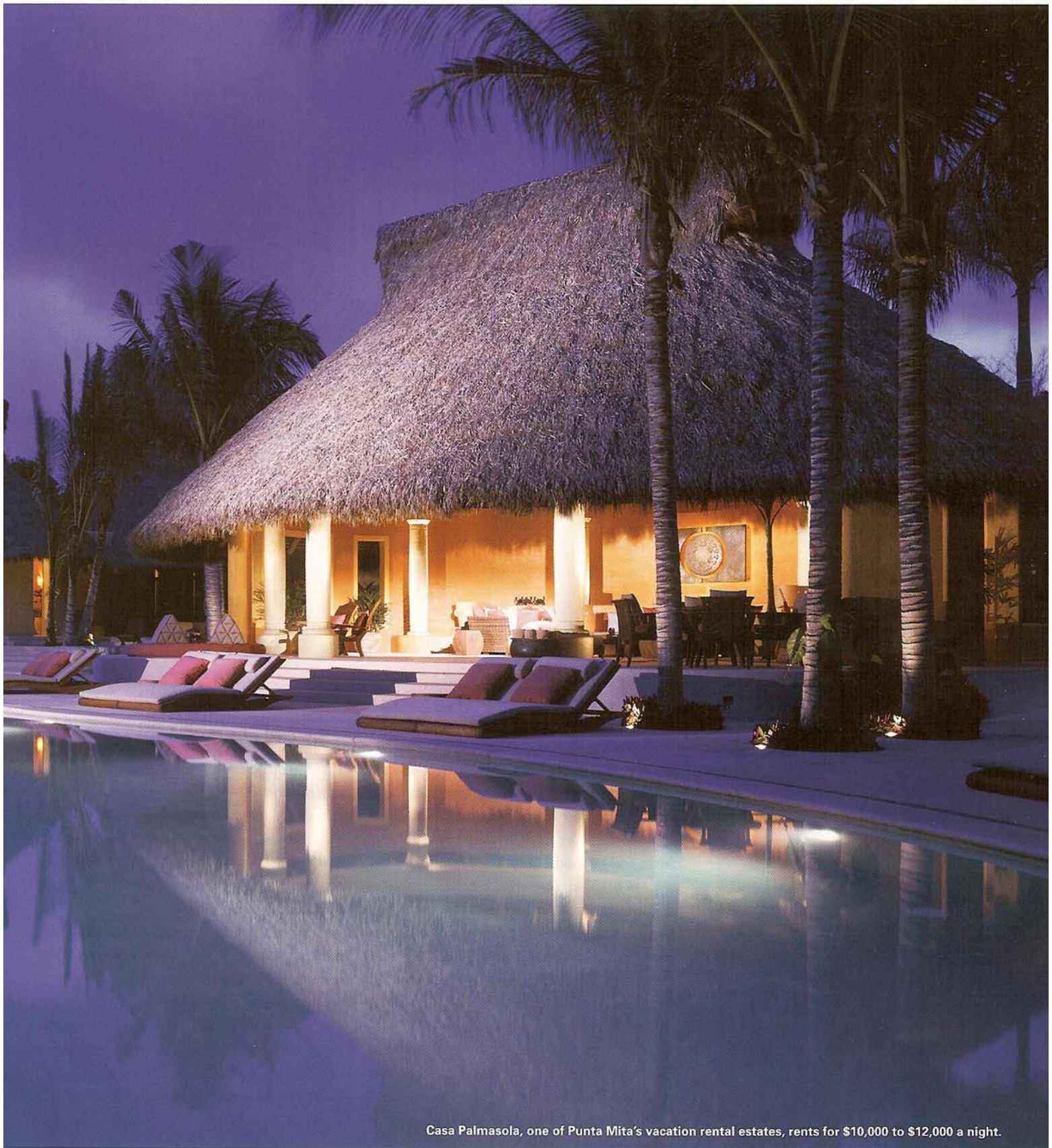
feature sweeping outdoor living spaces. Owners can also pick from perks such as a complete furnishings package and a private plunge pool. Prices range from \$575,000 to \$775,000.

Las Palmas de Punta Mita's three- and four-bedroom villas feature expansive terraces, gourmet kitchens and outdoor showers. But best of all, ownership at Las Palmas also comes with a membership at the Punta Mita beach club, the tennis club and the golf club, with its Jack Nicklaus Signature course. Prices start at \$1 million.

The warmth of Mexico has perhaps never been more prominent than at El Encanto en Punta Mita. Here, oceanfront and golf residences are styled with high-end Mexican furnishings. They come in four-bedroom options that start at 4,630 square feet, with prices ranging from \$1.6 million to \$2.9 million.

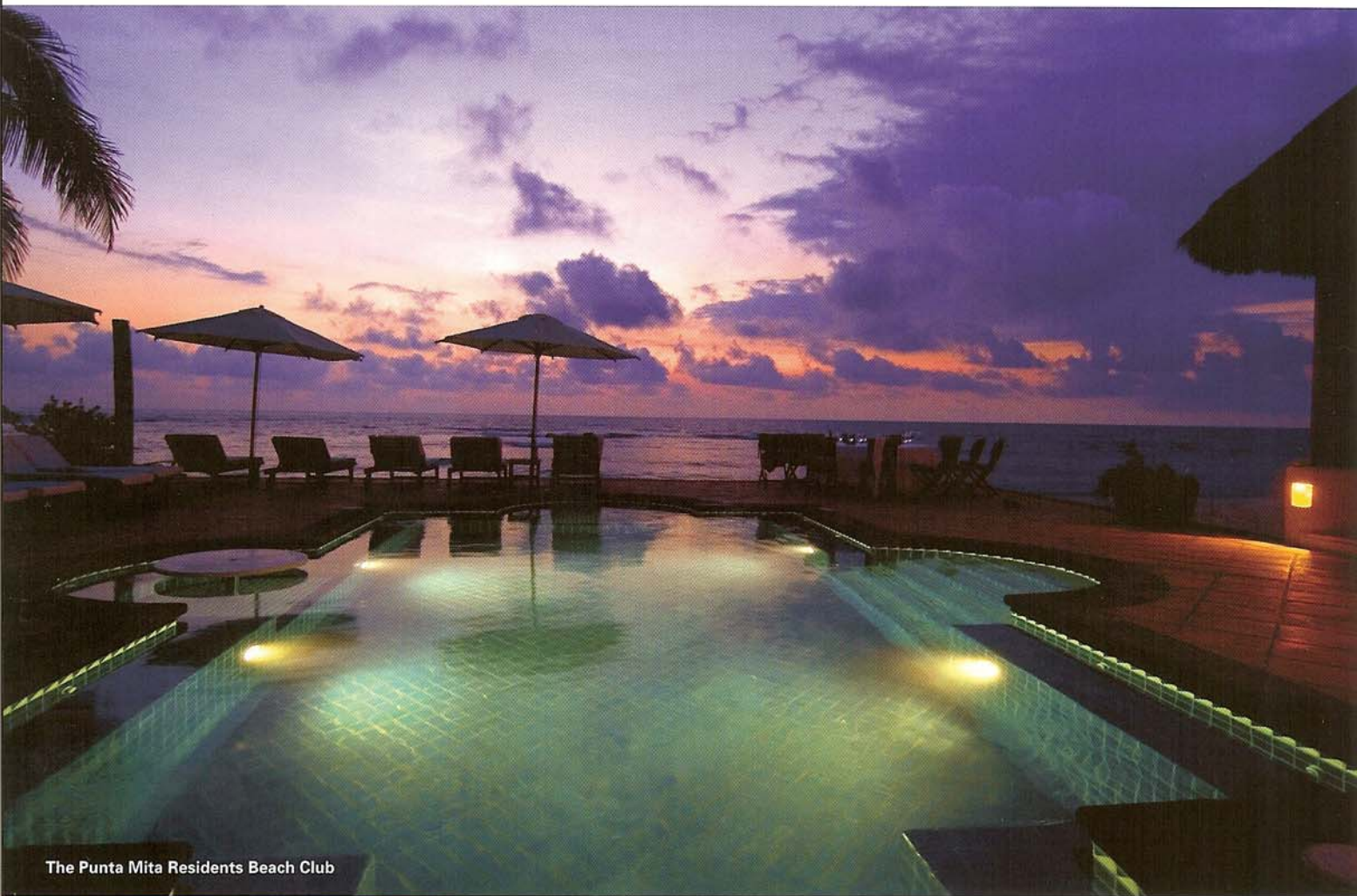
The flagship of fine living in Punta Mita is found at Vientos del Mar, where just five furnished, oceanfront and fairway estates start at 8,000 square feet and \$2.95



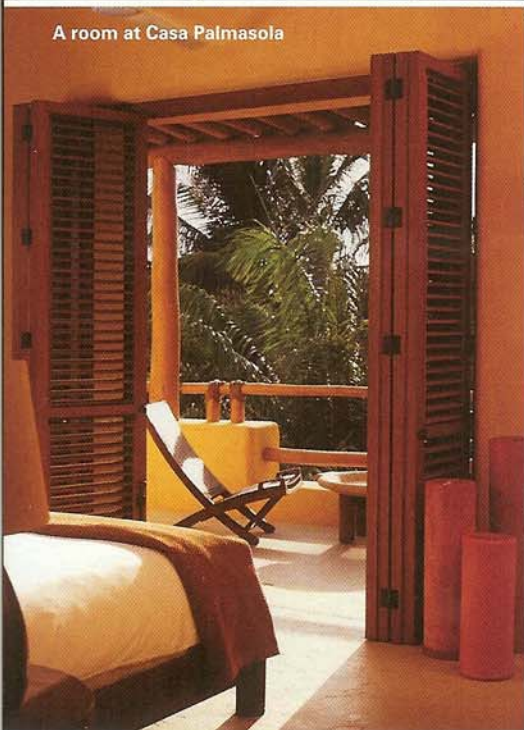


Casa Palmasola, one of Punta Mita's vacation rental estates, rents for \$10,000 to \$12,000 a night.





The Punta Mita Residents Beach Club



A room at Casa Palmasola

million. Ownership in Vientos del Mar includes a golf membership. Characterized by the finest in home design, oversized guest rooms, au pair's quarters and spacious master suites, Vientos del Mar sets the standard for exclusive luxury in Punta Mita and beyond.

While a few multimillion-dollar homesites remain at La Punta Estates, many neighboring developments have sold out, including Ranchos Estates, Lagos del Mar and The Signature Estates. Fortunately, for those still wanting to own a home here, there is plenty of opportunity.

Owned and operated by Rosewood Hotels and Resorts, the Villas of La Solana promises to provide superb resort-style living. The 58 three- and four-bedroom

hillside villas will include access to La Solana's private golf and ocean clubs. Interested buyers can choose from full or fractional ownership. Construction is scheduled for completion in 2007.

Also being built is the St. Regis Resort and Residences at Punta Mita. Approximately 65 luxury villas will be available for both fractional and full ownership.

Despite the vast progress amid its natural beauty, Punta Mita is on track to maintain its easy-going ambiance without sacrificing its up-and-coming thrill factor. For now, prime surfing spots, renowned golf, blissful spas and excellent service reign alongside Punta Mita's all-natural paradise. No wonder so many long to call it home. ■