

Villa Karaway Instructions and Tips for Guests

First, and foremost ...

Welcome to ***Villa Karaway***

Our Pledge to YOU – We want you to be 100% satisfied with your stay! Not only do we want you back, but this is your vacation and you paid your hard earned dollars to enjoy Mexico and Villa Karaway. We are here to make sure that your stay is complete enjoyment.



This guide will make your visit to Villa Karaway and Puerto Vallarta more enjoyable. If at any time you have any questions, please contact us! You can reach Karen Harding at 303-779-1221, email: karen@karaway.com or Wayne Harding at 303-290-0123, email: wayne@karaway.com. All information contained herein and more can be found at www.villakaraway.com or www.karaway.com and select “Villa Karaway.”

We have an excellent concierge/manager. His name is Sr. Enriqu e Perez. He can be reach via his cell phone. Dial 011-52-322-429-8227 internationally or from Mexico: 044-322-429-8227. His email address is: enrique@karaway.com.

Caution: Tile floors are very slippery when wet, please be careful!

Our address is: Los Palmares, Unit #104, Highway to Mismaloya KM 6.5, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico. Two direct phone numbers: 1-(303)-482-2705 (this is like making a long distance call in the US) or dial 011-52-322-221-5800 (international based long distance from all countries except for Mexico.) For more information please refer to “About the Phone Service” section.

Upon Arrival – Puerto Vallarta

Upon arriving at the airport to get to the Los Palmares condo resort you have two choices:

- Cabs/Vans at the airport. Upon exiting customs, walk straight and you’ll see two cab stands. Both might be yelling for you to come over to negotiate. The rate is approximately \$125 for a van that can hold up to 8 people with luggage. If you have a smaller group, you can get a smaller car or van for a lesser price.
- Let us know you want a pick up and we’ll arrange it for a price \$25 to \$30/person for roundtrip (both to the airport and back again). To arrange this, please email Enrique.

Los Palmares and Villa Karaway are located through the town on the south side by another 6 kilometers, via highway 200. (See map toward the end of this guide.) Total traveling time from the airport is approximately 30 minutes. Since Los Palmares is a fairly new resort, some taxis might not know where it is. If this is the case, tell them that Los Palmares is the last building in Playa Punta Negra area. Please note that there is also a “Las Palmas” resort that is in town. Make sure the cab driver is not confused. If you state “Playa Punta Negra” - they should know the proper location.

There are ATMs located at the airport by the exit out of the airport. You can also exchange at the airport and the rate is usually good because of competition. While U.S. Dollars are gladly accepted, sometimes local currency is more convenient. The best place to get local currency is either at a bank (be prepared for long lines) or via ATMs.

Upon Arrival at Villa Karaway – Los Palmares

Check in with the lobby and tell them that you have arrived and are guests in Unit 104. They will have you sign a guest book. The lobby is on the street level which is actually the fifth floor of the high-rise. Proceed to the elevator past the lobby and go **down** to floor 1. Upon arrival on floor 1 turn right and go down the outside hall to the very end. Your entrance way will be a blue iron gate. The lock is electro-mechanical. After you turn the key, gently pull the gate toward you and you'll hear a click then push the gate open. Our staff will be prepared for your arrival. Except for Sundays and late arrivals, they should be waiting for you. There is a door bell. If you arrive after hours, the front desk should have your key.

Just to the right before Karaway's entranceway is the exercise room to be enjoyed by all of the owners and guest of Los Palmares. If you want to use this room, please ask for a key at the front desk.

There is an on-site restaurant - "The Palapa." It is open for breakfast and lunch, Monday through Saturday, 9 to 4. When you are presented the bill, sign the bill and please clear the bill before check out at the front desk. The best option would be to pay when the service is rendered.

Inside Villa Karaway, the floor-to-ceiling glass window/walls require special instructions for opening and closing. To open, make sure that all of the locks (located on the bottom of the frames) are in the down position. This provides the locks to come out of their floor slots. Then pull gently on the first frame away from the handle while pushing on the handle. Be careful not to pinch your fingers. This action should be effortless. If you find yourself forcing the door open - please ask the staff for assistance.

Caution: Tile floors are very slippery when wet, please be careful!

Our staff – The Dream Team of Enrique, Gloria and Elba!



Our maid's name is Gloria, pictured on the left. She is wonderful and an extremely hard worker. Her duties include cleaning the entire villa and keeping your towels clean and dry. She'll report to work about 9 am and will let herself in. Gloria is dependable and trustworthy. Bed sheets will only be cleaned once per week, unless they become dirty sooner. Gloria usually goes home around 5 pm.

We have an exquisite cook. Her name is Elba, pictured on the right. You will not be disappointed with her cooking. Please email us in advance with your requested menu for at least the first few days of your visit. We have the menu at the end of these instructions.

Elba will cook two successive meals per day. Therefore, she will cook breakfast and lunch, or lunch and dinner. Please do not ask her to cook three meals per day unless you pay her extra and reimburse for a taxi ride. Of course, you can only have her cook one meal or no meals per day. That is your decision. After the last meal of the day, Elba will present you with receipts for her food shopping. Please pay her at this time. You'll find the first bill to be larger than the others (unless you order shrimp or lobster) because she needs to purchase food to "stock the refrigerator". You might also find a charge for a taxi trip, because with many bags, it is impossible to her to take the bus. Don't expect "a deal" on lobster and shrimp. While very fresh, expect to pay about what you pay in the States.

The staff takes Sunday and major holidays off. None of the staff lives at Villa Karaway, but rather "commutes" to work.

This document and all other information including our availability calendar are posted on our web site: www.villakaraway.com or www.karaway.com, under Villa Karaway and Guest Information.

Luis takes care of the private pool, pictured on the right. He works at Los Palmares but looks after our pool either before or after work and provides general maintenance. His work should not disturb you, because the pool is outside, on the front porch by the beach.



Our property manager is Enrique Perez . He can be reached via his home, 293-6832 (using the white "local" phone in the dining room) or on his cell phone at 044-322-429-8227 (email: info@pegerealty.com or enrique@karaway.com). Please call him if anything needs attention. He can be incredibly helpful for any

activities during your stay in Puerto Vallarta, including real estate shopping!

Suggested tipping: Both Gloria and Elba are expecting tips. Suggested tips range from \$2 to \$3 (US dollars) per day PER guest for each of the help. Please be generous. You can use this formula for the cook, Elba, or pay her approximately 15% of the cost of food as a tip. Enrique would also appreciate a tip for any special services rendered such as restaurant reservations, where he can get you a special table.

Please note that Gloria does not speak English. Elba speaks a bit of English. We have a spanish-english dictionary to assist you. You can also call Enrique for some help. However, if you do not speak Spanish, you'll find that you can still communicate effectively. Try out some words - and have fun! We also have a few reference books on Puerto Vallarta. Please be respectful and leave the books for others to enjoy.

Security Deposit: If you paid a security deposit, we will refund it within 30 days upon receipt of the key and report from our property management of no damage or theft.

NOTE! Please obey ALL condo rules! If you are in violation, you will be asked to immediately leave and there will be no refund of unused rent. The rules are located in the book on the large coffee table in the family room, or you can request them from the front desk.

About the

Phone service

The international phone number at Los Palmares resort is 52-322-221-5295. People dialing this, and other numbers from the States to Mexico, must first dial a 011. (52 is the country code for Mexico; 322 is the area code for Puerto Vallarta.) If callers dial the Los Palmares Resort, they must request Unit 104.

We have three lines at Villa Karaway. The black phone in the living room is the internal line for the resort. The white wired phone on the computer desk in the dining room area is the standard Mexican line. The direct number to Villa Karaway via this phone is 221-5800. (From the States/Canada, the number is 011-52-322-221-5800, where 52 is Mexico's country code, 322 is the area code for Puerto Vallarta.) Use this phone for local calls.

We also have a wireless remote phone system. While it is at 5.8 Ghz, some bedrooms will not pick up the signal. This phone provides you FREE, unlimited calls to the US and Canada. Just dial 1, area code and phone number. This phone number for Villa Karaway is 303-482-2705. When people call you, it would be the same rate as calling to Denver Colorado. This phone uses voice over IP so you might experience some breakup in voices if you are using the computer on the internet while talking on the phone.

If you want to pay for a call (but why would you?) you can use a calling card. For your reference, here are a few access numbers:

MCI 01-800-021-8000

ATT 01-800-288-2872

You can also buy a calling card from the front desk that works in the lobby pay phone.

Food and Beverage service

You need to complete a menu (a copy is included toward the end of this document) and fax or email it to Enrique Perez, as stated on the menu.

Elba, the cook, will purchase the items on the list. This includes stocking the refrigerator per your instructions. You can also communicate with her what you want to eat for the next day. At the end of each day, please request the bill for the food and beverages from Elba and reimburse her. She might have a charge for a taxi. If she has large amounts of food to bring, she will take a taxi.

Keep in mind that some food is very reasonably priced in Mexico, while some food is more expensive. Beer and shrimp are examples of food/beverages that are priced comparably to the US market. Beef, chicken, fruits and vegetables are cheaper. The bread and pastry is fantastic, so make sure to try some.

Other items provided: We have a coffee maker, but not a coffee grinder. There is a microwave, blender, juicer, dishwasher, and toaster. We strive to make you as comfortable at Villa Karaway as you would be in your own home. Please also check the pantry for a variety of indoor and outdoor games. Our favorite is Bocce Ball, an Italian lawn bowling game. Use the grass area off of the front porch for your lawn games.

The Kitchen

We have a small wine cooler in the kitchen. Due to the heat and humidity, if you bring or buy red wine, we highly suggest you place it in the wine cooler until consumption.

Please make sure that the pantry is closed before retiring for the night. Due the open nature of the main area, closing the door prevents access by animals. The door can be locked but we suggest you leave it unlocked. If it is locked, a key is located to the left of the door in the small baskets hanging from the door or in a basket on the bookshelf.

Computer and Internet Access

Presently, there is a desktop computer on site. (If having a computer in a necessity to you, please call or email ahead. Due to repairs, we can not guaranty a computer on site.) You are welcomed to bring your own computer. You can use your own computer to get on-line via a high speed wireless connection. The SSID is Villa Karaway and is NOT encrypted. The resort also has a wireless connection in the lobby area. Both connections are provided at no charge.

Safe

You are welcome to use the safe in the master bedroom's closet. Presently, the code for the safe is 33500. For this to work, the key device next to the key pad must be in the out position. Sometimes people will push this lock in. Please don't do this so others can use the safe. But if you find the safe locked, ask Elba or Gloria for the safe unlocking key. After using the key, please return it.

Ceiling fans and washer/dryer

All rooms have ceiling fans. A wall switch marked "fan" and a white remote control that should be in the room with the fan controls them. The switch must be on before the remote control will work. You might have to "experiment" with the wall switch because more than one all switch can control the fans in the dining room, living room, and porch area. These fans can do a wonderful job of cooling the room. Please try them before, or in conjunction with, using the air conditioning system.

There is a washer and dryer in Villa Karaway and others are located behind the large palapa, by the restrooms for the large pool area. Ordinarily, guests are responsible for cleaning their own laundry. You can request Gloria to do your laundry, but please consider an additional tip if she assists.

Entertainment

For entertainment, Villa Karaway has four TVs, some with VCR and DVD players, a CD player in the dining room and a CD player in the master bedroom. Please bring your favorite movies or CDs. We do have some movies and CDs on-site, and, of course, we request that you leave these at Villa Karaway. The stereo in the dining room has an iPod connector, so bring your iPod music collection.

Pools

The pool in front of the porch is your private pool to enjoy. No one else has access to this pool. Here are a few tips to keep the pool in top shape.

The pumps and filter are located on the south side (left, when facing the ocean) of the pool. All equipment is on a timer. It turns on in the morning and off around dinner time. If you have a problem, or want the water warmer, please ask the staff to assist you. Please try to rinse all sand off before entering the pool. A faucet is located on the steps coming into the patio.

There is a much larger pool for your enjoyment. This is shared with the Los Palmares Resort. No glass containers are allowed at anytime. Please limit food around this pool.

We provide numerous beach towels. No need to bring any towels with you!

The Beach and the Ocean

No beach in Mexico is private. However, many developments try to make it more difficult for people to reach the beach in front of their property. So is the case at Los Palmares. You'll find others enjoying the beach out front, but it should not be crowded. The picture to the right is the Los Palmares beach at sunset. This picture was taken just to the side of the porch and pool of Villa Karaway.



There are two gates between the Los Palmares complex and the ocean. They have a key code lock. Please check with the front desk for the current lock combination. At the time of this publication, the code to the gates is 1-5-4.

Los Palmares has a man made reef off of the shore. This protects our sandy beach. It also provides for a protected swimming area. Great surf can be found on either side of this reef.

Snorkeling and scuba diving are available, but do not expect the water clarity that is found in the Caribbean. You are welcome to bring your mask and snorkel. Close by you can snorkel the man made reef, the Los Arcos area, or better yet, take a tour.

Toys

We have a good supply of water toys for you to use. There are two kayaks. Please use the provided life jacket. We have life jackets to help with your safety. There are also boogie boards. Please use life jackets whenever you feel unsafe with the water conditions. You are solely responsible for any injuries or accidents while using any of the water toys provided.

There are several board games located in the food pantry off of the kitchen along with Bocce ball and Croquet.

Dinking Water

Los Palmares has the latest water filtration and purification system. This system is located on our grounds. You can safely drink from the tap. However, DO NOT drink from the lawn watering taps. Water is monitored and tested monthly. This purification system is expensive and therefore the water here is

expensive. Fresh, clean potable water is precious in Mexico; therefore, please do not waste the water or take long showers.

Bedrooms and bedroom names

For your convenience (and for fun), we have named our four bedrooms. The names (beginning with the bottom bedroom and going up the stairs, down the hallway) are:

The Sea – el Mar – two twin beds and a fold out queen size futon
Clouds – Nubes – one king and one queen
The Sun – el Sol – two double
Heaven – Cielo – one king

These names will come in handy when assigning bedrooms. There are tile plaques besides each bedroom showing the name.

We suggest that upon retiring for the night you close the bedroom doors. This is especially true for el Mar. It lives up to its name by sometimes having crab visitors if the door is not shut.

Bathroom and Jacuzzi Tub in the Master (Heaven-Cielo)

The master is furthest away from the hot water heater. Therefore, it will take a minute or two to get the water hot. For the bathtub, turn the water handle so the smaller end is pointing toward you, which will then provide (eventually) hot water.

The Jacuzzi tub is probably the most complicated piece of equipment at Villa Karaway. With a bit of experimentation, you'll learn to operate it. The top dial controls the bathtub, shower, and 20-spigot side shower. The shower has its own controls on showerhead.

If you want to use the jets, please fill the tub first BEFORE running the jets. A push button switch on the edge closest to you controls the jets. The other dials are for the intensity of the jets.

There is also a steam. This is controlled by a push button on the upper left side of the tub wall. Please be CAREFUL. Upon activation, extremely hot steam exits the small round hole on the tub at the water full level.

Utilities

Electricity in Mexico is VERY expensive. Recently we had a power bill of over \$2,400 USD for just two months! Please help us conserve so we can keep our rental rates reasonable. Use common sense. If you are not in a room, please do not operate the air conditioning. When in the room, please also use the ceiling fans to help circulate the air and do not open windows if the air conditioning is on. Please also turn off lights when not in use. Thank you for your consideration.

All of the bedrooms are air conditioned.

Useful web links for Puerto Vallarta: www.go2mexico.com www.go2vallarta.com
www.pvmirror.com

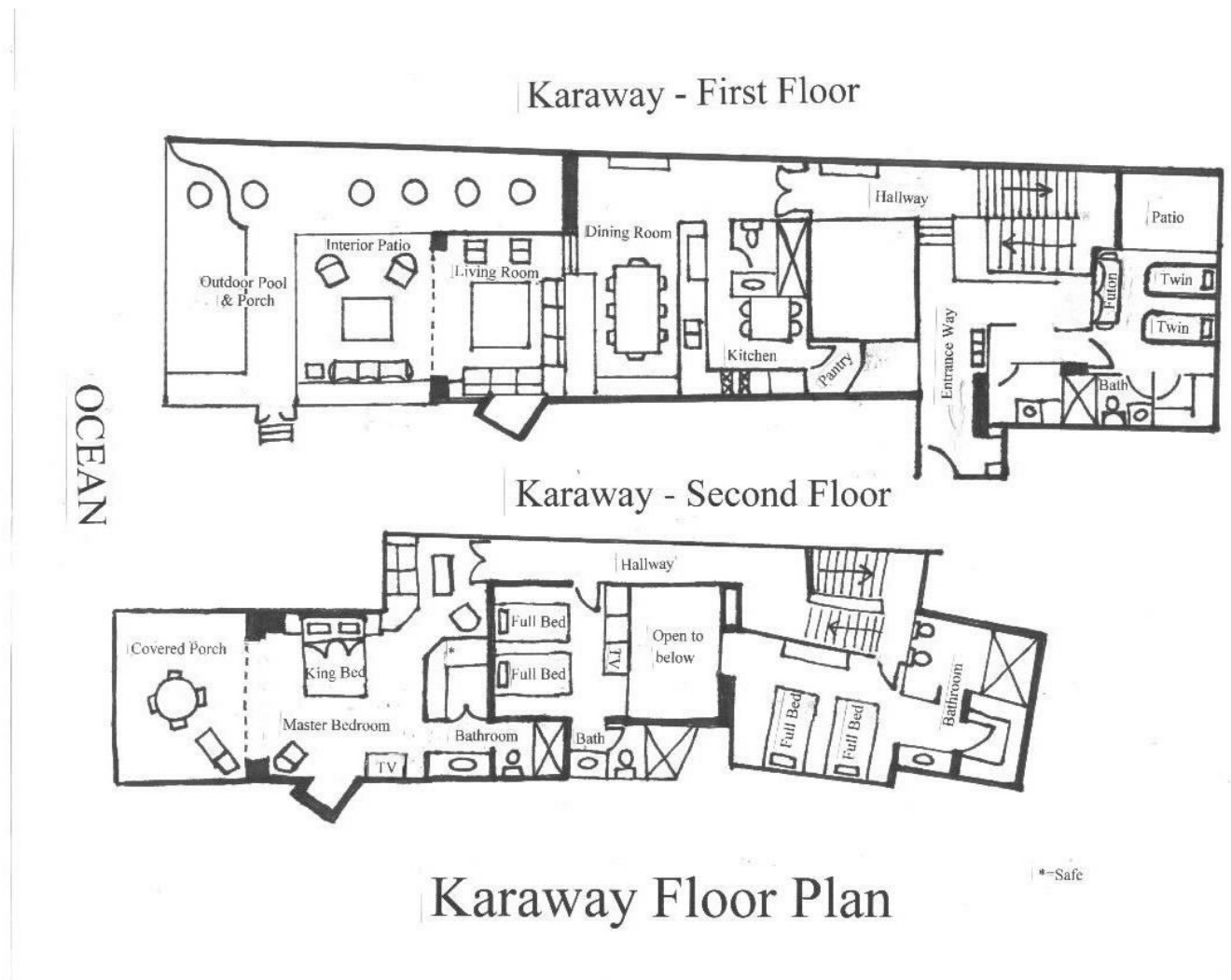
Golf:

<http://www.golfinvallarta.com>

WEATHER:

http://www.msnbc.com/news/WEA_Front.asp www.weather.com

Floor Plan



Transportation

Getting to town is easy. Go to the road outside Los Palmares and walk about 30 meters to your left and cross the road. There is a phone and a shack there. This is the bus stop. Buses come by about every 10 to 15 minutes. At the time of this writing, the bus fare is 5.50 pesos. The trip is about 10 to 15 minutes, depending on traffic and the number of stops. Buses run between 6 am to 10 pm and a bit later on Friday and Saturday nights.

Sometimes there is a taxi parked at the resort just north of Los Palmares. If not, you can ask the front desk to call a cab for you. They are parked near by, so you should have one within minutes. Finally, you can stand outside and wait for a cab, which usually comes along on a frequent basis.

A cab fare into town will be about 70 pesos (\$7 USD). A cab fare to the airport will be about 200 pesos (\$19 USD).

You can rent a car via Los Palmares front desk or ask our manager, Enrique, to assist you.

Guest Book and Privacy Statement

Please take time to enter your name, address, email address and comments into the Karaway Guest Book.

Unless we hear otherwise, we might post your comments to our web site, but we will NEVER use your name or address, other than a city, state. Except as noted below, we will NEVER share your name, address, and any other personal information with any organizations. From time to time, we might send you some correspondence. The only time that we will share your information will be upon the sale of Villa Karaway (if that ever occurs). If you would not like to hear from us or have your information shared with a buyer of Villa Karaway, please let us know and we will immediately remove your name and other personal information.

You will also find a binder of promotional brochures on Puerto Vallarta activities. In the guest information book is a place to enter activities or restaurants that you visited and liked. Share this information so that guests after you might also enjoy! Enrique Perez will be an invaluable resource to help you book activities.

Please make sure to email Wayne Harding, wayne@karaway.com with suggestions and comments.

Security

Either before or after arriving, you will be given a key to the main front gate at Los Palmares. If you don't have your key, don't worry, ring the bell and you will be "buzzed in." Los Palmares has around the clock security. The grounds are always lit. There are surveillance cameras. All of this is pre-cautionary.

A separate key is used for the main Los Palmares gate versus Villa Karaway's front door. If you require additional keys, you should find them in a basket on the bookshelf in the main room or in a tray on the bar.

Insects

Puerto Vallarta is in the "tropical zone." Just across the street from Los Palmares and Villa Karaway is a jungle. While Los Palmares has a pest eradication program, there might be times that you see a large insect. If you see more than one or two, please let the staff or the front desk of Los Palmares know and we'll have the pest control people pay an extra visit. Also, mosquitoes are plentiful. Insect repellent is highly recommended. We also recommend that you close your doors when sleeping. This will help keep mosquitoes at bay.

Smoking

We request that you do not smoke inside Villa Karaway. However, we have plentiful outdoor deck space where you can enjoy a cigarette or a nice Cuban cigar. Ashtrays are provided.

Villa Karaway Logo Ware

You will see our staff wearing Villa Karaway logo shirts. There is also an assortment of Villa Karaway robes in the closets for you to use while you are staying at Villa Karaway. Bath towels are embroidered with Villa Karaway. Please do not take these items. If you would like to purchase an item, please let the staff know.

	Prices:
Beach towels	\$25
Shirts – short sleeve	\$30
Shirts – long sleeve	\$40
Robes – standard white	\$75
Robes – color	\$95

Our (and your) neighbors

Los Palmares is in a complex that contains 31 other vacation homes. Even though Villa Karaway seems to be its own separate community, it is not. We share all of the facilities with the other condo units. Please enjoy. While enjoying, keep mind that we want to be good neighbors. Many are our friends. The last thing we want is to come to Puerto Vallarta and hear about the bad behavior of a guest. So, please, use your common sense and be courteous. This includes not being loud late at night or in the morning and public nudity. Thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.

If you have problems: Who to contact

If there is a problem, first contact the staff. If Elba or Gloria cannot help, contact our manager, Enrique. If the problem is with the Los Palmares complex, please notify the first desk. If you cannot receive a resolution to your issue, please contact the agent that rented the unit to you. You are also welcome to contact the owners at ANY time. You can call Wayne Harding at 303-290-0123 from the VOIP phone. It might be more convenient to email us at wayne@karaway.com.

It is our desire that you are 100% satisfied with your stay! Not only do we want you back, but this is your vacation and you paid your hard earn dollars to enjoy Puerto Vallarta and Villa Karaway. We are here to make sure that your stay is complete enjoyment!

What to Bring

While many supplies can be purchased in Puerto Vallarta, you might consider bringing the following:

Suntan lotion	Insect repellent	Anti-itch medication
Videos/CDs (1)	Sweater (2)	Translator/Calculator
Camera and film	Sandals	Bathing suits
Snorkeling gear	Reading materials	Sun Hat/Sunglasses
Shampoo/Conditioner		

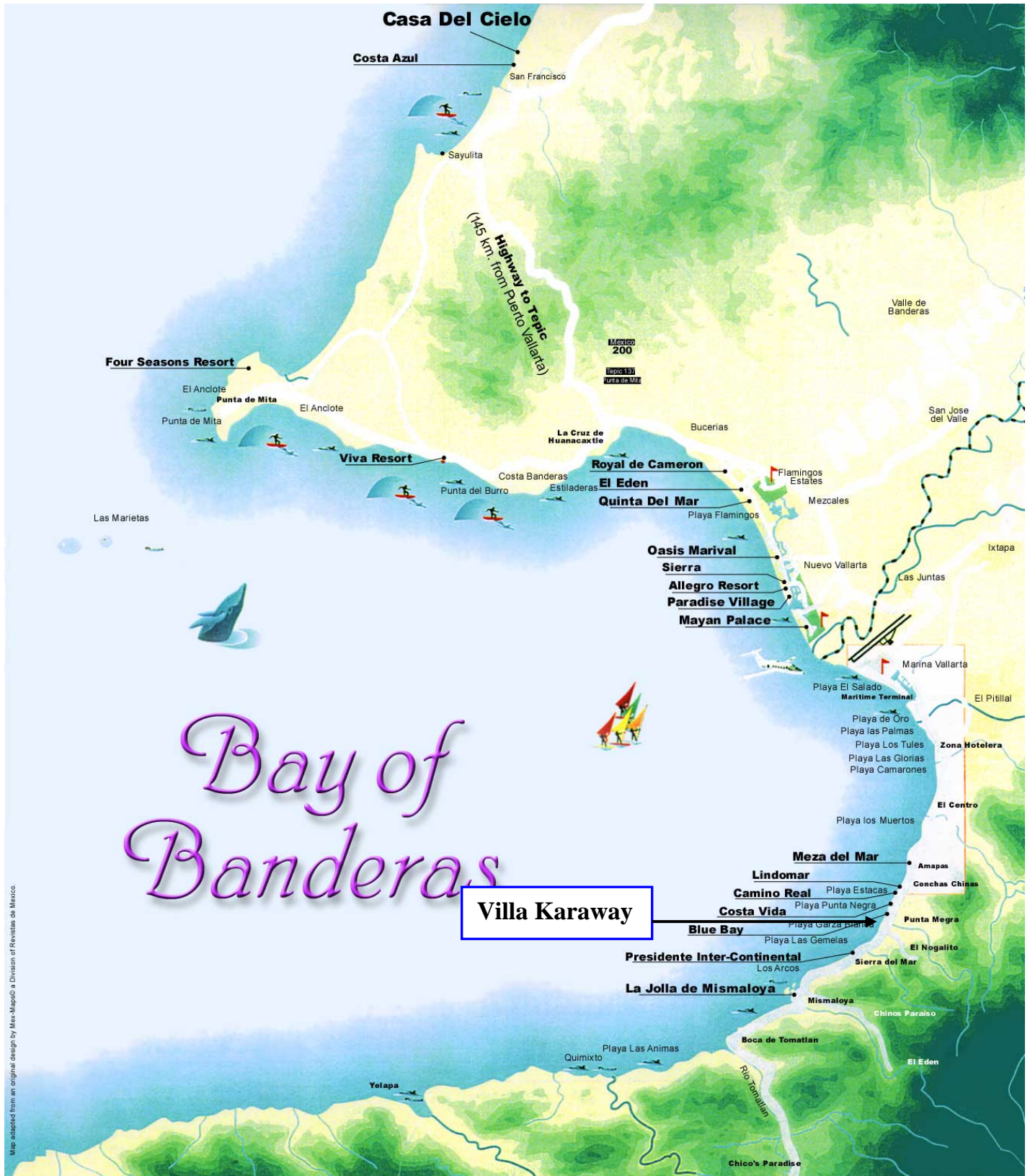
Notes:

- (1) We have movies and CDs, but you might want to bring your favorites. A computer with free internet access is also included.
- (2) Some people might not think warmer clothes are necessary. They are, especially in the winter. We are on the water and it can get a bit cool in the evening or early morning, especially if you are sporting a sunburn.

Other items:

Notes:

Puerto Vallarta and Villa Karaway Map:



“WELCOME TO CONDOMINIUM PALMARES”

Rules for Guests

To make your stay more enjoyable take a moment to read the following rules of the building:

Please register your arrival and your exit of the Condominium.

The maximum of people is 3 for each bedroom, of each condominium has, please, avoid us the pain of denying the entrance to the building.

Do not hang towels or clothes from the balconies.

Contact your agent’s rent for any repair, laundry service, additional service of cleaning or information has than enough tours, etc.

Do not take drinks to the pool area in glass containers. Do not enter the pool while eating.

Please advise the reception desk when you have guests along with the hour and their names.

Please do not invite strangers to use the pool and the condo services.

Please do not play stereos or TVs at loud volume at anytime during the day. Quiet hours are from 10 pm to 9 am daily.

You are renting from an owner, not the Condominium Association. We can not provide any of the services you might expect and receive in a hotel.

Administration.

[Note: These are the condo rules.]

Golf Information:

Excerpt from Denver Post Travel Section, May 12, 2002, by Woody Paige

The Knight of the Iguana's Eight Places to Play in Puerto Vallarta (in ascending order) are:

8. Marina Vallarta Golf Club

A nice, handy layout in the newer marina section north of downtown and adjacent to the airport and Banderas Bay and the beach. It's not hard or unique, but three holes reach toward the water, the folks are friendly and the price is reasonable for a vacation area course (\$120 for 18 holes, cheaper after 2 p.m., and there are package deals with the nearby hotels). You can walk to the course from the Westin Regina and the Marriott CasaMagna, my two favorite and the classiest resorts in Marina Vallarta. I suggest starting with this course and working up to the more difficult, more scenic and more luxurious courses.

7. Flamingo Golf Club

Puerto Vallarta's first course, about 15 miles north of town. The government owned Flamingo and, truthfully, allowed it to become ragged and run-down. But the acreage has been purchased by an outfit out of Mexico City with grandiose plans to transform the rolling hills that fade to the ocean into a top course condominium/hotel complex.

The first phase was starting the day after I played. An entire new irrigation system was being installed. If you go soon, only nine holes are available for play, but the price for playing the nine holes (twice) will be as cheap as lunch. And Flamingo is fun.

I liked the alligators, the mango trees along the fairways, the great breakfast, the testy par 3s, the two brothers who were hired to run the operation and the caddie who spoke almost no English. By the end of my adventurous round, Miguel and I had taught each other how to say, in the other's language, the seven swear words you can't utter on radio.

6. Paradise Village Golf Course

One of the several new layouts around P.V., this one is located in Nuevo Vallarta north of town and the airport. It meanders among time shares and condos and is nothing unique, but if you're playing several courses, you would include it as an attractive, taxing addition. A round is priced at \$160 (in high - winter - season), but, as at every other course, the "sunset" rates are seriously lower. And why not play after 2 p.m., especially if you're me and your only companion is a fellow lizard?

5. Mayan Palace Golf Resort

I'm giving you the bad news first, but there's real good news upcoming. A guy stopped me on the street in Marina Vallarta and, when he heard my terrible high-school Spanish, complimented me on speaking the language so well. That should have been a clue.

"Moo-chus graa-sius," I said.

"Muy bueno," he said.

Because I was such a brilliant linguist and a tan and handsome man, he offered me free breakfast at the Mayan Palace (and a fishing tour in the afternoon). I accepted his kind gift. Then he told me I had to give him 10 American dollars to reserve my free breakfast. I replied using one of the Spanish words the caddie had taught me at Flamingo Golf Club.

So, when I drove out in my rented Jeep (from a company whose name I won't mention because it was a ripoff, and be sure to rent a Jeep to tool around in Puerto Vallarta, but reserve it through a travel agent

from a reputable firm before you go, but don't try to be too thrifty - if you get my drift - Thrifty) to the Mayan Palace Golf Resort, I fell in love. Great golf course.

If you go

For information about the following Puerto Vallarta golf courses and resorts, or to inquire about reservations, consult the following websites or your travel agent:

El Tamarindo -

www.golfinvallarta.com/tamarindo.asp

Punta Mita Golf Club -

www.golfinvallarta.com/fourseasons.asp

Vista Vallarta Golf Resort -

www.golfinvallarta.com/vistavta.asp

Mayan Palace Golf Resort -

www.golfinvallarta.com/mayan.asp

Paradise Village Golf Course -

www.golfinvallarta.com/paradise.asp

Flamingo Golf Club -

www.flamingosgolf.com.mx

Marina Vallarta Golf Club -

www.foremexico.com/marinagolf

I was placed with a neurologist and his wife from Kentucky, and all three of us agreed this was one of the most intriguing courses we had played in quite a while. The 17th hole, next to the breaking waves off the Pacific, is a par 3 over a lagoon - with a severe crosswind.

The doctor and I became a pair of stupid Tin Cuppers. He put six in the water; I drowned eight. Our caddies laughed. I handed my caddie a club and said, "See if your caddie shack butt can do any better."

He hit a swell 180-yard 5-iron. The hole is 187 yards. Sink. I laughed at him. We did a high 5. We will be exchanging Feliz Navidad cards every year. The round cost \$175, but you get what you pay for. And there is no such thing as a free breakfast.

4. and 3. Vista Vallarta Golf Resort

Twins, but not identical. One is a Jack Nicklaus Signature Course and the other a Tom Weiskopf Signature Course. What "Signature Course" means is that golf architects who work for the (former Ohio State) golfers actually designed the course in the style preferred by

the two famed pros, and Nicklaus and Weiskopf ultimately blessed them.

Vista Vallarta was developed by a Dallas company that intends to make the area east of town (and past the bullring) "the premier golfing destination in Mexico." I would have liked them better if both courses had been near the ocean instead of the hills, but they've got wonderful views of the Sierra Madre and Puerto Vallarta, and both are supreme and demanding, but totally enjoyable.

The Nicklaus course meanders through ravines and dense undergrowth and alongside a creek, while the Weiskopf course is a bit more wide open and - in one lizard's opinion - more thought-provoking and a better idea (because most people are playing the Nicklaus course, so you can tour the Weiskopf course in three hours if you're alone, as I always am).

The Weiskopf 13th is where I met my pal Iggy. We had a 15-minute discussion (I did most of the talking), and after I teed off, I looked back and Iggy was gone. Probably had to go join Richard Burton.

Vista Vallarta is making a LARGE name for itself. Although it opened just more than a year ago, Vista Vallarta was the host for the United States Collegiate Golf Championships last year and this December will be the site of the third World Golf Championships. (Tiger Woods and David Duval won the first in Argentina, and Ernie Els and Retief Goosen last year's in Japan.) Two-man teams from 24 countries will be represented. You'll see it on TV before Christmas. That tournament will put Vista Vallarta on the map, so go before December.

2. Punta Mita Golf Club

Situated smartly at the exclusive new The Four Seasons Resort about 30 minutes north of Puerto Vallarta, this Jack Nicklaus course (he did it, no signature) is stupendous. Views of the ocean from every hole. Palm trees and breezes and blooming flowers.

Here's a pleasant touch that sums up Punta Mita. Every few holes an attendant shows up to provide you with a cold face towel. Man, the course is an examination. Woman, the course is a heavenly delight.

(Pardon the interruption. The Four Seasons resort is big time in luxury, detail, splendor and price. And it is isolated. Meanwhile, the rooms at the Westin Regina are hundreds of dollars a night cheaper and just as luxurious - and include the Heavenly Bed. The Heavenly Bed is that. Trust me. That's why Westin now

has an 800 number to sell the mattresses and bed covers because so many guests have asked to buy them. I'm getting one as soon as I can find the 800 number I lost - along with four dozen golf balls on eight courses).

The third hole at Punta Mita is gimmicky but great. After playing the par 3, there's another par 3 third hole. Yes, there are 19 holes. The (alternate) green, on a miniature island out in the ocean, is framed by black boulders. At low tide, you can walk on a rock pathway to the green. At high tide, a caddie in an amphibious golf court drives you to the green. (And you can count the score on either of the third holes.)

The pro at Punta Mita said to me (no brag, just fact): "This is the best golf course in all of Mexico and one of the best in all of North America." The staff was No. 1; the facilities were No. 1; the condition of the course was No. 1; the touches were No. 1; the price was No. 1 (\$195, but you have to have a letter - or a forgery - from your own country club to be able to play), and it was No. 1 in degree of pleasure, difficulty, fascination and serenity.

Until

1. El Tamarindo

I have died and gone to El Tamarindo. This golf club and resort should have an asterisk for two reasons. You can't include it with the Magnificent Seven because it stands alone, literally and figuratively.

El Tamarindo Resort and Golf Club is about 2 1/2 hours south by car, 45 minutes by air, of Puerto Vallarta. Tamarindo is located in a authentic jungle preserve that flows directly into the ocean. Twenty-nine villas are on or steps away from the pristine and secluded pearl-white beach of the Pacific. Each villa has its own splash pool and beds on the patio, so you can recline under the sun and sleep under the stars.

Tame and wild animals roam the jungle. A wild pig came by during the night. The next morning I asked at breakfast if that actually had been a pig.

"Yes, it's on the menu. Catch of the day - fresh bacon." But enough about the resort.

This is one of the five grandest golfing experiences I've ever had, and I've played Augusta National, St. Andrews, Pebble Beach and some of the world's most famous courses from Fiji to Hawaii to Germany to Nebraska. A Robert Trent Jones Jr., David Fleming design, El Tamarindo has seven oceanside holes, and the eighth and ninth are on cliffs with the waves crashing beneath. It steals your breath.

"Please don't tell anybody about Tamarindo," said my playing partner, a business executive from Santa Fe. "My first time here, and I want to keep it my personal secret." So special.

How much does it cost? I don't know. It's one of those "If you have to ask

... ", but it's more than worth it.

Villa Karaway – Guest Info

Name: _____ Dates of stay: _____

Arrival time: _____ Number in your party: _____

Special Requests:

Times for Gloria to clean bedrooms: _____

Please complete and fax back to Enrique Perez Gonzales at: 011 52 322 293 6836 or email to enrique@karaway.com . It is important that you complete for at least your first two days of your stay. You can tell our cook your menu items for future meals once you are down in Puerto Vallarta.

Check those items that you want. Please note that you should ask Adela, the cook, for the bill on a daily basis so you can reimburse her for the shopping. Also, Adela will cook two, successive meals per day (breakfast and lunch or lunch and dinner).

Items to stock in refrigerator: # of guests: _____

___ Orange Juice ___ Milk ___ Bread ___ Breakfast Rolls Qty: ___

___ Cheese ___ Crackers ___ Ice Cream, Flavor: _____ ___ Fresh Fruit cut up

in a container with fresh fruit to be added to as needed

Drinks: Coffee: _____ Tea: _____ Soft Drinks: _____

Other: (beer, wine, etc.) _____

Breakfast: Date: _____, # of guests: _____

___ Eggs – Style: _____ Fresh Fruit: _____

___ Breakfast rolls ___ Juice – Type: _____

___ Bacon ___ Sausage Other: _____

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___ Bacon ___ Sausage Other: _____

Lunch: Date: _____, # of guests: _____

___ French Fries ___ Chips/Salsa ___ Guacamole ___ Tortilla Soup

___ Salad sandwich, circle one: Chicken Fish/tuna Shrimp

___ Enchiladas, circle one or more: Cheese Chicken Beef Shrimp

___ Tacos, circle one or more: Cheese Chicken Beef Shrimp

___ Green Salad Salad dressing requested: _____

___ Dessert: Flan ___ Cake ___ Other: _____

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Dinner: Date: _____, # of guests: _____
 _____ Mexican fiesta night (a fantastic selection of local mexican food)
 _____ Fresh Garlic Fish _____ Filet Mignon _____ Steak
 _____ Jumbo shrimp Prepared: _____ Garlic _____ Stuffed with cheese and wrapped with Bacon
 _____ Kabobs with _____ Vegetables; _____ Chicken; _____ Steak; _____ Shrimp; _____ Fish
 _____ Filet Mignon _____ Steak _____ Lobster
 _____ Barbeque Chicken (w/Adela's homemade BBQ sauce)
 _____ Smoother Burritos with: _____ Beans; _____ Chicken; _____ Beef; _____ Cheese
 _____ Rice _____ Bread _____ Green Salad _____ Mixed vegetables _____ Beans
 _____ Potatoes – Style: _____
 _____ Dessert: Flan _____ Cake _____ Other: _____

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Note: personal recommendations include chicken enchiladas, mash potatoes; shrimp wrapped in bacon and stuffed with cheese; Mexican fiesta night; garlic shrimp; garlic lobster; chicken salad sandwiches; tortilla soup

Villa Karaway

Puerto Vallarta, Mexico

Menu

Welcome! This is a sample menu of the food that can be prepared fresh, daily by our chef. The chef will prepare two consecutive meals per day, with Sunday as the day off. If you want something that is not listed, please ask!



Appetizers

Guacamole with salsa and tortilla chips
Refried beans with cheese and chips
Melted cheese with mushrooms
Assorted platter of Mexican finger food
Ceviche: fresh marinated fish with onion, carrots & peas
Sushi: california roll, fried or tekamaki

Shrimp cocktail with Aurora Sauce
Turnovers stuffed with marlin or shrimp
Fresh fruit salad with cottage cheese
Cut, fresh fruit plate

Breakfast

Eggs, prepared to order including omelets and eggs benedict
Chilaquiles : Fried tortillas in a spicy mild tomato sauce with refried beans, fried egg and cheese
Huevos Rancheros: Two eggs sunny side up on top of a tortilla covered with a spicy tomato sauce
Mexican style eggs: Scrambled with chopped onions, tomatoes and green peppers, refried beans
Fresh pastries, toast
French toast, waffles or pancakes
Bacon, ham, sausage

Lunch

Sandwich Salads: chicken, tuna fish, ham & cheese or chef, fruit salad with sherbet or cottage cheese
Sandwiches: ham & cheese, BLT, chicken or our club special
Submarine: breast of chicken, ham & cheese on a french roll
Cheese burger with french fries
Quesadillas: folded corn or flour tortilla stuffed with cheese with meat of your choice
Burritos: made with flour tortillas stuffed with machaca (shredded beef, onions & bell peppers) or marlin, shrimp or octopus
Mexican lunch specials: tacos, enchiladas, sopes or tostadas w/ chicken or beef

Soups and Salads

Tortilla soup: fried strips of tortilla in a mild tomato sauce topped with avocado & gouda cheese
Chicken Lime soup
Vegetable soup or cream of fresh vegetables: broccoli, cauliflower, carrots, potato, chicken, corn or mushrooms

Green salad: your choice of dressing
Mixed vegetables salad with chicken, tuna or ham and cheese

Chef salad

Drinks

Assorted fruit juices
Soft drinks, Milk, beer (Mexican and foreign)

Dinner Entrees

Chicken

Breast of Chicken Parmesan with pasta
Chicken Cordon Bleu
Chicken with almonds & peanuts
Chicken with mushrooms & white wine sauce
Grilled chicken marinated in orange or tangerine
Chicken with mole: southwestern Mexico delight
Barbecue chicken

Pasta

Fettuccini with crabmeat & mushrooms
Spaghetti Bolognese: meat sauce & parmesan
Spaghetti Vallarta: seafood sauce, white wine

Other Selections

Texas fajitas: beef, chicken, shrimp, fish
Brochettes: beef, chicken, fish
Mexican plate: strip of beef, chile relleno, taco, enchilada,
guacamole & refried beans

Side Orders

Pasta: spaghetti, fusilli, fettuccini
Potatoes: steamed, baked, mashed, French fries
Rice: Mexican, white, fried, or saffron (yellow)
Beans: plain pot beans, charro, refried
Pineapples & cabbage with cream, nuts and OJ
Vegetables: chayote, carrots, broccoli, cauliflower,
zucchini, mixed, others in season
Salads: pasta with ham & cheese, cream & raisins,
carrots & cabbage

Pork, Beef and Lamb

Stuffed pork loin in a tamarindo sauce
Oven baked pork leg with carrots gravy sauce
Barbecue spare ribs
Hamburger – Cheeseburger
Albondigas: Mexican meat balls with mint
Filet mignon with mushroom gravy
Leg of lamb slow roasted in a crock pot
Grilled lamb chops with rosemary

Seafood

Filet of Fish: fresh catch of the day prepared with butter,
garlic, breaded, parmesan or with Italian tomato sauce

Jumbo shrimp: butterfly, French stuffed with mozzarella,
wrapped in bacon or prepared like the filet of fish
selection

Sea scallops: fried in lemon garlic butter
Pacific lobster: grilled, butter, garlic or thermidor

Dessert

Flan
Cheesecake with strawberries
Chocolate flourless cake
Assorted ice cream and sherbet
Fruit tart



All meals are prepared with the freshest food under strict sanitary conditions. Please note that the water at Villa Karaway is safe to drink out of the tap. Los Palmares has it's own water sanitizing system that is checked monthly for quality.

"Something Special – With YOU in Mind!"