

Bus Routes and Bus Fares

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Puerto Vallarta does not provide printed bus routes and bus fares information for tourists. But we will show you how to ride the bus all over town like a local. We will also tell you how much it will cost you to get to your destination.

HOW TO GET AROUND PUERTO VALLARTA



A few tips to remember:

- Each bus fare is one-time use only.
- There are no transfers available.
- There are no round-trips available.
- Before the bus arrives have the correct change ready for the driver.
- The two seats directly behind the driver (sometimes marked in yellow) are reserved for pregnant women, the elderly, and the physically challenged.
- When boarding as a female/male couple, it's customary for the female to board first and when the male boards he pays for both fares.
- When traveling with a group of family and friends it's customary for everyone in your group to quickly board, and when the last male from your group boards the bus he pays

for everyone in the group. This method shows courtesy to the other passengers and to the driver by speeding up the boarding and payment process.

- Hold onto your ticket. Inspectors hop on and off buses to check that passengers have tickets.

ROUTE: From Nuevo Vallarta to downtown Puerto Vallarta (Centro/Malecon)

- Total bus fare for this one-way trip: \$22.5 pesos
- Take an ATM bus to Puerto Vallarta. Bus fare is \$15 pesos.
- ATM buses arrive at bus stops in Nuevo Vallarta every 20-30 minutes.
- Get off the ATM bus in Puerto Vallarta once you reach the Maritime Terminal across the street from Walmart and Sam's Club.
- On that same side of the street (opposite Walmart) wait close to the intersection for a bus with **Centro** written on the windshield.
- Buses which indicate BOTH Centro and Tunel are heading to the Romantic Zone without stopping downtown.
- Bus fare from the Maritime Terminal to downtown Puerto Vallarta is \$7.5 pesos.

ROUTE: From Marina Vallarta to downtown Puerto Vallarta (Centro/Malecon)

- Bus fare is \$7.5 pesos
- Take a bus that has **Centro** written on the windshield.
- Buses which indicate BOTH Centro and Tunel are heading to Parque Lazaro Cardenas without stopping downtown.
- When returning to Marina Vallarta you have a variety of options. Look for a bus that has "Marina Vallarta" or "Marriott" or "Westin" or "Velas Vallarta" written on the windshield.

ROUTE: From Hotel Zone to downtown Puerto Vallarta (Centro/Malecon)

- Bus fare is \$7.5 pesos
- Take a bus that has **Centro** written on the windshield.
- Buses which indicate BOTH Centro and Tunel use a bypass to avoid stopping downtown and head straight to the Romantic Zone.

ROUTE: From downtown Puerto Vallarta (Romantic Zone) to Mismaloya, Vallarta Zoo & Boca de Tomatlan

- Bus fare is \$8 pesos
- Take an ORANGE & WHITE bus at the corner of Basilio Badillo & Constitution (by the OXXO convenience store)
- These orange & white buses only go as far as Boca de Tomatlan
- These buses stop at: Conchas Chinas, Dreams Resort, Presidente Intercontinental, Mismaloya, Boca de Tomatlan



Orange and white bus from downtown PV (Romantic Zone) to Mismaloya, Vallarta Zoo, and Boca de Tomatlan.

ROUTE: From downtown Puerto Vallarta (Romantic Zone) to the Botanical Gardens and El Tuito

- Bus fare is \$20 pesos
- Take a BLUE bus at the corner of V. Carranza & Aguacate
- The windshield of the bus should state: **El Tuito / Botanical Gardens**
- Buses come by every 20-30 minutes
- It will take approximately 50 minutes to get to El Tuito.



Blue bus from downtown Puerto Vallarta (Romantic Zone) to the Botanical Gardens and El Tuito.

ROUTE: From downtown Puerto Vallarta to Nuevo Vallarta

- Total bus fare for this one-way trip: \$22.5 pesos
- From the Malecon head east, walking a couple blocks up until you see a series of public buses zooming by.
- Look for a blue sign indicating a bus stop.
- Take any bus heading north that has **Walmart** written on the windshield. The bus fare is \$7.5 pesos.
- Get off at Walmart. You'll notice two bus waiting areas. Facing Walmart and Sam's Club, walk to the larger bus waiting area on the left.
- There is usually a man with a clipboard stationed there to direct passengers to the correct bus for their desired destination.
- Board an ATM bus that says **Nuevo Vallarta** (for southern NV) OR **Riu** for locations in

Flamingos (northern NV). The Flamingos section of NV includes Villa la Estancia on the northern end down to the Peninsula condo complex at the southern end of the neighborhood. For a good visual refer to the [map of Nuevo Vallarta](#).

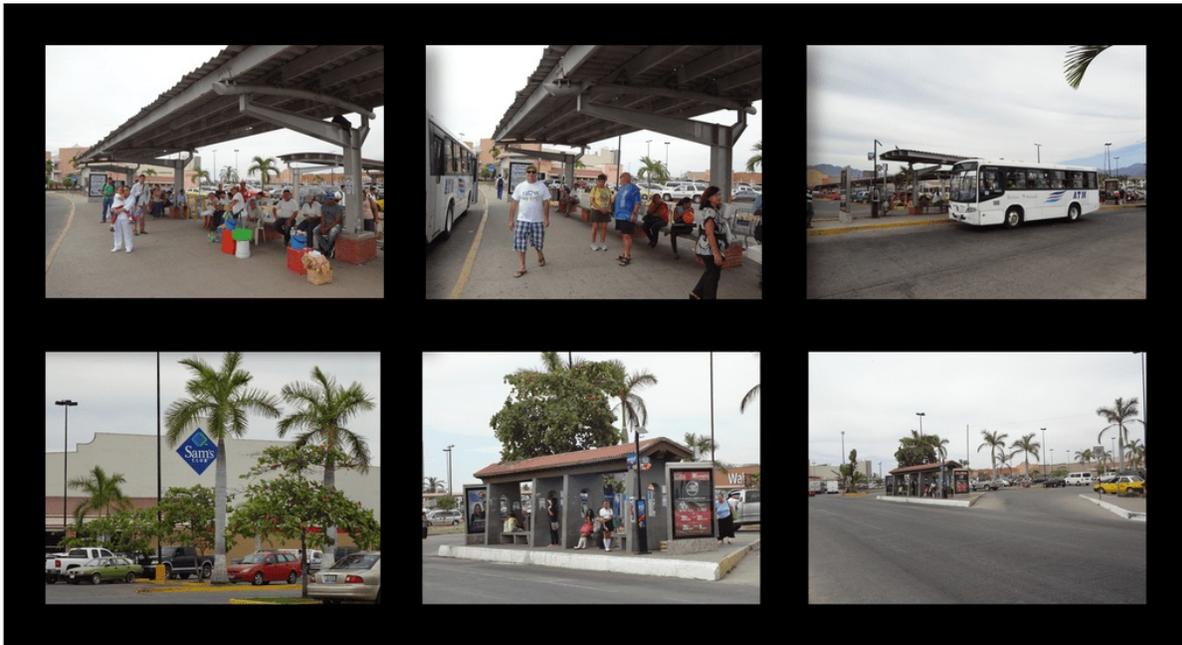
- If you're heading to the Flamingos area, it's important to know that the bus indicating "Nuevo Vallarta" does NOT service the "Flamingos" section of the neighborhood. To get to resorts and condos in Flamingos you MUST take a bus indicating "Riu" on its front windshield.
- The bus fare is \$15 pesos.
- The last buses available to Nuevo Vallarta / Flamingos leave by 9 p.m.

ROUTE: From downtown Puerto Vallarta to Bucerias

- Total bus fare for this one-way trip: \$22.5 pesos or \$21.5 pesos (depending on which bus you take from Walmart to Bucerias)
- From the Malecon head east, walking a couple blocks up until you see a series of public buses zooming by.
- Look for a blue sign indicating a bus stop.
- Take any bus heading north that has **Walmart** written on the windshield. The bus fare is \$7.5 pesos.
- Get off at Walmart. You'll notice two bus waiting areas. Facing Walmart and Sam's Club, walk to the larger waiting area on the left.
- There is usually a man with a clipboard stationed there to direct passengers to the correct bus for their desired destination.
- You can board an ATM bus that says **Punta Mita** (this bus will stop in Bucerias on its way to Punta Mita), the cost is \$15 pesos. Or you can choose to take a green-and-white Compostela bus to Bucerias for \$14 pesos.

ROUTE: From downtown Puerto Vallarta to Sayulita

- Total bus fare for this one-way trip: \$42.5 pesos
- From the Malecon head east, walking a couple blocks up until you see a series of public buses zooming by.
- Look for a blue sign indicating a bus stop.
- Take any bus heading north that has **Walmart** written on the windshield. The bus fare is \$7.5 pesos.
- Get off at Walmart. You'll notice two bus waiting areas. Facing Walmart and Sam's Club, walk to the larger bus waiting area on the left.
- There is usually a man with a clipboard stationed there to direct passengers to the correct bus for their desired destination.
- Board a green-and-white Compostela bus with the word **Sayulita** written on the windshield. The bus fare is \$35 pesos.



PICS ABOVE ARE THE TWO BUS STOP WAITING AREAS IN FRONT OF THE WALMART / SAM'S CLUB COMPLEX, ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE PV MARITIME TERMINAL. TOP ROW: Photos show bus stop in front of Walmart where buses depart for areas outside of Puerto Vallarta such as Nuevo Vallarta, Bucerias, La Cruz, Punta Mita, etc. BOTTOM ROW: These photos show the much smaller bus stop in front of Sams Club where buses that arrive service routes within the general Puerto Vallarta area.

Nowadays we rent a car when we're in Puerto Vallarta, but at various times over the years we took the opportunity to travel with our daughters by bus and explore the various routes all over Puerto Vallarta to include areas north and south of the city. By hopping on and off buses all over town and taking different routes we helped our girls demystify the public transportation system and learn first hand about Puerto Vallarta bus routes and bus fares. Along the way we experienced a bit of trial and error, but also plenty of fun. Sometimes we'd hop on different buses just to view the route and see where we'd end up. After all, life's an adventure! Why not explore? Whenever we used public transportation to get to an actual desired destination but were not quite sure if we had boarded the correct vehicle or not, our nerves still remained unrattled. We just kept in mind the worst-case scenario: we'd simply find ourselves embarking on an unexpected but very interesting and scenic tour of a different part of the city, after which time we'd get off at the very same point where our journey began. Now when our girls take friends to Puerto Vallarta they feel very confident using a series of public buses and various routes to travel to destinations all over Banderas Bay. Whenever they need a refresher on Puerto Vallarta bus routes and bus fares, they know they can simply revisit this page! For them it's a bit like having their mom and dad sitting right there beside them reminding them how to get from Point A to Point B. We hope that you too will find that public transportation in Puerto Vallarta is easy to use.

HELPFUL SPANISH WORDS – BUS TRAVEL

- o Bus: Autobus
- o Driver: Chofer

- Passenger: Pasajero
- Schedule: Horario
- Route: Ruta
- Fare: Tarifa
- Seat: Asiento
- Destination: Destino
- How long does it take to get to _____? Cuanto se demora en llegar a _____?

FOR EVEN MORE INFORMATION ON BUSES IN PUERTO VALLARTA: [VISIT THE MAIN TRANSPORTATION PAGE](#).

OTHER INTERESTING REFERENCES

25 Courteous and Respectful Policies for an Enjoyable Public Transit Experience: [Public Transit Etiquette](#)