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Villa Tortuga



Playa Las Tortugas - Driving directions

GPS Coordinates: Latitude 21 Deg. 20'31.1"N; Longitude 105 Deg. 14'33.12"W

Google Earth format: 21 20'31.1"N , 105 14'33.12"W

Successful driving in Mexico requires the proper mindset. There are two things you need to know:

Speed bumps occur upon entering and leaving small towns. They are not always marked and you can't always see them, you must learn to expect them. Take them seriously. Your car will.

Often you will encounter a parallel road next to the main highway. This usually occurs in cities and towns. Think of it like this. There is a fast moving "river" (main highway) and a slower "creek" (parallel road). You never do anything from the "river" that will slow it down when a parallel road is present, i.e. left turns, right turns, parking, etc. Anything that will slow down traffic in the main part of the highway is done from the slower moving parallel road "creek" including left turns across the main highway. If you are not sure of what to do in a certain situation, pull over if you can, and watch the native drivers before attempting a maneuver.



Driving Directions from Puerto Vallarta

Rental car locations are very close to the airport. While you are picking up your car, ask for directions to get to Highway 200 NORTH. This is probably the most difficult segment of the trip. Instructions are unique depending on where you are starting from. Before leaving the rental car location set your trip odometer to zero. This will help orient you later. In general, you will want to head NORTH on HIGHWAY 200 toward COMPOSTELLA, (sometimes TEPIC, GUADALAJARA or LAS VARAS) depending on the signs. From the Puerto Vallarta airport to LAS VARAS is 84 km (52.2 miles). Once on Highway 200 North, you should pass through the following towns in this order:

Bucerias-> Sayulita-> San Francisco-> Lo De Marcos-> Guayabitos-> Las Varas-> Zacualpan-> San Isidro-> Ixtapa-> Otates-> Playa Las Tortugas. If you get to either Platanitos, San Blas, or Compostela you have gone too far.

As you approach Las Varas (84 km; 52.2 miles) get into the right lane. After the first signal at the beginning of town get into the parallel road (creek) on your right. You can go straight in this parallel road for TWO MORE SIGNALS. At the SECOND SIGNAL turn LEFT across the main highway to Zacualpan/San Blas.

Note: Once you have reached Las Varas you no longer proceed in the direction of Compostela. Instead follow the signs to Zacualpan/San Blas. Once in the town of Zacualpan (93 km; 57.7 mi.), you will be traveling along the main street TURN LEFT AT THE CHURCH (there is only one and it is on your right). It should go briefly through town and then descend, turn right and lead to the open road. Continue on this road past San Isidro. There is an inspection station in the middle of town. This is an agricultural inspection and they are looking for fruit bearing an agricultural pest. Just a little ways past this point is a "Y" in the road, BEAR RIGHT at the "Y" towards ATICAMA and SAN BLAS.

IMPORTANT NOTE: When returning to Puerto Vallarta from Playa Las Tortugas, you must stop at this "Y" intersection and yield the right-of-way to the vehicles on your right. They are difficult to see unless you are at a full stop.

Continue on approximately several miles past this intersection and watch for the 2 green "Playa Las Tortugas" road signs on the right side (DON'T TURN YET). TURN LEFT at the gravel road about another 100 yards on the left side of the road. Depending on road conditions, it will take approximately 20-25 minutes, or longer, to reach the property from the turnoff. If you arrive after dark you may feel you are lost, but it is impossible to get lost and this point. If you follow this road, (about 9.8 km (6 miles) you will wind up at Playa Las Tortugas. There is no other choice. From the highway go 5.6 km. About this point, the road should make a severe right turn. Turn right. Continue straight for another 4 km. It is the only development in the area.