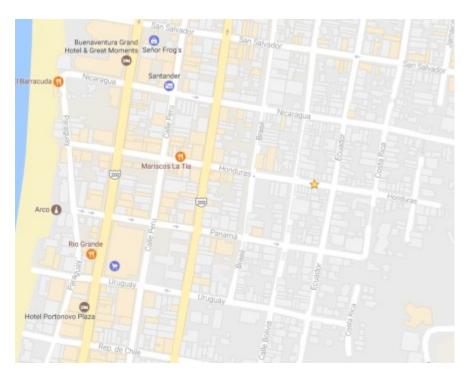
Puerto Vallarta Trip - March 19- April 9, 2017

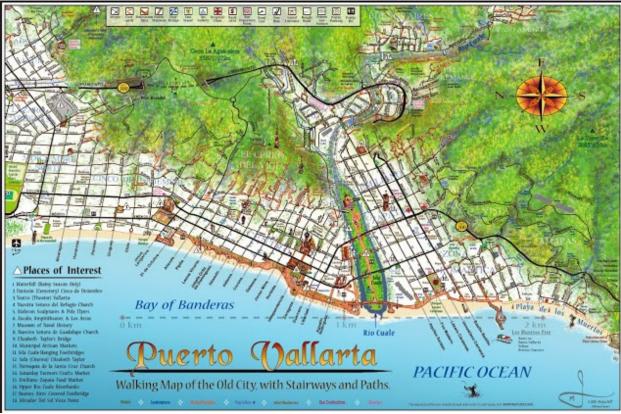
Perfect day with blue skies. Could see Mount Rainier (always a good omen) then the Grand Canyon until we came up on the farmland outside of PV.



Some Maps







Got to PV and Sylvia met me at the airport. Took a taxi, outside of the airport (over the pedestrian bridge) and the taxi fare was \$150 Pesos instead of \$300.

Exchange Rate: 1USD = 18.6 Pesos to 22 Peso. Dollar was very strong this trip.

Stayed in 5th of Diciembre district which was a very Mexican district, which I prefer, rather than the tourist area. This trip was very different then my other Mexican trips. This time I got the opportunity to see what it would be like to live in Mexico vs. just be a tourist. The order of this journal is not chronological, but more how I'm recollecting the trip.

DIRECTIONS

Bus for botanical gardens & el tuito is at corner of Aguacata & Carranza Bus for Bocas & mismaloya is: Constitucion & Basilio Badillo

This is the side of the building and views from my bedroom and the balcony.





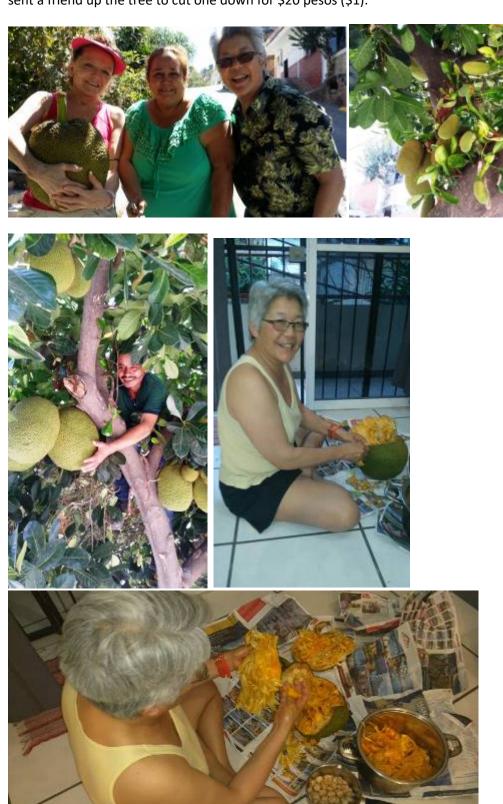
1: Side of the Building





2: Front porch and bedroom window looking towards the bay

On the corner of the block was a Jack Fruit tree, that was owned by the landlord Cati. She said I could have one. She sent a friend up the tree to cut one down for \$20 pesos (\$1).



In the mornings we would get our "Jugos" with Wendy. It would cost \$30 Pesos each morning for FRESH JUICE!! Wendy was sweet and funny and we would joke with her everyday. She was teaching us a lot of street Spanish.





The first night we went out for dinner. Saw Mexican Candy, Met some people and walked the Malecon.





One morning I had Gorditos Rellenos. There is no doubt in my mind that they weren't particularly healthy, but they were very tasty.



PV had a great Malacon. It was the best I've seen in Mexico. There was a lot of activity and it was right on the water. It wasn't as intense as the Qinta in Playa del Carmen.





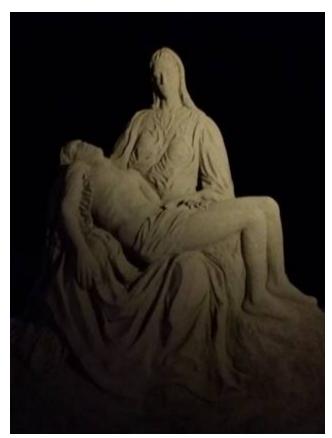


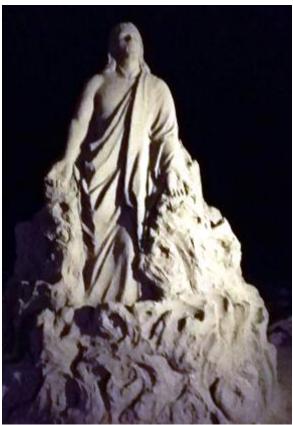






There were amazing sand sculptures. They were life size.





Quimixto

We were going to go for a hike at Boca, but on the bus, we met Randy. He invited us to go to Quimixto with him and a bunch of expats. They rented a boat to take us there and bring us back for 100 pesos. So we dicided to go. The irony was just the night before we were trying to figure out how to get to Quimixto.













3 Sylvia & Bethany







Randy & Marcy James, Julie Taylor

Botanical Gardens

Took a bus to the Botanical Gardens. The grounds were beautiful, but swimming in the river was the best part. When you buy the ticket to get into the gardens, its good for 2 days. So next time I'll come 2 days in a row and play at the river.

































El Tuito

Randy organized another excursion. We took the same bus that goes to the Botanical gardens but went passed it, to get to a small village called El Tuito. It was about an hour bus ride. It was a pretty sleepy town. Probably wouldn't go back there again. It was a typical small town with a square and a church. Sylvia was getting an implant that day so she didn't go.









Randy & Marcy and Julie









Cathy Taylor & Husband, Randy & Marcy James, Bethany Copy and Donaldo

