



FACT SHEET

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- Owners/Managers:** Pat Morrow and Bonnie Jauregui
Mother/daughter team and full time residents of the ranch and are bilingual.
- Opening Date:** 1999
- Location and Description:** Rancho Primavera is located on the Pacific coast of central Mexico, about 1 ½ hours south of Puerto Vallarta, at the center of the large peninsula known as Cabo Corrientes, 3 km from the charismatic village of El Tuito.
- The 200 acre property was formerly a mango farm and cattle ranch, and its lands have been restored to their original beauty with the subsequent return of native wildlife.
- Rancho Primavera is famous as a birding destination -with over 200 species on the property- and is also cherished by non-birders who enjoy being in touch with nature. It is also used as a jumping off spot for exploring the many trails, rivers and beaches of the area.
- Activities:** On Rancho Primavera you can do as much or little as your heart desires. You might enjoy sitting quietly on the porch observing the many wild birds that come to the feeders, or take a swim in the lap pool, go to the pond and row the boat or paddle the standup paddle board, pet one of the resident dogs or horses, or take a stroll on the trails that wind through woodlands and meadows and along the creek and ponds.

Bird-watching:

Rancho Primavera is a bird-watcher's paradise supporting over 215 species of birds, including parrots, trogons, cuckoos and 16 types of hummingbirds! Birding tour groups regularly visit and cherish Rancho Primavera for its birdlife and solitude.

Within an hour's drive you can search for over 300 bird species that can be found in the greater Jalisco region which supports a wide array of habitats from the mountainous pine and oak forests, tropical deciduous rainforests and coastal thorn scrub, beaches, islands and mangrove estuaries.

There are over 30 regional endemic bird species including the Citreoline Trogan, West Mexican and Rufous-bellied Chachalacas, Elegant Quail, Golden-cheeked Woodpecker, Mexican Woodnymph, Golden-crowned Emerald, Sinaloa and Happy Wrens, Yellow-winged Cacique, Flammulated Flycatcher, San Blas and Black-throated Magpie Jays, Orange-breasted Bunting, Rufous-backed Robin, Black-capped Gnatcatcher, Rusty-crowned Ground-Sparrow, Mexican Parrotlet and the Lilac-crowned Parrot. And depending upon the time of year, you may also see many neotropical migrants like sparrows and warblers.

Several area companies offer guided bird-watching tours or you can rent a car and explore on your own on the rural but well maintained roads around Jalisco and Nayarit. We can help arrange for a professional bilingual birding guide if you wish. Visit our website to download a complete species list for the property.

Day birders are welcome to visit without charge though we do welcome donations.

Nearby Attractions:

Within a few miles, you can visit the 16th century village El Tuito, Hacienda el Divisadero (with a restaurant, raicilla distillery, petroglyphs and horseback riding) or the verdant Vallarta Botanical Gardens. Less than an hour away are coastal villages like Boca de Tomatlan, Playa Yelapa and Mismaloya where you can swim, boat, fish, snorkel, dive, beachcomb and bird-watch. Many local companies offer horseback riding, canopy / zipline tours, and snorkel / dive trips.

Accommodations:

We offer two types of accommodations: *guest rooms* that include breakfasts and dinners prepared for you by the owners, or self-sufficient *rental homes* in which you cook your own meals in the home's well equipped kitchens. All accommodations have ceiling fans for hot weather, but no air conditioning. However, at our elevation, we usually don't feel the need for it. Rooms and houses do not have central heating either, but the weather does not usually require it. Wifi access is available in the main ranch house as well as the rental homes. Children and pets are welcome. Contact us for current pricing.

Guest Rooms:

We specialize in renting our guest rooms to groups for multiple days. We have a total of five guest rooms: one with a king sized bed, one with 1 queen and 1 twin bed and 3 rooms with 2 twin beds each. All have their own bathrooms with showers. We provide delicious homemade breakfasts and dinners that often include fresh organic fruits and vegetables grown on our property. Lunches are on your own with restaurants and markets in nearby towns. We require a 3 night minimum stay.

Rental Homes:

We built our two spacious ranch homes in a peaceful, secluded area of Rancho Primavera. They are decorated with crafts and paintings created by local artisans. They overlook a small, natural pond frequented by native birds like egrets, herons and ducks. You may enjoy the pond with the use of our small rowboat or our stand-up paddle board, or simply watch the wildlife and nearby horses from the dock and terraces overlooking the pond. Both homes are surrounded by a garden landscaped with native plants that encourage visitation by the resident wildlife, birds and butterflies. You will prepare your own meals in the well-stocked kitchens or dine in the nearby villages.

Home #1: Adobe House

Adobe House is set above the idyllic pond and the kitchen, living room and bedroom all have a full view of the pond with their large windows. The bedroom has a king size bed and its own bathroom decorated in beautiful blue tile. There is a half bath off the kitchen and a washing machine for your convenience. There is a patio where you can take your meals or just relax. As the name suggests, we built the adobe house with adobe bricks made on the property.

Home #2: Villa Carpintero House

Villa Carpintero is nestled among trees and overlooks the pond. It has a large bedroom with two full sized beds and its own bathroom. The kitchen is fully equipped and it has a kitchen nook that can be used as a second bedroom and there is a second full bathroom off the hallway. There is a covered terrace off the living room which has a table and chairs for relaxing and a view of the pond.

Seasons to Visit: November through March are the best months to visit when the days are warm and sunny and migrating birds are here. April and May are hot and dry; this is the breeding season for resident birds like the sought-after and easily viewed Trogon and Mot-mot. June through October can be hot, humid and rainy with only resident birds seen.

Essentials to Pack: We recommend light weight long pants and long sleeves with bug repellent or body oil to discourage the small biting flies. In the winter a light jacket or sweater is needed mornings and evenings. Sun screen, hat and hiking shoes are also encouraged.

If you are staying in the rental houses, you'll need to go shopping before you arrive. If you are staying in the guest rooms, lunches and alcoholic beverages are not included. You can shop in Puerto Vallarta or in the small villages on the way to the ranch.

Arrival Information: Puerto Vallarta is the most common entry into this part of the central Pacific portion of Mexico. Non-stop flights are available from most major U.S. airports and one-stop connections are available from most major European cities.

Transportation:

It is best to have your own car, and there are many rental companies in Puerto Vallarta. The roads are 2-laned, mostly paved, and in good condition for most vehicles.

Buses run every half an hour from Puerto Vallarta to the nearby village of El Tuito, just 3 km from the ranch. There is taxi service from El Tuito to the ranch or we can usually arrange to pick you up in there with prior notification. We do not offer transportation from the airport in Puerto Vallarta.

Driving Directions:

From Puerto Vallarta, take Highway 200 south about 45 km (1 ½ hours) until you reach the town of El Tuito. You will see a Pemex gas station and OXXO convenience store on your left and a big blue sign on your right that says Playa Yelapa and Playa Mayto. Take that right turn and continue straight along the cobbled streets through El Tuito. At the church veer slightly right and continue on this road as it leaves town. About 3 kilometers past town you will see a white sign on the right that says “Rancho Primavera”. Take that little dirt road onto the ranch. It crosses a shallow creek which is easy enough for most vehicles. Occasionally from June through October heavy down pours can make the creek temporarily impassable and if this occurs we can *usually* arrange to pick you up or you can wait in town until the rains let up. Our property has a locked gate and we will give you the code once you’ve made your reservation.



We hope to see you soon at Rancho Primavera!