Welcome to Casa Descalza!

It is a pleasure to have you stay with us. As good Mexicans, we invite you to feel that "nuestra casa es tu casa". Please read on to learn practical info that will help you during your stay.

About

Descalza is a 2 family retreat house in Mexico's paradise. Your hosts, the Pinedas and the Reynosos, live between the USA & Mexico. It is our desire to have guests feel like family while staying here. We'd like to keep Descalza and Puerto as a secret to be shared mouth to mouth...

In your Room

All essentials are provided for your stay and there is daily cleaning service in the mornings. We recommend keeping doors shut and using the pavilions on the bungalows to prevent mosquitos and other wildlife from entering the room/bed.

Early birds... We keep Nespresso coffee makers in the kitchen, feel free to ask the staff for one if needed.

Salinity and Corrosion...

-If bulbs are going out, or tingling, report any flaws to staff and they will try to fix during your stay!

Air Conditioning

All rooms have thermo-motion sensors. After a guest leaves the room, the A/C will automatically shut down after a few minutes. The only exception to this is at night, as A/C is configured to work non-stop from 10pm to 8am (this means, once it is on, it won't turn off automatically between those hours).

At night, we recommend pushing the "display" button on the A/C remote to turn off the bright numbers displayed on the mini-splits.

Internet

We recently installed a Starlink Antenna. Wifi cards with login info are scattered around the house. It works extremely well in comparison to past service options we had in Puerto, however, we do invite you to disconnect (at least partially) and make the most out of your stay!

Network: CASA DESCALZA Password: costacumanapxm

House Rules

Very minimal... 1) enjoy your stay the most while respecting the staff, house & neighbors. 2) Be prudent in the ocean (never swim alone) 3) Please no fire whatsoever in Cumana! Costa Cumana community is a mix of rental and residential houses. It is a safe and tranquil community that we wish to keep as is for many years to come!

Staff

Brenda, Lucy and Andrea will prepare amazing meals for you and will make you rooms daily. Beto and Toño will prepare drinks, serve your meals, and go to town to do your shopping. Geo, our manager, will take care that your stay is flawless and assist you with reservations & transport.

Our staff will go out of their way to tend your needs and make you smile all the time.

A 123! Quick guide to Casa Descalza

While we're not looking to convert our beach house into a hotel, renting the house to friends has been a way to maintain Descalza and share our love of Puerto to others.

- 1) Travel light. Descalza offers all the amenities you should need, and if not, we can always go shop for you your desired items. Descalza means "barefooted", we think that says a lot!
- 2) Mosquitos. Yes, most likely there will be. We have locally produced mosquito repellant, and we will fumigate the house prior your arrival. If during your stay you need more fumigation, please ask the staff, they will kindly do it.
- 3) Laundry. You can request at your own discretion. We don't offer it as a daily service but staff will be happy to help if needed. However, we should recommend again point "1) pack light".
- 4) Service hours. Our staff hours go from 8am to 10pm, but we kindly ask to request last meal no later than 8:30pm.
- 5) Car/Taxi. Descalza is located around 15 min away from La Punta. Taxi service is available on call service, and we will kindly help you arrange airport transfers. If you decide to rent a car to go out and explore, ask our staff for Cumana's gate entry code. Please, no asking our staff to drive you to town!
- 6) Food. We typically prepare 4 meals a day: breakfast, lunch, hoeurs d'ouvre and dinner. You will receive a menu before arriving to make a selection of meals. All meals are prepared on site by our wonderful staff.
- 7) Drinks. Shopping in Puerto is reduced to Chedraui supermarket and a few winestores around La Punta and we keep a bottle list in the house at market price. If you're very specific about your drinks, we recommend bringing them with you (specially wines!). Guests are free to enjoy any open bottle found in the house. Same as with the kitchen supplies, we ask to "stock" back whatever is consumed from the house's supplies.
- 8) Internet & TV. Sadly, internet works pretty well in Descalza! We have a Starlink antenna installed and wifi password cards scattered around the house. The TV has Sky service and is typically logged in to many streaming services.
- 9) House Instructions. You will find printed instructions in each room and dining table outlining the house's "basic instructions".
- 10) Other: If you feel anything else needs to be addressed, you can always contact us via whatsapp at 4441883767 or mail us at info@casadescalza.com

Enjoy Casa Descalza, Sincerely

The Pineda and Revnoso families!

Drinks at Descalza

Sipping a drink at Descalza is as good as it gets! There are few options in town to shop for alcohol, but variety is still scarce. Our staff can gladly take care of your shopping or show you the addresses where you can buy wines & liquor. For your convenience, we also keep a variety of bottles at hand should you fancy them. Ask our staff for a menu of available bottles.

Beto and Toño are great bartenders (on top of everything else they do). Below are a few ideas of concoctions they know how to fix (feel free to teach them new tricks)

Cocktails

Margaritas Tequila, Orange Liquor, Lime Juice & Sugar blended with lots of Ice

Mojito Rum, Macerated Mint & Sugar and a splash of soda water

Aperol Spritz Sparkling Wine, Aperol, Soda Water with Orange Peel and Ice

Negroni Campari, Red Vermouth & Gin with Orange Peel and Ice

Gin Tonic Gin & Tonic Water over Ice (optional garnish Rosemary, Pepino, Lime)

Mezcal Tonic Mezcal instead of Gine. House favourite

Mimosas Champagne with Orange Juice

Piña Colada Rum, Coconut Cream,

Carajillos Licor 42 Shaken with Coffee & Ice

Bloody Mary Vodka or Mezcal, with tomato Juice and Variety of Sauces (Tabasco, Worcestershire)

Michelada Same as above, but Beer instead of Liquor, with tomato juice as optional

White Russian Vodka and Milk
Old Fashioned Bourbon, Bitters
Sangria House Blend

Purist

Mezcal, Straight Up, with Orange wedges and spicy crickets Tequila, Straight Up or on the rocks Whiskey, Cognac, Variety of *Digestifs*

Easy Fix

Rum and Coke, or Campechano (Campechano is Rum and Soda Water, with a splash of Coke) Whisky and Soda

Vodka and Soda (lime optional)

Paloma, Tequila with Grapefruit soda, or *Vampiro*, same but with a "Sangrita" shot Baptized Coconut (Cococunt with your favorite distilled drink)

Virgin Drinks

"Rusa" Sparkling water with Lime and Ice

Piña Colada Same as above, but available for the younger ones...

Margarita Syrup, Sugar, Lime, and lots of ice

Coconut Fresh from the tree, brought down by the staff and cooled in the fridge

Cigars

A cigar humidor is located in the kitchen, above the glassware. As everything else in the house, you can take and replenish or pay upon departure to staff at \$100 pesos apiece.

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Activities at Descalza

Besides, of course, of plenty of swimming, reading, sunbathing and ocean watching (which comes with many animals sighting like dolphins, rays and whales!) We have a few options in the house to help pass the time. You will find them either on the trays and vases next to the dining table, or in the storage bin next to the outdoor shower.

Yoga

Yoga mats are available in the house, and Geo can hook you up with an instructor if needed

Patio Games

Cornhole boards. Kubb Just for Fun Rackets Petanque

Beach

Volley Ball. Ask the staff for the net and the ball.

We also have buggy boards, kites, balls, and umbrellas that could be placed on the beach if you wish to spend more time in the sand!

House

You will find "stuff" scattered around the house such as books, boards games, binoculars, speakers, toys, etc... Feel free to use all, but please, before leaving, return everything to its place.

TV Room

For those who enjoy watching TV, we have SKY service and TV should be logged in to many apps such as Netflix, Disney and Prime. The TV room could be turned into a kids' room with two beds if you do not wish the kids to stay out in the bungalows by themselves!