



## The Friendliest RV Park in Mexico - La Penita

*RVing in Mexico is becoming increasingly popular and American and Canadian snowbirders are discovering the delights of the tropics in their recreational vehicles.*

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Probably the Friendliest RV Park in Mexico

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“Hey Carole, why the Margarita?” This may well be the friendliest RV Park in Mexico. La Penita RV Park located on the tropical West Coast of Mexico just north of Puerto Vallarta. Carole Thacker, a Canadian who lives half the time on Cortez Island in British Columbia and the other half at the La Penita, can’t make her signature welcome drink quick enough for the hundreds of RV’ers that call this RV Park home for the winter. Like Carole and her husband Grant, many snowbirds come here year after year for the weather, the beaches and warm hospitality.

The Thacker’s have been coming to this RV Park for 11 years. When La Penita’s Mexican owner was going to call it quits three years ago, Carole convinced him to lease it to her instead. “I love this place too much to let it go.”

And there is a lot to love. The town of La Penita is on the Pacific less than an hour drive from Puerto Vallarta and just North across the river from Rincon de Guayabitos. The weather is fantastic and the people lack the pretentious airs found at many resort communities.

The RV Park is situated on a small hill and only a few hundred feet from the water’s edge. It has 110 full hookups as well as lots of tent spots. The resort boasts excellent drinking water at no additional cost and offers all the extras such as pool and hot tub cable or satellite TV. Reasonably priced at \$15 per night, it offers discounts for longer stays. It is open from November 1st to May 1st.

“We are like a family here,” says Carole, “and we welcome newcomers to just join in. People keep coming back year after year because it is so much fun and we socialize a lot. You can enjoy the activities or just sit back and enjoy the sun.” Typically there are picnics, games, pot lucks and other joint activities. Wallyball, bridge, craft clubs. Fishing, boating and water sports are solidly part of the “Penita” experience with boat launching and charter facilities close by.

Carole and Grant are currently have high speed two way satellite internet. They can be reached at [cthacker@oberon.ark.com](mailto:cthacker@oberon.ark.com) for questions or reservations. Ask to be on their email list and get park updates on a regular basis.

“Tell them to ask for their welcome Margarita,” says Carole. “Cold and hard.”  
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About Penita de Jaltemba

Elevation Â± Sea Level

Climate - Tropics

Daily average temperature: January 63, April 72, July 87, October 80

Monthly variation: Hot and humid in the summer

Rainy season: May to October

High Tourist Season Â± Mid December to Mid March

Population Â± 8000

Industry Â± Pineapple production and brick making. Supply town for Rincon

Driving to Penita de Jaltemba

This is an easy drive down through mostly toll highways. The town is located South of Mazatlan and only 40 miles North of Puerto Vallarta.

From Nogales, drive South on Highway 15 to the intersection with Highway 200 at Tepic. Take Highway 200 and drive to KM 91-92.

PeÃ±ita de Jaltemba

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PeÃ±ita de Jaltemba is a small Mexican town nestled on the Pacific Coast just north and across the river from it's flashy twin town Rincon de Guayabitos some 50 KMs North of Puerto Vallarta.

This is vintage Mexican: dusty narrow streets, cement block houses and stores in various state of repair. Various states of paint and color. Kids everywhere, smiling, asking for a dollar. Dogs barking. Cars and trucks with loudspeakers blaring out; advertising various pieces of furniture or food items for sale. Vegetable and fruit stands line the highway with fat melons and pineapple. Hopeful faces waiting for a car to stop.

It is authentic Mexican and not for your average Razza-Matazz tourist. There are no Planet Hollywoods or Senior Frogs. It appeals more to the traveler who wants to experience the real Mexico with taco stands and family restaurants. It is an experience; albeit a small and delicate one. A quiet corner from a busy world.

Traditionally La PeÃ±ita has been a supply town that services the resort communities with building materials and produces and specializes in red brick making and pineapple production. However things are changing for this quiet Mexican hamlet and slowly it is developing into small scale retreat. There are Bed and Breakfasts, a full service RV park and smallhotels.



Like Rincon, La Peñita has long inviting stretches of beach on the Bay of Jaltamba; perfect for long walks and sunning. The surf is great for boogie boarding and bodysurfing and nearby Isla Islote is good for snorkeling and scuba.

The town provides tourist and locals with all their immediate needs; a bank, few supermercados and stores an internet cafe. The Thursday market is an event in itself and rambles for blocks. Locals and snowbirds shop for veggies, fish, clothes, music and tourist items. Large shrimp is sold in plastic bags,

Snowbirds do not visit Peñita de Jaltamba; rather they make this town their winter home.

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