

# SUN & BEACH

Discover the secrets of the coast of Chiapas, México



Chiapas of Heart

The category of Sanctuary was given to Puerto Arista beach on October 29, 1986.



## PUERTO ARISTA (TONALÁ)

Doubtlessly, Puerto Arista is the most beautiful beach of Chiapas, not only for being the high waves its most typical feature but for having kilometers and kilometers of quite fine sand, palm trees and coastal vegetation.

This paradise of the sun is the ideal beach for having fun, adventure and relaxing moments, which are defined together with marvelous sunsets and delicious traditional seafood gastronomy, such as tostada turula (shrimp salad on fried tortilla), pigua en caldo (soup of prawn), pescado envuelto en hoja de hierba santa (fish wrapped in root beer plant leaves) and sweets prepared with endemic fruits. These delightful dishes can be tasted in more than 62 restaurants, which have a warmth service and the peculiar courtesy of the inhabitants of this region; and besides, hotels and cabins prices are affordable for all budgets.



The species to protect in this camp are the olive ridley sea turtle, green sea turtle, leatherback sea turtle and hawksbill sea turtle.

Campamento Tortuguero

## EL MADRESAL ECOTOURISM CENTER (TONALÁ)

It is a sustainable ecotourism center that uses renewable energies for its services, and which coordinates its activities on a quality management system allowing to assure the complete satisfaction of the visitors, as well as the preservation of the wetlands, which are of great importance in the ecosystem of Chiapas coastal border; in this manner, it assists domestic and international tourists that enjoy green tourism. For these reasons, this center has the "Distinctive M" (Modernize), which is given to those tourist enterprises that fulfill the highest quality standards.

El Madresal is located at 45 Km from Tonalá, taking the deviation to Cabeza de Toro on the Tonalá - Puerto Arista highway, where there is a traffic sign that leads to the town called Ponte Duro (also known as Manuel Ávila Camacho) in which it is found, in one of the first streets to the right, the access to the pier, whose boats take you through the estuary to finally arrive at the tourist center.

## CAMPAMENTO TORTUGUERO (TONALÁ)

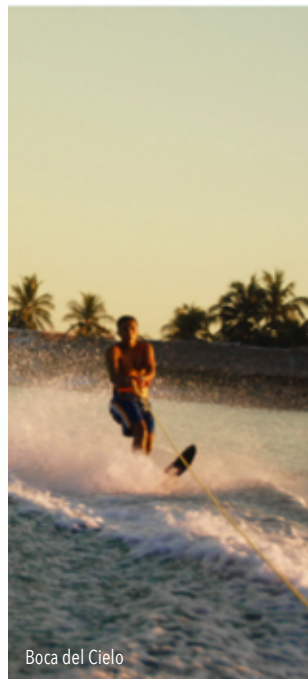
Sanctuary of the olive ridley sea turtle

This camp, in coordination with the CONANP (National Commission of Protected Natural Areas) staff, organizes nocturnal tours on the arrival of the sea turtle, which is from July to October, to raise tourists' awareness. It is also possible to free turtles on the beach from July to December.

\*It is located at 20 kilometers from Tonalá, on the Tonalá-Puerto Arista coast highway.



El Madresal



Boca del Cielo



## REFUGIO DEL SOL / BEACH CLUB & HOTEL (PIJIJAPAN) ▶

Refugio del Sol is a leisure and relaxing place located at one of the most beautiful biospheres of Chiapas, "La Encrucijada", which offers incredible scenarios. In this place, the Chocohuital estuary is at your mercy giving you the opportunity to see the extraordinary Pacific sunsets while enjoying the food & drink service of the beach club and Las Brisas restaurant. Likewise, this hotel offers comfortable facilities in which you will find peace and serenity.

\*It is located at 20 Km from Pijijiapan.

## BOCA DEL CIELO (TONALÁ)

The ideal place to practice water sports

It is named after the fusion of the colors of the water and the ones of the sunset and sunrise, which resembles to the entrance to heaven. In this beach, you can enjoy the Pacific ocean tides on one side, and calm waters on the other; when both join, it is formed an islet called Barra de San Marcos where huts and palapas are set up as restaurants.

\*It is located at 38 Km from Tonalá

## PLAYA DEL SOL (TONALÁ)

The ideal place to taste the fish and seafood dishes. Located at the fine sand beaches of Puerto Arista, Playa del Sol is the perfect place to practice beach sports.



It offers a wide range of restaurants in the style of palapas with swimming and paddling pools, besides accommodation.

\*It is located at 19 Km from Tonalá.

## CHOCOHUITAL (PIJIJAPAN)

It is an open sea beach on one side, and an estuary full of mangroves on the other, where you can practice beach sports activities.

In this place, it is found the "Lancheros de Chocohuital" society - a boatmen community that provides tours around the estuary where you can watch waterbirds, shorebirds, crocodiles, caimans and endemic flora, such as the red mangrove and the chocohuite (turpentine) tree.

\*It is located at 20 Km from Pijijiapan

## BAHÍA DE PAREDÓN (TONALÁ)

This bay is part of the Mar Muerto shore, which has no sand beach due to the swell. It is also a fishing town and a supply center of sea-products; and besides, it is the perfect place to practice aquatic sports and to taste seafood dishes with the flavor of the coast.

\*It is located at 14 Km from Tonalá.

## PLAYA AZUL (PIJJIAPAN)

This sublime beach, which is sort of a balneario because it offers amenities such as boat rides around the estuary and a great variety of aquatic sports, can be visited anytime of the year.

\*It is located at 20 Km from Pijijiapan.



## "EL CAIMÁN", PUERTO ARISTA (TONALÁ) ▶

This place is an UMA, a wildlife breeding, environmental education, preservation, reproduction, rescue and reintroduction center that works with caimans, crocodiles, turtles, iguanas and other animal species of Chiapas.

Preservation and protection of crocodiles in which it is possible to watch specimens of different sizes and ages in their habitat.

## LA CEIBA EL MANGUITO (TONALÁ)

A relaxing natural oasis.

This heavenly beach has become the favorite place for those who love the sun and the sea life. It has a beautiful landscape full of mystery because its water and low salinity has created a perfect refuge for several marine species. It is also a space of adventure to practice activities like swimming, sport fishing and boat rides around the Majagual, Las Ánimas and El Remolino estuaries, and besides it offers a wide variety of delicious seafood dishes in the palapa-like restaurant.

\*It is located at 54 Km from Tonalá

## MAR MUERTO (ARRIAGA)

This lagoon is rich in shrimp and mullet production, though it is also known for providing other species as horse mackerel, catfish, crab, mojarra, elephantfish, sea bass and salmo.

At the lagoon of Mar Muerto, which is closed by the Cachimbo sandbank, there are found lots of fisheries, such as La Gloria, Santa Brígida, Punta Flor, La Línea and Paredón, which is the biggest among them. Though, one of the few beaches that end up in the calm waters of this lagoon is in Santa Brígida.





El Caiman



Artesanos Bahías del Mar

## LA ENCRUCIJADA ECOTOURISM NETWORK

A wonderful sight

La Encrucijada is one of the most beautiful reserves in Chiapas. It is located in the coastal Pacific border, which includes the municipalities of Mazatán, Huixtla, Villa Comaltitlán, Acapetahua, Mapastepec and Pijijiapan.



La Encrucijada

## ARTESANOS BAHÍAS DEL MAR (ACAPETAHUA)

It is a community in which the main activity is the deep-sea fishing and the production of handicrafts made of regional materials (carved coconut, alligator and turtle figures, jars, bracelets, necklaces, coconut soaps and lotions). Also, it has become a sun and beach paradise for those lovers of the sea who enjoy days full of adventure and amusement, and an agreeable and exuberant tropical vegetation.

Visiting mangroves - Birdwatching - Freeing turtles

## EL BALLENATO (ACAPETAHUA)

This paradise for the adventure provides the opportunity to watch, from its bird observatory, the diversity of species living in this region (agami heron, bare-throated tiger heron, woodpecker, kingfisher, bicolor wren, white-winged duck, among others). It also has a restaurant in which visitors can taste the regional and delicious gastronomy of the coast of Chiapas.

Enjoy days of adventure at the extraordinary beach, where you can practice a diversity of aquatic activities:

Sport fishing - Kayaking - Boat riding - Tours to the estuary and Chanchuto Lagoon  
- Visits to La Palma fishing community



San Carlos

## ◀ SAN CARLOS (ACAPETAHUA)

The perfect alternative for visiting beaches, having tours around the highest mangroves of the American Pacific and watching a great variety of birds, mammals and reptiles. The inhabitants of this place offer, besides a large diversity of flora and fauna, their cultural richness: stories, legends, gastronomy, customs and traditions, patronal feasts and much more.

Observation of flora and fauna - Nature Interpretation Tours - Birdwatching - Alligator watching - Mangrove Tours - Sport fishing

## LAS CONCHITAS (ACAPETAHUA)

It is the perfect place to enjoy nature all year long and to taste the delicious seafood menu of the region offered by restaurants. In this place, you can also experience the tour around Chantuto-Panzacola Lagoon System, which is formed mainly by five lagoons: Chantuto, Campón, Teculapa, Cerritos and Panzacola.

Have a tour around the Chantuto Lagoon System heading to the nest

## BARRA ZACAPULCO (ACAPETAHUA)

It is well-known mainly for having great extensions of estuaries full of mangroves and the open sea, besides for being located at La Encrucijada Biosphere Reserve in which visitors can come at any time of the year. In this reserve, mangroves can reach more than 35 meters high being considered the highest mangroves of the Mexican Pacific.



Costa Verde

## ▲ COSTA VERDE (MAPASTEPEC)

This tourist center is located in the middle of La Encrucijada Biosphere Reserve, which allows you to have tours around mangroves (the highest in the American Pacific), lagoons and estuaries (as El Aguaje and El Silencio). This is your opportunity to watch birds, alligators, reptiles, among other species, that live in this beautiful place.

\*It is located at 26 Km from Mapastepec





HIGHWAY TO:  
SALINA CRUZ  
HUATULCO  
ACAPULCO

Santa Brígida  
Isla de los Pájaros  
La Gloria  
Punta Flor  
Paredón

Puerto Arista  
Sex Turtle Sanctuary  
Puerto Arista beaches

Iglesia Vieja A. S.  
Tonalá  
Sierra Morena

Cabeza de Toro  
Playa del Sol  
Boca del Cielo

El Madresal  
Refugio del Sol  
Costa Azul  
Chochohuitl

Miramar  
(Playa Grande)  
El Palmarcito  
El Castaño

Barra Zacapulco  
La Lupe  
El Ballenato  
La Palma

Barra San José  
Tapachula de Córdova y Ordóñez

Barra San Simón  
San Benito  
Playa Linda

Marina Chiapas (navy)  
Laguna Pozuelos (lagoon)  
El Gancho

puerto  
chiapas

PACIFIC OCEAN

Teopisca  
Amatenango

Rio Grijalva  
Handicraft Touristic Market  
Venustiano Carranza

El Chiflón Falls  
Tenam Punte A. S.  
La Angostura River  
(Dr. Belisario Domínguez)

La Concordia  
Maria Auxiliadora  
Puerta a la Montaña  
Juan Sabines Dam  
(El Porfillo II or Cuxtepeques)

El Triunfo  
Biosphere Reserve  
Nueva Costa Rica

Frontera Comalapa

Matzintla  
de Mendoza

Costa Verde  
Acometahua

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