

HIDDEN BEACH RESORT – TRIP REPORT 2011

We arrived in Mexico Saturday morning and Lomas tours had a representative waiting at the airport with a big banner with our names on it. We rode to the resort in a beautiful Escalade. The trip was about 1hr & 20 minutes but all straight highway and not bad at all. If arranging for your ground transport we highly recommend Lomas Travel.

Check in at Hidden Beach was amazing. We were greeted at the reception desk by a very friendly lady named *Copeli and Oscar* who is the head Concierge. We were brought 2 beautiful and tasty drinks which we later found out were the drinks of the day. This was followed by a tray of tasty appetizers. While Gus filled out the check-in paper work I was offered a chair massage to relax and begin our fabulous vacation at Hidden Beach. From the moment you arrive at the lobby you realize you are in a special place. The aromas, the ambiance and the employees of the whole resort are something that we will not soon forget.



Our luggage was whisked away to our room and we proceeded to get something to eat at La Vista the pool side restaurant. The first thing you come to realize is that everyone is just so accommodating and hospitable. The wait staffs *Porfirio, Jesus and Alex* were great. Sometimes I think they knew what we wanted before we did. We usually arrived after breakfast was closed but never once were told we were too late. Everyone bends over backward to see that your every need is fulfilled. The poolside restaurant has indoor seating and an outdoor area surround by the lazy river that stretches from one end of the resort to the other and is joined in the middle by the pool and C'EST LA VIE pool bar. The Resort itself is adults only but does allow both singles and couples. It's clothing optional although guest usually dress for dinner & theme nights. It has 42 beachfront suites; 6 Dome suites on the top floor that have soaring ceilings in the shape of a brick domes, 18 ocean front suites and 18 swim up suites.



On arriving at our 1st floor swim up suite we realized we were not in Kansas anymore 😊 again the aromas that encompass the entire resort are something you will not soon forget. The room itself was spacious, modern and more than we had ever hoped for. Here is just a sample of things that caught our immediate attention:

- Large beautiful bed with probably about 6 pillows and a custom pillow menu with 9 different types.
- Large 42" flat screen LCD TV.
- Large Jacuzzi bathtub by the door leading out to the pool.
- Double sink vanity.
- Frosted glass door to restroom area with motion sensor lighting.
- In-room fully stocked fridge with fully stocked bar right above in cabinet. (your choice of liquor)
- Large closet area with a safe and automatic lighting when sliding doors open.
- Welcome bottle of champagne & 2 Plush bath robes



While we were checking out our chairs out on the pool front patio, *Tadeo* and *Lidia* the on staff entertainers came over to see if we need a drink from the bar..... Of course we did. We then proceeded to the pool bar and meet *Esperanza*. She has been there for 15 years and is in charge of getting everyone whatever they need to drink or eat while you are at the pool, your pool front patio or the beach front palapas. She is amazing and a sweetheart. The bartenders *Manuel*, *Carlos* and *David* made us special drinks every day and each one was amazing.



Hidden Beach Resort is a 42 room paradise, small enough that everyone knows you by name; they know exactly what you drink and how you like it. It's like a party for a week with just your closest friends. Of course having a 200+ room resort next door with five different 5 star restaurants does not hurt either 😊 We had printed out all the menus ahead of time and knew exactly where and when we were going to visit next door for lunch and dinner. None of the restaurants require reservations so you just show up and usually there is no wait. 24 hour room service is also a nice touch.

Mia Casa seems to be the most popular but even then the wait flew by while waiting at the tequila bar. Having complete access to the resort next door seemed to us like when we stay somewhere else and make day/night trips off property to a restaurant or bar with friends. We enjoyed the access and took full advantage of it. [\(Click for Menu\)](#)



The Sandwicherie offers open air seating which makes for an amazing setting to eat your lunch or just sit and have some drinks. [Click for Menu](#)



Vida Garden Grill also offers an open air outside feel but you sit behind glass walls in the air conditioning completely surrounded by the lush tropical forest. You also have to check out their Margarita menu.

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Klay Talay is located on the 2nd floor by the ocean and offers Vietnamese / Asian dishes and has an outdoor bar with authentic Japanese beers and sake and beautiful views of the ocean.

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Arrecifes is located on the 1st floor below Klay Talay and offers A La Carte or buffet style breakfast, lunch and dinner.

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La Carreta is located behind El Dorados main lobby area and behind Mia Casa. The most impressive part is the 30+ tequila bar and the authentic décor. We didn't have time to taste the food at La Carreta.

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Last but not least is **Guacamayas Lounge** / beach bar which is great to sit around the bar on the hanging swings and just enjoy the afternoon or evening breeze with your favorite drink



We returned every night to HBR for the entertainment and shows offered at the resort till about 12am. This was usually followed by open D.J. music and dancing. The shows were amazing ranging from Mariachis to Flamenco dancers and even a live ban on several days. One of the most interesting aspects of The Moon Light Bar “VIDA LOCA” is that this entertainment venue is beach front in a gigantic palapa so the wind from the ocean just blows thru. It has a bar, D.J. booth, entertainment stage, several sofas and pool tables, enough room for tables to be set up for dinner for everyone at the resort and a Jacuzzi large enough for the whole resort. All this inside the beach front palapa! So you can eat dinner, have a drink, dance or just watch the entertainment from the Jacuzzi.



If you preferred to stay at Hidden Beach for dinner and not venture over to the Dark Side as El Dorado is affectionately referred to. Dinners were prepared nightly and the venue changed from La Vista the pool side restaurant, to the Moon Light Bar “VIDA LOCA” Palapa or weather permitting, outside dining under the stars.

Every night there was also different theme night and most guests participated. As at other resorts there were prizes for the best outfits but what was different was that the prizes came in form of \$100, \$50 and \$25 resort certificates. You can see how a little participation will soon earn you a nice massage at the spa ☺



James and Champagne the owners of Castaways Travel were there during our stay and participated in all theme nights along with the guest. Hands down the nicest most down to earth people you can ever meet but they take their clients’ needs very seriously. We highly recommend you let them handle all your travel needs.

New Naay Spa

The spa is a modern and the most complete spa and wellness center in the Caribbean. It offers exclusive personalized services varying from Jacuzzi, saunas, vapor baths that will stimulate and put you in a haven of tranquility and pleasure. It also offers beauty treatment and a fully equipped gym. We were given a complete tour and James and Gus actually ended up falling asleep in one of their relaxation rooms



CONCLUSION

Hidden beach offers you everything you expect to get at a large, luxury resort. It's an all-inclusive including luxury suite, all meals and snacks, all bar drinks including beer, wine, mixed drinks and liquors, hotel taxes, restaurant on site, service charges, tips, swimming pools, two hot tubs plus an activities palapa, WiFi throughout the resort, entertainment nightly, services of a Concierge staff 24/7 and 24 hour room service plus full use of all facilities and five more restaurants next door at El Dorado sea side suites.

However the resort has the personal touch and attention that only a 42 room resort can give you. The staff is wonderful, the accommodations are up to date and the resort is always being improved. Is it as wild and crazy as Hedonism II? No but it's a nice compromise between Luxury and Craziness. If you go in a group, because of the small size it's easy to control the whole mood of the resort. If you go alone expect it to be more on the mild side. We look forward to continue to visit this hidden paradise for years to come, to meet new friends and revisit the ones that we have made there.



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