

P.A. Condos - Vacation Rentals in Puerto Aventuras

Section Six - Mexican Culture

When in Mexico relax, kick back, enjoy the sun, have a beer; things move at a slower pace and the culture and the way of thinking is much different from that of the United States. Things do not always move like clockwork and that contributes greatly to Mexico's charm.

Remember that the sayings, 'what will be will be' and 'if God wills it' are very much ingrained into the culture and lifestyle of the Mexican people. The majority of the people are good, hard-working people. Their native language is Spanish or Mayan and the average worker has a 6th grade education so please be patient, they do not enjoy our level of education and they do not always understand American logic. By the same token most all of them will do their best to understand and help you.

Here are a few tips to help- Firstly, when you are in a restaurant do not despair if you have finished your dinner and the waiter does not bring you the bill. In Mexico it is customary to linger over coffee and is therefore considered rude to bring the bill before the patron has asked for it.

- Hello: Hola OR Bwen - oz - diaz
- Please: Por Favor OR Por - Faa - vore
- Thank You: Gracias OR Grassy - as
- Taxi: Taxi
- Restroom: Baño OR Baan - Yo

Tipping- The majority of the local people earn wages that are very low by American standards and therefore the supplemental income they earn in tips is very important. In Mexico, it is customary to tip the gas attendant, the maid, the bellhop, taxi driver, grocery bagger, the waiter and the parking attendant. Below you will find some guidelines for tipping (if and when the service is either good or the person is trying to be helpful).

- Waiter: 15%
- Bell Hop: \$1-5 U.S. depending upon the number of bags
- Taxi Driver: \$1 U.S. or \$10 Pesos
- Maid Service: if you enjoy good maid service then \$10-15 U.S. per
- bedroom per condo per week is appropriate and appreciated.
- Grocery Bagger and Carrier: 5 pesos or 10 pesos (50 cents to \$1)
- Gas Station Attendant: 5 pesos or 10 pesos (50 cents to \$1)
- Parking Lot Attendant: he keeps an eye on the cars and will help direct you out of your parking space. An appropriate tip is 2-5 pesos.