



Villas Sirenas News

Project Update

We are happy to report that construction at Villas Sirenas is progressing well. Currently, concrete is being poured for the fourth floor of Building A, as seen in the photo below.

The model in Building A is almost complete and getting ready for its grand opening. Details on the wall finishes look beautiful, the travertine flooring is gorgeous, and authentic brick cupolas are adding Mexican charm to the units.

The great views of the Tetakawi mountain peaks, sunrises and sunsets still remain spectacular. We continue to be supervised by the pelicans and dolphins cruising our front yard, the Sea of Cortez.

Be sure to check out our newly constructed website full of great features such as current photos, facts about San Carlos, floor plans, and investment information.

You can find our website at:

www.VillasSirenas.com



Left: Concrete being poured for the fourth floor of Building A.



Above: Radiant sunset overlooking the Tetakawi Mountain peaks



Right: 2nd floor terrace view looking southeast

San Carlos Fast Facts

- Water quality meets U.S. health standards; source from three deep water wells in San Carlos
- Sport fishing in San Carlos is ranked #2 in the world with over 800 varieties of fish
- The Sea of Cortez is home to more than 3,000 species of maritime life
- The San Carlos Marina is ranked #1 in Latin America
- San Carlos is highly regarded for kayaking, sailing, snorkeling and wind surfing
- 70% of San Carlos residents are U.S. citizens or Canadian
- San Carlos is only 250 miles from the Arizona border

(Source: www.go2sancarlos.com)

This Issue's Spanish lesson

Some words and phrases you might use on your next trip to San Carlos!

Greetings

Buenos días (bwānos DEE-ahs)
 Hola (OH-la)
 ¿Cómo está? (komo estAH)
 Adios (ah-dee-OHS)
 Gracias (GRAH-see-ahs)

Good morning
 Hello
 How are you?
 Goodbye
 Thank you

Dining

Café (kah-FAY)
 Café descafeinado
 (kah-FAY des-kah-fay-NAH-doh)
 Coyota (koh-YO-tah)

Coffee
 Decaffeinated coffee
 Sweet Mexican pastry

Mardi Gras in Mexico - Carnaval

Carnaval is an official Mexican holiday that kicks off a five-day celebration of the libido before the Catholic Lent begins on Ash Wednesday. Beginning the weekend before Lent, Carnaval is celebrated exuberantly with parades, floats, costumes, music and dancing in the streets. Carnaval is equivalent to Mardi Gras in New Orleans. This year's celebration is February 23-28, 2006.

The festival of Carnaval is celebrated as a last indulgence of carnal pleasures that Catholics must give up for 40 days of fasting during Lent, from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. In fact, the word Carnaval is derived from Latin, meaning *take away or goodbye to flesh*, and strict Catholics will give up meat eating during Lent.

Carnaval is officially celebrated for 5 days, leading up to Ash Wednesday, with the most vigorous celebration taking place over the one weekend in Mexico. During Carnaval, everyone participates in the many events and activities that make up the celebration. Wherever Carnaval is celebrated the whole town parties during the day and into the night, dressed in their masquerade outfits, enjoying food and drink and liquor. People of all ages throw and break *cascarones*, confetti filled eggshells, over each other. There are many booths that offer food, drinks, snacks and games and crafts of every type. Music of all sorts is played non-stop, by live bands, DJs or the boom box.

By the time Fat Tuesday rolls around, many people have to get back to work, and just about everyone has had their fill of revelry and indulgence, ready to accept the disciplines of Lent.

(Source: www.mexonline.com)

Getting to Know... Las Barajitas

Only 12 miles north of San Carlos is one of the world's most magical and isolated places, ideal for exploring and adventure!

Las Barajitas is a rugged and untamed area, home to three diverse and rare ecosystems that can only be reached by boat. Many Sonoran Desert species of flora and fauna are found in their natural state in this wild, untouched canyon bordering on the Sea of Cortez.

Considered a "sacred place" by the Cun Caac (Serí) Indians, Las Barajitas is a paradise for nature lovers and adventurers alike.

Las Barajitas is serviced by a eco-tourism organization with offices in San Carlos. Visitors are taken to the marina where they board a boat that takes them to Las Barajitas Canyon.

Near Las Barajitas, visitors can enjoy kayaking, sailing, scuba diving, snorkeling, boat and sea-shore fishing. They can also explore caves and visit San Pedro Nolasco Island, a sanctuary for sea lions. There are miles of trails to hike, both guided and unguided, to study the bird, plant and animal life of this unique ecosystem.

There is an observatory for astronomy observations.

Scuba divers are delighted with two sunken vessels, the ferry G.D.O. & the tuna boat Albatun, in the bay in front of Las Barajitas, forming an artificial reef to dive on.

Las Barajitas is 2,000 acres of desert and canyon and 2,200 yards of shoreline on the Sea of Cortez where three distinct ecosystems merge creating a fascinating wonderland that will surprise and delight you.

(Source: www.go2sancarlos.com)

