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Vallarta Home Tours Earn International Friendship Club 5 Stars!

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“All of it Sí, sí, sí!!! Wonderful!” is one visitor’s 5 Star Trip Advisor comment about the International Friendship Club’s (IFC) tours of spectacular homes and villas in and around Puerto Vallarta. “Fabulous. Must Do in PV” is another. Trip Advisor ranks IFC Home Tours in the TOP 10% tours in Puerto Vallarta and IFC Tours regularly earn Trip Advisor’s coveted Certificate of Excellence.

Imagine yourself wandering through and photographing one-of-a-kind homes and villas, often on mountainsides or in lush tropical landscaping. One Trip Advisor reviewer said, “Such a unique way to see private homes that we wouldn’t see otherwise. Beautiful homes with beautiful views!! I highly recommend this tour!!! The tour guides were so awesome!! Friendly, funny, accommodating knowledgeable and really passionate about their “job” as volunteers! So impressed with this entire tour. Best bang for your buck AND your dollar(s) go(es) to a great cause. Bravo to everyone at IFC.”

Enjoy a discounted breakfast at Sea Monkey, the tour meeting point, located in front of Condos Villa Vista del Sol, Calle Aquiles Serdán and the south end of the Malecón, before embarking on an air-conditioned bus to walk, view and photograph 3-4 grand homes. Tours leave at 10:30 AM sharp every Tuesday and Wednesday morning, returning around 1 PM. Pre-registration is required, no walk-ins. Check in is between 9-10:15 AM. Good mobility is needed. \$800 pesos. To register, go to ifcvallarta.org and click on the Home Tours button.

Your Home Tour ticket payment is used to fund upwards of 20 local charities supported by the IFC. The charities include ALAS (Wings, School of Song) and IAMPV (Instituto de Artes Musicales). ALAS provides a safe space for children and young people, where they can take refuge in music and dance. Participants learn singing, vocalization, dance, body expression, musical theatre, rhythm, coordination, cooperation and teamwork. Those students who are able pay for their classes, and those of limited means receive scholarships supported by your home tour ticket.

The Salty Paw Jazz Orchestra is the youth orchestra of IAMPV. Early bird tickets are now available for the March 5 IFC/IAMPV Joint Benefit Concert at 4 pm at lovely Oscar’s Restaurant on Rio Cuale Island. The lively event features the Salty Paw Jazz Orchestra, appetizers, a 50/50 raffle, a complementary beverage as well as a cash bar, all for only \$1000 pesos until February 20 (\$1200 pesos thereafter). Seating is limited, so get your tickets now by clicking on the event on the IFC website calendar: ifcvallarta.org.

The IFC offers *muchas actividades*: social, educational, recreational, which support the Clubhouse so we can support charities. These include Monday night movies, a Sunday expressive movement class, Wednesday and Saturday yoga and meditation, T-TH Spanish classes (4 levels), bridge classes and social bridge, bingo, happy hours, Friday evening Dine Arouns, Friday history lectures, and more. Check out the IFC website calendar and click on an event for the details: **ifcvallarta.org**

Finally, be sure to get your Dia de la Amistad/Valentine's Day 50/50 raffle tickets. Half of ticket sales go to IFC charities. 1st prize wins 25% of ticket sales, 2nd prize wins 15% and 3rd prize wins 10%. Tickets are on sale at **ifcvallarta.org**