

Acapulco

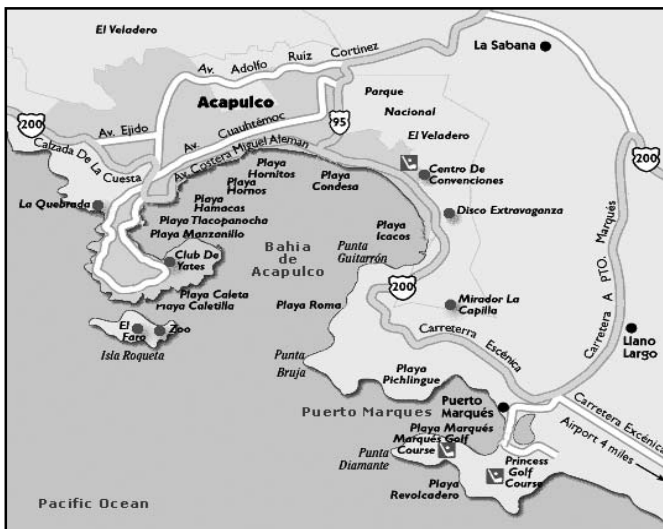
A Romantic Holiday All Year

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OUR ACAPULCO TRIP began with our check-in at the *Fairmont Pierre Marques*. We were welcomed at the reception with a Mango Daiquiri (which was heaven sent!). Our check-in was at 3pm, so while we waited, we made our way over to the amazing buffet which had a wonderful selection of grilled meats, fish, chicken, fresh salads and many hot plates—not to mention the endless desserts. After the delicious lunch, we headed to the kids play area where there was a park with a variety of games children could play. They enjoyed the slides, swings, electric battery operated jeeps, tricycles, and daring high speed swings. There were also ceramics the children could paint, glitter for paper projects, bubbles for blowing, a kiddy pool, and tons of grass for running around. The staff at the Fairmont Pierre was extremely helpful, careful and very nice to the children. Whenever we wandered over to the kids area there were at least 6 girls supervising children. We couldn't have been more relaxed.

During this long-weekend vacation, our mornings would start with a stroll on the beach, followed by breakfast. We would reserve our lounge chairs and towels for later. There were so many things to do we were constantly busy; swimming at the pool or in the ocean, playing at the hotel or in the sand, and walking on the beach (which was about 100 feet away from our hotel room).

Besides the wonderful things that the hotel offers we decided to venture out to check out the local shopping.



View from the *Fairmont Pierre Marques* (close to the airport check out www.fairmont.com for rates & specials)

There were neighborhood *mercados* (on the right side of the hotel) a 5 minute walk away. To the left of the hotel - about a 10 minute walk on the beach - vendors would approach us showing the beautiful *artesanias* made by these *Guerreresenses*.

If all that wasn't enough, there were also sea-doos for rent, horses to ride, relaxing massages on the beach for \$250 or instead of laying out by the many pools available you could lounge on the sand and have waiters serving you all day long. Acapulco is truly a romantic paradise.

We highly recommend this hotel for families with children or couples without children. There are also other places like *Las Brisas* which is more geared for just romantic couples, like honeymooners. *Fairmont Pierre Marques* is a great choice for families or couples. I would love to go back again just with my man, maybe another honeymoon!

How to get there:

From Monterrey, Acapulco is not within in driving distance and a bus ride would probably be unbearable. We recommend getting on a *VivaAerobus* flight. It will cost you about \$100usd off-peak and take you about 2 hours. This is a must-see place while you are here in Mexico, don't miss out!

To plan your trip visit:

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