



Welcome again to our annual *Elite Traveler Hotels/Resorts/Spas* yearbook. This year we have added even more hotels and resorts to our collection of top property profiles. Better still, we've added even more destinations: From superb accommodations in growing and glitzy Atlantic City, to the peaceful Texas Hill Country, to "hot island of the moment" St. Lucia, to South America's counter-season hotspot Punta del Este, to new European choices, to once-in-a-lifetime African escapes and everywhere in between. Of course, in addition to insider information on these fantastic resorts, you'll see more unforgettable photography to help you make your elite vacation dreams a stunning reality. We invite you to peruse the world's finest accommodations in these pages and let them tempt your imagination.

Enjoy!

Mike Espindle
Managing Editor



GRAND VELAS ALL SUITES & SPA RESORT

Grand Velas All Suites & Spa Resort is a sophisticated, luxurious all-inclusive resort that has been awarded the AAA Five Diamond Award for its exceptional service. This exquisite new oceanfront resort is located in Nuevo Vallarta along the Bay of Banderas, one of the top destinations on Mexico's Pacific coast. Only 15 minutes from Puerto Vallarta International Airport, Grand Velas features 267 Ocean View Suites, all with private balcony or terrace and decorated in elegant contemporary style that redefine the standards for luxury in grand all-inclusive lodging.

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TOP SUITE: GRAND VELAS PRESIDENTIAL SPA SUITE

Square footage: 3,285

Nightly rate: \$10,000 (one to four people)

Number of rooms in suite: Two

Number of entrances to suite: One

Number of baths: Three, two with Jacuzzis

Suite style: Mexican Contemporary

Key selling points: The Grand Velas Presidential Spa Suite offers an impressive range of amenities, including two living rooms, a dining room, bar, wine cellar, personal service staff (butler, maid and bartender), massage table, an outdoor Jacuzzi, one 50-minute massage and one round of golf per person per night. A spa butler is on-call.

Number of suites in hotel: 267

SPA SERVICES

Grand Velas Spa: The 16,500-square-foot spa provides personalized service that distinguishes Grand Velas from other spa getaways. Grand Velas Spa offers spa experiences such as Nirvana therapies, massage, exfoliation, body wraps and facials. Discover all the amenities, including:

- Luxurious hydrotherapy area
- Separate facilities for men and women
- A menu of more than 100 spa treatments

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RESTAURANTS

In addition to **Azul International Restaurant**, Grand Velas features three gourmet dining restaurants: **Frida** offers Mexican cuisine, **Lucca** serves Italian Mediterranean selec-

tions and **Piaf** offers traditional French cuisine. Selva del Mar snack bar, Aqua Bar, Lobby Bar, and 24-hour in-suite dining gives guests non-stop, palate-teasing options day or night.

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SPECIAL SERVICES

- 24-hour concierge service
- Wireless Internet access
- World-class convention center

