

## Perfect Artist Winter Getaway Location.

I have had the opportunity to spend 3 months this winter in Puerto Vallarta. The art community here is vibrant and very active with winter getaway artists.

I prepped my masonite boards, lugged my paints and easel to our Airbnb apartment in Old Town where there is a real Mexican vibe. I setup my studio and began my journey with a 3-day course with Donna Dickson, a week of photography and then started painting my heart out. This year, as we further explored the culture, neighborhoods and surrounding areas, I decided to dedicate my focus on a collection I have called "Daily Life in PV". I painted non-stop for about 8 weeks, creating what I feel reflects what you would see in and around PV every day.

Puerto Vallarta has a wonderful balance of restaurants, cafes, and bars all within a small town community. Cool mornings and evenings are great for power walks along the Malecon. And there are many café locations for coffee lovers. It's relatively quiet in January, with more hustle and bustle in February and March, and slows down in April as the snowbirds return home.

For art lovers, there is an Art Walk every Wednesday on the South side and every other Friday on the North side of town. The galleries display new work from local artists and a glass of wine is offered at each location. Makes for a fun night of socializing and exploring the neighborhoods. There are many options for art classes at ART VallARTa. They offer ceramics, drawing, painting and cooking classes. Perfect for trying something new. Last year I really enjoyed their weekly art classes.

The Puerto Vallarta Plein Air Painters Facebook group is very active here and adventurous. They meet weekly in different locations around Puerto Vallarta: a great group of artists to connect and paint with while visiting. It's so easy to get around to surrounding locations using local buses and taxis. No car needed!

Last but not least, the weather is beautiful everyday ... So what more can you ask for? If you are looking for a getaway or a change of scenery in the winter months, I would highly recommend Puerto Vallarta!

Additional painting from the trip can be see on my website: [JKMorinDesigns.com](http://JKMorinDesigns.com)