

COASTAL LIVING

**FRESH
PAINT
IDEAS**
for every
room!

**HAVE FUN WITH
COLOR!**

The best ways to brighten
your home and your life

**PERFECT
SEAFOOD
PASTA
DISHES**

**THE ULTIMATE
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COTTAGE**

**Mexico's amazing
waterfront villas!**

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The colorful
coast of
Key Biscayne, FL



hues & views

IN MEXICO

Experience the vibrancy of the Pacific Coast at two resorts where brightly painted villas and verdant surroundings combine for an unforgettable getaway
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Large villas called "castles" at Costa Careyes resort (this one is Sol de Oriente) seem to float like islands in the center of wraparound pools.



This vivid pink cottage is one of Costa Carey's three bungalows overlooking the ocean (scan the surf for whales!), just steps from the soft Playa Rosa sand.



“ALL VILLAS MUST BE
PAINTED IN COLOR—
NO EXTERIORS IN
WHITE. EACH ONE IS A
WORK OF ART TO ME,
A TOTAL PASSION AND
COMMITMENT”

—OWNER GIAN FRANCO BRIGNONE

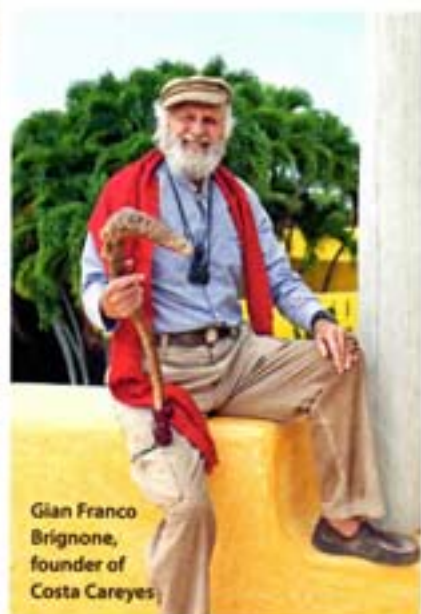
Costa Careyes boasts five
on-site restaurants; at
bright Punto Como, dine
on hand-tossed pizzas
and feel the breeze.



This bright blue villa is named *Nido de Amor*, Spanish for "Love Nest".

Mexican modernism

blends with Mediterranean flair at Costa Careyes, founded in 1968 by Gian Franco Brignone (below). One of his signatures: *cuccia del cane*, or plush day beds that face the water. "We have an international vibe mixed with the wonderful traditions and joys of life in Mexico," Gian says. "It's private and peaceful here."



Gian Franco Brignone, founder of Costa Careyes

COSTA CAREYES

Tropical hues of blue, yellow, and pink dot the rugged waterfront terrain at Costa Careyes resort. The kaleidoscope of cliffside villas, casitas, and even castles stands high above the water, artfully arranged on seven miles of shoreline. Villa Nido de Amor (pictured above and at right) overlooks the sparkling blue ocean on one of the highest points on the property—more than 89 feet above sea level. The private infinity pool seems to dangle over the rocky terrain; the sound of crashing waves lulls you to sleep. Best. Zzzz's. Ever. Rates start at \$320; careyes.com.

The tantalizing scent of homemade pizza dough wafts through the air at Punto Como restaurant (left). One of five restaurants at Costa Careyes, this casual spot plays films and documentaries on an outdoor movie screen, with specialties such as sweet *maracuya* (passion fruit) margaritas and a slice of thin-crust pie for lunch, or thick Argentine steaks at dinner.

Villa Nido de Amor has three bedrooms; one opens directly to the infinity pool and Pacific views to the horizon.

