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Just north of Puerto Vallarta, serene Casa de Mita has its own white-sand cove, a superlative restaurant, and eight spacious rooms, each with authentic local furnishings and an ocean-facing deck. See page 126.



Casa de Mita

The chance to do nada—with panache

When you first step foot inside this eight-room villa on a beautiful Mexican white-sand beach in **Punta Mita**, 35 minutes north of Puerto Vallarta, Lalo escorts you to the pool and offers you a margarita. He's the house manager, and that's the extent of check-in at this luxuriously low-key retreat. From then on, Lalo continues to oversee every detail of your stay, from making sure servers magically appear at just the moment when you start to feel hungry to whipping a cigar cutter out of his pocket in the wee hours of the morning. "I'm prepared for everything, always," he says. An entire day passes happily here with little more than a morning swim in the pool, an afternoon snorkel in the ocean, and a leisurely dinner while watching the sea change from turquoise to navy to violet. ■ **NATASHA SARKISIAN**

