



Enjoy a romantic evening on the marina at the impressive IKUAI

From bay to table

La Cruz restaurants serve local seafood

Tucked under the shade of a palm-thatched palapa, the tables at IKUAI offer a near 360-degree view of boats, beach, and bay. The ocean breeze and siesta heat complement the cilantro, serrano chile, and lemon in the order of San-Blas-style shrimp ceviche. The soft shell tacos are loaded with locally caught mahi mahi and salsa fresca. Together with a cold Modelo Especial, they make a relaxing mid-afternoon repast.

IKUAI restaurant is located at Marina Riviera Nayarit in La Cruz de Huanacaxtle. Within view from the patio, the local fishing boats and fish market supply the catch-of-the-day to La Cruz restaurants. Red snapper, shrimp, mahi mahi, and marlin are just some of the rich Banderas Bay bounty.

Up and down the beach in La Cruz, similar (although less polished) palapa-style restaurants offer menus of fresh mariscos. But venture from the waterfront into the shady town—on streets that are named for ocean delights like langosta (lobster) and camaron (shrimp)—and the tastes get decidedly more global.

Frascati Ristorante, 10 Langosta Ave., exudes Mediterranean warmth amidst its large selection of pizzas and pastas. Just down the street at 26 Langosta Ave., La Cruz Bistro Grill marvels with sleek metropolitan charm and a menu crafted by French chef Jean Michel. Black Forest Restaurant, at 16 Marlin St., offers typical German fare, such as schnitzel and goulash. But it also surprises with fresh seafood and homemade desserts.

With dozens of restaurants and more opening in La Cruz, diners need not forego any Mexican-style specialties either. Small, family-run Tacos on the Street, on Huachinango, and Xocolatl, which overlooks the town on Monte Calvario, both please with authentic and tasty offerings.



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Black Forest Restaurant

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Frascati Ristorante

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