

Welcome to Casa Maleno.



This guide contains helpful information that will assist you during your stay with us.

Casa Maleno is built on the site where some of Akumal's first residents lived in the early days of the town. One of the more colorful locals – "MALENO", as he was called – lived near this very site and this house was named in honor of his memory. You will notice the monument on the property, which was placed there several years ago by local residents. Maleno was a SHAMAN, among other things, who was called upon to mix his potions for those who were ill or needing spiritual healing. He traveled the area with a machete strapped to his side, and with his constant companion – a rather large monkey. He was also a musician, dancer and teller of tales. He could scale a palm tree as well as his companion and his "job" in Akumal was to go around each evening lighting the kerosene lanterns that provided light for the village before electricity made its way to the area. He is fondly remembered by many of our local residents and all that knew him have their own favorite stories to tell.

If you have visited other homes in Akumal, you will notice right away that Casa Maleno has many differences. It was designed and constructed not for the purpose of a rental property, but as a second home for the owners. It is furnished accordingly, with truly all of the conveniences to make you feel at home. This guide will take you through the home, room by room, in order to acquaint you with its amenities.

As you enter the property there is ample, marked parking. Outdoor landscape lighting is welcoming and provides extra safety. The living room is comfortably furnished in hues of deep wine, caramel and mossy green. Extra furnishings in wicker and bamboo keep the room airy and tropical. Satellite TV is provided along with VCR/DVD/stereo and a good selection of movies are provided, or you may bring your own. We also provide a small stereo for any CD's that you might want to bring along. The ceiling fan with its hand carved leaves will add to the tropical feel.

In the spacious kitchen with the brick dome over the Center Island, you will find all of the amenities that you might expect, and more. It is a wonderfully designed kitchen and should you desire to do some cooking you will find everything you could need including full size stove and refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker, toaster, blender, dishes, flatware, pots & pans as well as some extras such as electric mixer, stoneware, cutlery and so on. There are also plenty of serving dishes, platters and storage items. Additionally, if you would like for a meal to be cooked for dining in, please notify us and we can make the necessary arrangements.

Off the kitchen is the cozy dining area. With comfortable seating for 6 it is surrounded by windows and a sliding glass door leading to the large covered terrace. The terrace can be accessed from both the dining room and the living room and overlooks the garden

area. The terrace features comfortable furniture and ceiling fans making it a wonderful area for morning coffee, afternoon siestas or margaritas in the evening.

There are two “guest” bedrooms along the rear of the house, the “Blue Room” and the “Peach Room.” Both have a queen size bed and private bath. Additionally, the Peach Room has a private patio, covered by a native palapa roof.

The master suite is done in a sand color with soft sea greens and blues and features a king size bed and color TV. There is an ample sized walk in closet with a safe for valuables, and an oversized bath which features a marble double sink vanity and oversize glass block shower with two shower heads. The spacious bedroom has glass doors out to its own covered terrace with ceiling fan.

Just a few steps from the master bedroom terrace is the pool, which features a built in bench and a natural stone waterfall. Pool is ideal for keeping cool on those tropically warm days and the sound of

Falling water at night creates a wonderful ambiance at bedtime. In the pool area there is also plenty of outdoor seating making this an enjoyable area to spend the day in. Also in this area is a convenient outdoor shower made of talavera tile. Like to cook out? We have a full outdoor kitchen with gas grill – all covered by a palapa roof.

Beautiful landscaping surrounds the property with coconut palms, Caribbean palms, royal palms and other native trees, colorful flowering plants such as hibiscus, bougainvillea, and bird of paradise.

Casa Maleno is fully air-conditioned but also provides ceiling fans in every room and on every terrace so that you’ll be comfortable inside or out, whatever the weather. A safe is provided for your valuables, as well as a cell phone for keeping in touch with family or friends. If you would like to use the cell phone during your visit, you will need to purchase the cellular phone cards, sold at the small outdoor restaurant next to the Super Chomak. If you wish to leave the number for family or friends, they will need to dial the number as follows: *“will provide upon booking”*. Our property managers will make you familiar with the details on how to program your card, etc. We also furnish all bottled water and your gardener, Ramone and maid, Doris will be there 6 days a week (not on Sundays) to keep everything clean and beautiful.

Our property managers will greet you and help you settle in when you arrive and will also stop by to see that everything is going well or to assist you with any needs that you may have. You can also reach them anytime at their phone *“will provide upon book”* which is also listed in the guest services directory provided at the Casa.

We do attempt to provide all the necessities for your visit, as well as many extra amenities not usually found in rental homes. Due to the damage from salt air we are not able to provide hair dryers. Although well-behaved children are welcome at Casa Maleno, we do not have storage facilities for cribs or high chairs.

We’re so glad that you chose to spend your vacation with us, and will do everything possible to make it an enjoyable and memorable experience. Please feel free to offer any suggestions or note any problems that you may experience in order that we may consistently provide the highest possible service to you and other future guests. Thank you again for choosing Casa Maleno, and have a wonderful visit!

Pat & Cheryl Ragan, Owners