

The Villa Granada hotel, bar and restaurant began construction in 1963. The owner continued to add onto the original 5 rooms until it became a 35 room facility. In the 1960's there were no architects in Puerto Penasco so the owner brought in an architect from Hermosillo to build the second story, which totaled about 1,700 square feet. When the restaurant was opened, Presidents and Governors stayed at the Hotel. The Villa Granada was the center of Peñasco, and many people made it their meeting place. The owner offered entertainment, orchestras, dancers and much more. Many famous artists, actors and prominent people stayed at Villa Granada such as Rock Hudson, Tom Jones singer of "She is a Lady", Steward Granger and Mexican Lalo El Piporro. Many Americans married at the hotel because of the romantic courtyard setting and atmosphere.

The good years of Villa Granada were between 1968 and 1995, when many musical bands, singers, comedians, came to Rocky Point. It was the place to be before the resorts began construction on Sandy Beach in the mid 1990's. The Hotel was closed in 2001 and was purchased by Weekend Missions in January of 2010.



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