

Where is Woody's?

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☐ **HERE IS ANOTHER E-MAIL, ASKING FOR DIRECTIONS TO THE CANADIAN BAR, WOODY'S**

Hi Roberto,

we have been reading your website with interest. We have just built a house on the beach in Gorgona and while we still live and work in Canada, we hope to be able to spend more and more time there.

I see you mentioned Woody's bar in Santa Clara. I wonder if you can tell us where it is? We might drop in on our next trip to Panama Apr 2-17. Maybe we'll even run into you.

Rgds

Gerald & Olga

MY RESPONSE:

Dear Gerald and Olga,

By all means, please e-mail me when you arrive in Panama and we will get together. Santa Clara is only 2.5 kilometers from Woody's, so it is very easy to get to.

Actually there are two Woody's (as of March 2010), with a third one at Santa Clara beach in the plans.

The Woody's most people refer to on Travel Advisor is the original Woody's in Farallon, just west and down the beach from the

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Royal Decameron Beach Resort.

If you are **driving**, take the road to the Decameron from the highway. Go all the way to the end (which is the entrance to Lobby One of the

Resort) and turn right at that stop sign.

Go past the entire resort, past the Fiesta Casino, past the Spa and just into the small fishing village of Farallon. You will pass a convenience store

and an artisans shop. Turn left at the wall with the large Woody's sign painted on it. It will curve at the beach. Stop at the Woody's sign. There is

a lane-way to the beach which runs past a house that is owned by the local boxing champion - he trains young kids at his outdoor gym. Say

hello on the way by. The whole family is really nice. Woody's is right on the beach. Walk or drive to the end of the lane.

For those staying at the Decameron, just walk to the water, turn right and walk 300 meters. You will see the large Canadian flag (and hear

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Monique, co-owner from Newfoundland) long before you actually step into the beach bar.

If it is late at night, take a cab, it costs \$5 from Playa Blanca Resort, \$3 from The Decameron - which is a rip-off, so negotiate.

Both Monique and her and her husband Woody are retired Canadian Air Force (Woody just turned 50 in March).

The atmosphere at Woody's Beach Bar and Grill is beach casual, with English-language, beach-style music. They serve great hamburgers,

wings, and poutine - that heart-stopping Quebec contribution to international cuisine (calling melted cheese and gravy over deep fried french

fires cuisine may be a stretch).

They also serve a dinner special of two lobster tails, three huge shrimp and salad for \$25 (as of this printing)

The second Woody's - Woody's 2 is at Playa Blanca Resort, just a few kilometers further west.

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It is also on the beach, right inside the resort, but it

is not part of the all-inclusive. It features Captain Jim's Pizza, 10 inch thin crust pizza's in many variations - Ask for the Yolanda's "Artista Pizza"

(pineapple, ground beef, bacon and double cheese) - all the pizza's are well worth a try.

Jim runs the para-sailing at The Decameron Water Sports shop. Sylvie (his new bride) is from Quebec and is Monique's business partner,

helping newcomers to Panama as relocation specialist's - whatever you need from buying a house to finding a school for your kids, an English-

speaking dentist, mechanic, or hard-to-find stuff, they are the pair to talk to.

Woody's is the headquarters of the area's Canadian (and American) expat population.

Come out for Hockey Night in Panama - Woody's is **"THE TRUE SOUTH, STRONG AND FREE"**

See you on the beach!

Roberto

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