



*A Destination Resort on the Sea of Cortez
Loreto Baja Mexico
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.....where untouched nature embraces you!

As you enter the 10-acre seaside resort, you're greeted by a small adobe and thatch "casita" reminiscent of an old Mexican style ranch. Birds as colorful as flower blossoms perch on the branches of mesquite trees, pithayas, cardon cacti and other desert vegetation. Ahead you'll see nine hilltop suites, which command a truly unbelievable 360-degree view of the Sea of Cortez. Mexican artisans handcrafted each adobe brick. The interiors are appointed with hand painted tiles, wood beams, columns and arches. French doors lead to a quarried slate terrace, a burst of sea breezes and stunning views of the sea.

A small freshwater swimming pool, cradled by two volcanic outcroppings, is just a short walk from your rooms. Guests gather at happy hour to share their day's adventures with each other around the pool, or they gather inside the large, palm-thatched dining room on artisan-crafted willow chairs, while dinner aromas fill the air. Our cooks use fresh local fruits and vegetables along with produce from our organic garden, and the nearby fishing village affords day-fresh seafood. Sportsmen can have their own catch prepared. Arrange a beach cookout under the stars or a romantic meal by candlelight on a secluded beach where the only thing you will hear is the surf lapping near your table.

The secluded beach alongside a Marine Sanctuary offers complimentary hiking, horsebackriding, kayaking, swimming, snorkeling and beachcombing. Birdwatchers are rewarded with a large variety of native and migrating bird species as they hike remote canyon trails or stroll down the beach at sunrise or sunset. Visit nearby islands and pinnacles where you might not see another person all day. Excursions to local historical Missions or the nearby whale lagoons on the Pacific Coast offer memories you'll never forget. Challenge yourself to golf at Loreto's Nopolo 18-hole golf course or tennis at the John McEnroe Tennis Center.

Baja's Sea of Cortez is one of the most magical places on the planet....creating a mecca for scuba divers, snorkelers and kayakers, with its abundance of marine life and volcanic islands. Blue whales, the earth's largest mammals, are regulars in the warm waters, as are mantas, sea lions and schools of dolphins. The air is wonderfully clear and the night sky offers an explosion of stars. Escape from TV, phone, cell sites, newspapers and Internet. In this pristine "Eco" setting they're easily forgotten, but if you must there's a business center 15 minutes away as well as emergency cell phone service on the property. This departure destination, remote but not rustic, renews the senses, rejuvenates your mind and relaxes your spirit.



Attentive hosts and owners, Michael and Lauren Farley, are well known adventure travel guides, journalists and photographers who have been discovering the "Best of Baja" for 25 years. Their work appears in many film documentaries, books and magazines. The Loreto area, where "even the mountains swim," is their personal "favorite" of all of Baja.

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ALL THE FACTS

LOCATION The resort is 25 miles south of Loreto in a remote natural setting on the Loreto Marine Sanctuary. Danzante Island sits in our bay and Monserrate and Carmen Islands lie close offshore. We are a wonderfully romantic place, peaceful and surrounded by nothing but wonderful scenery. The natural beauty of our setting has not been compromised by concrete, neon and traffic. We are remote, the nightlife is in the stars, and the only shadows cast on our beach are from the mountains, from our resident blue heron, or yours as you stroll down our beach.

ACCOMMODATIONS Danzante is a boutique experience. Think of it as an intimate B&B on a large Mexican ranch, with the added dimension of the ocean at its doorstep. We have only nine charming junior suites with French doors opening onto individual terraces with unobstructed ocean panorama. Each spacious junior suites has 2 individual terraces of quarried slate, one facing the sea and one the mountains, each with a private bath with a large Mexican tiled shower. Three rooms have large king beds; six rooms offer double queen beds. Our two “executive” suites afford more space and privacy.

SOLAR POWER The resort uses the sun for all of its power. Lights, fans, and kitchen appliances are all powered solely from our array of solar panels, without the use of noisy generators. Our solar power will not support air conditioning or high wattage appliances like hair dryers or rollers. We do provide “solar-safe” hair dryers upon request, and all of the rooms have ceiling fans and good cross ventilation with French doors and windows where ocean breezes cool the rooms. Each room is bright, cheery and uniquely decorated.

DINING The rates include three carefully prepared Mexican-style meals from a pre-set but changing daily menu, and a “gathering hour” where snacks and drinks are enjoyed by all as guests share the day’s adventures. Our cooks prepare traditional Mexican-style meals with regional specialties using organic produce from our garden when available, and fresh local fish and seafood. Special dietary needs are always met graciously by our cooks. In-room coffee service is available, and a picnic lunch can be requested for outings. Only purified bottled water is used for drinking, and is also provided in each room. Ice cubes for drinks are made with purified water.

ACTIVITIES Horseback riding, guided hikes, and complimentary use of resort kayaks, and snorkel gear is included in your stay. Binoculars for bird-watching are available for use, and guests can enjoy stargazing at night with our large telescope. There is a nice sandy swimming beach within walking distance, and a small freshwater dipping pool, just steps from your room. Optional fee activities include: scuba diving, whale watching, island exploration in small native skiffs, use of our 16’ Prindle Catamaran for day sailing, and sportfishing. Massage therapy to your room is also available for an extra fee.

If you want to leave the resort for seasonal Pacific Coast whale watching (though resident pilot whales and blue whales live in our bay year-round), San Javier Mission tours, or village trips, you can do so by taxi or Budget car rental for a day or two. Taxis are \$50 per van load airport to resort or rental cars range \$75/day and up. Your hosts can arrange a car rental or you may just catch any airport taxi and pay in USD or pesos, no credit cards. We offer Whale Watching Packages January thru March.

ALL-INCLUSIVE RATES Include ocean view junior suite, all meals, snacks, happy hour, use of horses, kayaks and snorkel gear, guided hiking tours and snorkeling from our sandy beach: Call for rates: Dec 20- Jan 3, singles, youth (age 8 and up accepted) and group rates (10 or more).

TRANSPORTATION Aero Mexico or Aero California into Loreto, Baja California Sur, Mexico, takes you swiftly from a metropolis to Loreto’s quaint and historic village. A 25 mile taxi ride or Budget rental car delivers guests to paradise. Air and ground transportation are not included in our rates.

