



Travel Guide To **LORETO**



Nestled between the majestic Sierra de la Giganta mountains and the turquoise waters of the Sea of Cortez, Loreto is a true treasure of Baja California Sur. Known as The First Capital of the Californias, this peaceful seaside town combines history, culture, and breathtaking natural beauty.

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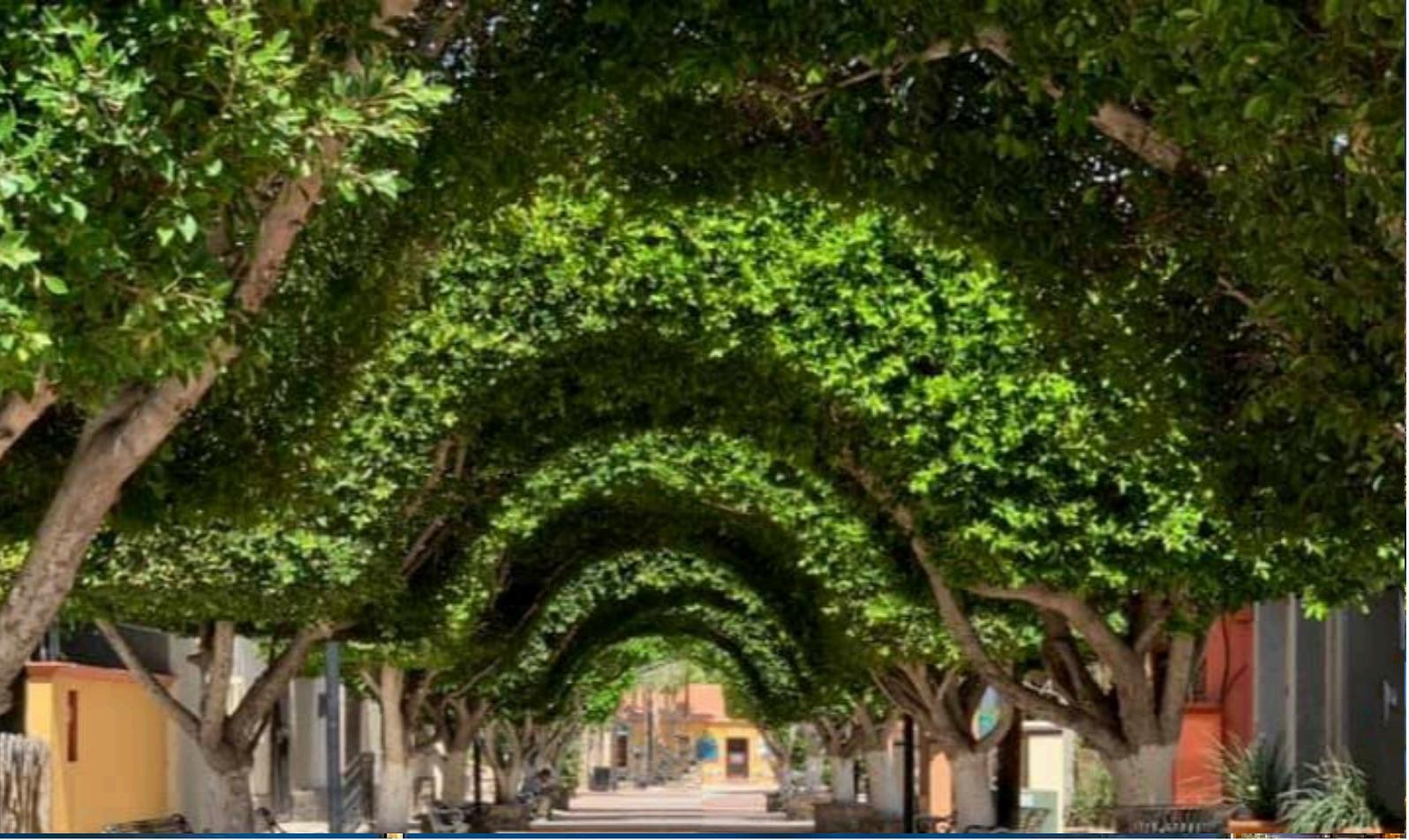


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WELCOME TO LORETO

Discover Loreto, a Magical Town in Baja California Sur where history, culture, and nature come together in perfect harmony. Known as The First Capital of the Californias, Loreto is surrounded by the dramatic Sierra de la Giganta mountains and the crystal-clear waters of the Sea of Cortez, often called "The Aquarium of the World."



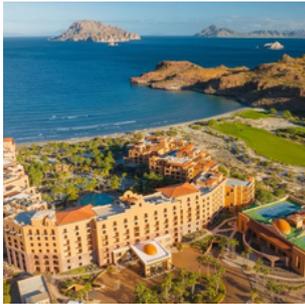
This peaceful coastal destination offers a unique blend of eco-tourism, adventure tours, and authentic Mexican charm. Explore the Mission of Our Lady of Loreto, join a whale watching tour, visit the Loreto Bay National Marine Park, or relax on the pristine beaches of the Loreto Islands.

Whether you're here for nature, culture, or relaxation, Loreto invites you to live an unforgettable experience – a destination where history meets the sea and adventure begins.



LORETO LODGING

LUXURY AND FULL-SERVICE RESORTS



Villa del Palmar at
the Islands of Loreto



La Mision Loreto
Hotel



Aventuras Hotel

BOUTIQUE HOTELS AND BED & BREAKFASTS (B&B)



Hotel Posada de las
Flores Loreto



Posada del Cortés



Paraíso Azul

VALUE AND PRACTICAL SERVICE HOTELS



Santa Fe Loreto
Hotel



Hacienda Suites
Loreto



Hotel Oasis

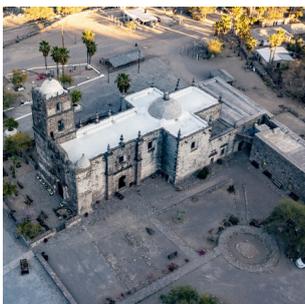
LORETO CULTURE

MISSION OF OUR LADY OF LORETO



The "Mother of all the Missions" of the Californias, founded in 1697. Located in downtown Loreto, this was the first permanent Jesuit mission. It houses the Museum of the Missions to explore the viceregal history of the peninsula.

SAN JAVIER TOWN



Known as "The Jewel of the Missions" (completed in 1759). Located 35 km from Loreto. It stands out for its impeccable preservation, its impressive Baroque main altarpiece, and the ancient olive groves that surround it in a beautiful mountain valley.

LORETO FUN FACTS

ISLANDS OF LORETO

Explore Loreto's natural treasure. Take a boat tour to one of the beautiful islands of the National Park (Coronado, Carmen, Danzante, Montserrat) for snorkeling, kayaking, and enjoying white-sand beaches.



SPORTFISHING

Loreto is a world-class fishing paradise. Target iconic species like Dorado (Mahi-Mahi), Yellowtail, and Sierra, both near the coast and in the deep waters of the Sea of Cortez.



WHALE WATCHING

Live an unforgettable experience. Loreto is one of the few places in the world where you can see the Blue Whale, the largest animal on the planet, during the winter months (typically January to March).



LORETO FUN FACTS

HORSE BACK RIDING

Unleash your adventurous spirit by exploring the Sierra de la Giganta desert. Ride on rocky trails and dry canyons, reaching spectacular viewpoints overlooking the sea and the valley.



UTV'S

Unleash your adrenaline by exploring the stunning Sierra de la Giganta environment aboard a powerful UTV reaching remote viewpoints with spectacular views of the desert meeting the sea. A perfect adventure for lovers of speed and rugged scenery!



LORETO DOWNTOWN

Walking through Loreto downtown transports you to its colonial origins the historic birthplace of the Californias. Explore the quiet, cobblestone streets, visit the vibrant Civic Plaza, and conclude with a relaxing stroll along the Malecón (boardwalk), enjoying the breeze and views of the Sea of Cortez.



LORETO CULINARY

CHARRED CHOCOLATE CLAMS

The signature dish of Loreto. These large clams (named "chocolatas" for their brown shell color) are cooked using an ancestral method: they are roasted directly on hot embers in a pit layered with rosemary bush (romerillo) and gravel. They are served open with special sauces, offering a uniquely smoky flavor.



FISH AND SEAFOOD TACOS

A Baja California icon. Prepared with the fresh catch of the day (often Mahi-Mahi or Yellowtail) or shrimp, which is battered or breaded and fried until crispy. They are served on a corn or flour tortilla with shredded cabbage, pico de gallo, and creamy dressings.



MACHACA (DRIED SHREDDED MEAT)

Represents the ranch-style cuisine from the inland desert. Traditional Machaca is dried and shredded beef, cooked with onion, chili, and often scrambled eggs. The local stingray variant uses shredded fish instead of beef, a clever coastal adaptation, ideal for burritos and breakfasts.



LORETO IDENTITY

Loreto, the "Mother of all Missions" and the birthplace of the Californias. Defined by the breathtaking contrast between the deep blue Sea of Cortez and the rugged Sierra de la Giganta, Loreto offers the perfect blend of history and outdoor adventure.



**NATIONAL MARINE
PARK**



**MISSION OF OUR
LADY OF LORETO**



**MALECON AND
PLAZA JUAREZ**



SIERRA LA GIGANTA



BLUE WHALES



CAVE PAINTINGS

LORETO TRAVEL TIPS

CURRENCY



The official currency is the Mexican Peso (MXN). While many places accept US Dollars (USD), it is better to pay in Pesos for the best exchange rate. downtown.

DRINKING WATER



Never drink tap water. Always use bottled or purified water. All reputable hotels and restaurants use purified water and ice.

GETTING THERE



Loreto has its own International Airport (LTO), with direct flights from Los Angeles, Phoenix, Dallas in the U.S. Calgary, Canada and Tijuana, Mexico. It is a small, easy-to-navigate airport.

LOCAL TRANSPORT



Downtown Loreto is highly walkable. For longer distances or trips to Danzante Bay or Loreto Bay, the best option is a taxi or renting a car.

TIPPING



Tipping is customary for good service. It is generally 10-15% in restaurants and a few pesos for grocery baggers or bellboys.

LANGUAGE



The official language is Spanish. Learning a few basic phrases will be greatly appreciated, though English is spoken at most hotels, restaurants, and tour operators.



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Loreto is not just a destination; it is a portal to history, a natural jewel waiting to be explored between the deep blue Sea of Cortez and the majestic Sierra de la Giganta mountains. Let me design your perfect itinerary. Contact me today to transform this guide into the trip of a lifetime.



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