

Loreto, Baja Mexico

AWESOME DIVING IN OLD MEXICO



Quaint & peaceful are perhaps the best words to describe Loreto, a small **400 year old fishing village**, 356 miles north of La Paz Mexico.

Our annual trip each Fall is a most unexpected surprise for everyone who travels with us, as this **beautiful landmark** features not only **spectacular diving**, but a resort free from the hustle-bustle common to most other resort destinations. The La Pinta Hotel is **so peaceful** yet with modern amenities; clean towels, excellent service, comfortable rooms and a beautiful swimming pool area no more than a stone's throw from the **Sea of Cortez**.

The price of this travel experience also reflects that of "Old Mexico" as meals, souvenirs and additional diving are **surprisingly inexpensive**, but do not lack for adventure or value. Only a 1½ hour flight from Los Angeles, you will feel as if you're in a different world - transported to **the way Mexico used to be** before places like Cabo San Lucas & La Paz became highly commercialized.



What will strike you the most, is the **incredible beauty**, not only of the resort but of its surroundings with both saguaro cactus and palm trees lying against a golden sun and brilliant blue sky. Wild **birds chirp** constantly while pelicans laze in the warm afternoon sun and **bright yellow butterflies** dance upon the green bushes that line the white sand. This area of

Baja California is truly a place where the **bluish-purple mountains** actually meet the deep blue waters of the sea!

The vistas and rock formations are breath-taking as you motor out to each dive and enjoy glass-like water conditions including **84 degree temperatures** with no thermoclines. Sometimes, a pod of Dolphins will escort you to your favorite dive site.

The diving features **clear conditions** and 60 - 100 foot visibility. You will have the opportunity to dive with sea lions, stingrays, California spiny lobster, octopus, thousands of puffer-fish, and other fish of many varieties. On each dive, you will be greeted by



schools of angel fish & sergeant-majors, seemingly moving in ballet fashion.

Between dives, our competent crew will whisk us to remote, **pristine, white sand beaches** for **delicious picnic lunches** either on Los Coronados or at Honeymoon Beach. We will then have time to snorkel & gather chocolate clams that the resort will prepare for us in local fashion; your palates have never been treated to such an experience!

As an **extra added treat** for our diving experience, our group will **dive** the Mexican Army **C-54 shipwreck**, which was sunk only 3 years ago, specifically for divers. During our first trip to Loreto, we were fortunate enough to be the first divers on this ship. Since then, **life has grown incredibly fast** on her; there are so many **thousands of fish** that it is sometimes difficult to see the wreck!! Cut-outs line the outer hull of the ship (much like those in the Canadian shipwrecks) make it very **safe**

and easy to dive. With the top of the wreck in 30 feet of water, we will be able to spend ample time exploring both the inside and outside of the ship, as well as its propellers at the 70 foot bottom.

Due to its close proximity to the resort, walking to the town of Loreto is an easy 15 minute jaunt. Numerous shops and cafes surround the Old Mission (located in the center of town) complete with cobblestone streets and an **'old world' feel.**



Peacefulness, beauty, tasty local fare & great diving will make our adventure to Loreto a memorable experience...



Join Us!

If you are interested in experiencing the beauty of Loreto, please reserve your space with a non-refundable \$300 deposit!

Loreto Baja Adventure

September 20th – 24th, 2009

\$ 599 / person, dbl occ. (\$ 299 Non-Diver)

- **Round-Trip Airport Transfers**
- **4 Nights Deluxe Accommodations at Hotel La Pinta Loreto**
- **2 Days of 2-Tank Boat Dives with Dolphin Dive**
- **1 Day of 3-Tank Boat Dives with Dolphin Dive**
- **Picnic Lunch on 3-Tank Dive Day on a Secluded Island**
- **Tanks & Weights**
- **All Hotel Taxes, Diving Taxes, Service Charges and VAT**

Above Prices Do Not Include:

- **Round-Trip Airfare from Seattle - Loreto**
- **Diver Insurance (highly recommended)**
- **Equipment Rentals**
- **Fuel Surcharges**
- **Meals other than those indicated**
- **Tips & Gratuities**
- **Travel Insurance (highly recommended)**
- **Items of a Personal Nature**
- **Supplements / Optional Tours & Services / Extensions**
- **Other Expenses**
- **Departure Tax**

NOTE: TL Sea Diving shall not be responsible for providing a roommate for any traveler in order to secure double occupancy rates.

**For more information, please contact the Dive Center at (206) 824-4100
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