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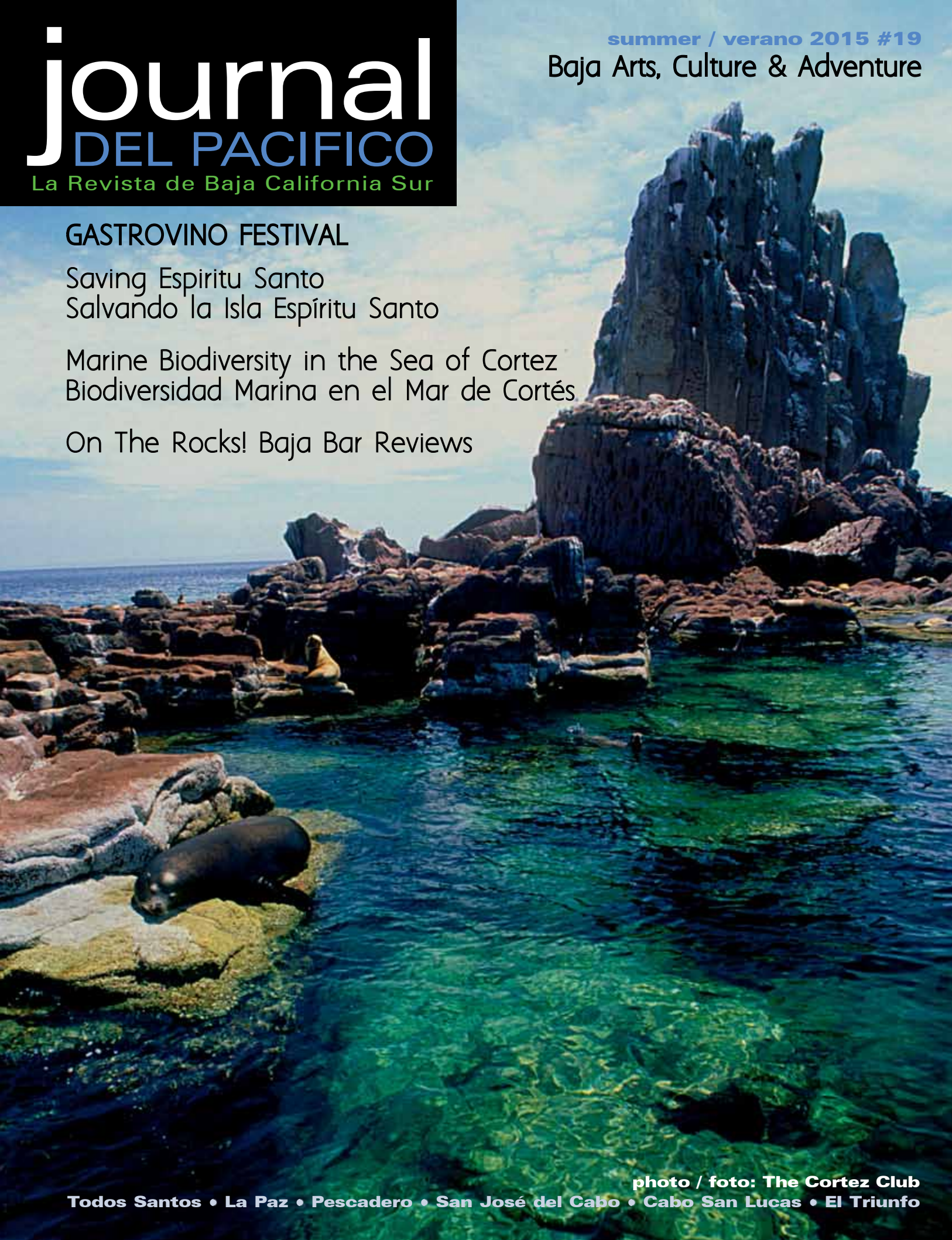


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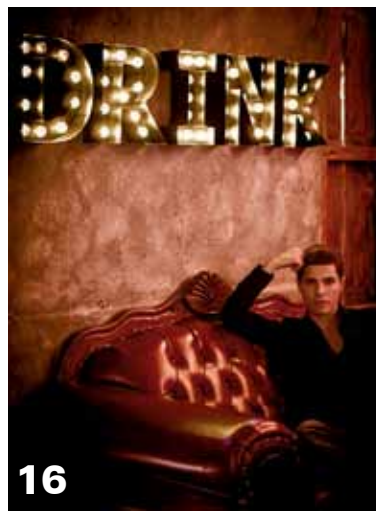
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4TH ANNUAL GASTROVINO FESTIVAL

The 4th Annual Gastrovino Festival, which celebrates Mexican wines and the cuisine of Baja California Sur, will be held on April 26 from 2 to 6 pm in the Public Plaza of Todos Santos. This festival is a fabulous chance for wine lovers and gourmands to sample local cuisine, and to meet the chefs and winemakers.

Founders Perla Garnica and Mac Sutton started this fun and popular Springtime festival in 2011. Perla and Mac had traveled to the Valle de Guadalupe Baja wine country for years to select wines for La Bodega de Todos Santos. They attended many of the Northern Baja festivals and thought, "We really need our own food and wine festival in Todos Santos." This inspired them to share their knowledge of the new Mexican wines and the high quality of local cuisine.

The first festival started simply with only one main supporter, the Hotel California, but attendance exceeded everyone's expectations. Every year the festival has grown.



IV ANUAL FESTIVAL GASTROVINO

traducido por
Elena Ascencio Ibáñez

El 4º Festival Anual Gastrovino, mismo que celebra los vinos mexicanos y la cocina de la Baja California Sur, tendrá lugar el 26 de abril de las 2 a las 6 pm en la Plaza Pública de Todos Santos. Este festival es una oportunidad fabulosa para los amantes del vino y para los *gourmands* para probar la cocina de la localidad y para conocer a los chefs y a las casas vinícolas.

Sus fundadores, Perla Garnica y Mac Sutton iniciaron este festival popular de primavera en el 2011. Perla y Mac habían viajado al Valle de Guadalupe durante años con el objeto de seleccionar vinos para La Bodega de Todos Santos. Asistieron a muchos de los festivales del norte de la Baja y pensaron: "necesitamos nuestro propio festival de vino y gastronomía en Todos Santos." Esto los inspiró a compartir su conocimiento de los nuevos vinos mexicanos y la alta calidad de la cocina de la localidad.

El primer festival inició simplemente con el apoyo principal FESTIVAL GASTROVINO continúa en página 6

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It has received coverage in well-known international publications, and has attracted an array of guest chefs—as well as a great selection of music and entertainment. Wineries from outside of Mexico have asked to be allowed to participate, but Perla and Mac are proud to remain loyal to showcasing only Mexican wineries.

The 2015 festival features some of the best small boutique wineries from Ensenada and Valle de Guadalupe, such as Cava Maciel, Vinart, Torres Alegre, Cavas Valmar, Monte Xanic, and Shimul. Also featured are local winery Rancho La Venta, as well as some of the big wineries, such as LA Cetto and Freixenet from Queretaro; just to mention a few!

For 400 pesos (pre-sale) or 499 pesos (day of event) each attendee will receive a bracelet, a coupon for appetizers from any of the participating restaurants, and an iconic complimentary festival wine glass. Entrance includes five culinary samples and seven wine tastings. All exhibitors will also be selling their products directly by the glass or bottle, as well as their appetizers, at special prices.

Participating restaurants showcasing their culinary magic include many of Todos Santos established restaurants, guest restaurants from La Paz, and a couple of new surprises. This year’s entertainment includes pre-festival music in the plaza by Todos Santos’ local Bolero trio. Then they’ll kick it up on stage with Rumba Flamenco at 2 pm. Special entertainment will continue throughout the day and will close with a traditional mariachi band.

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del Hotel California, pero la cantidad de asistentes excedió las expectativas de todos. El festival ha crecido cada año. Ha recibido cobertura en publicaciones internacionales de reconocimiento, y ha atraído a una colección de chefs invitados, así como a una gran selección de música y entretenimiento. Las casas vinícolas de fuera de México han solicitado que se les permita participar, pero Perla y Mac están orgullosos de permanecer leales a presentar solamente bodegas mexicanas.

El festival del 2015 presenta algunas de las mejores casas vinícolas boutique de Ensenada y de Valle de Guadalupe, tales como Cava Maciel, Vinart, Torres Alegre, Cavas Valmar, Monte Xanic y Shimul. También presenta la casa vinícola de la localidad, Rancho La Venta, así como también algunas de las grandes como LA Cetto y Freixenet de Querétaro, isólo por mencionar algunas!

Por 400 pesos (preventa) o por 499 pesos (el día del evento) cada asistente recibirá un brazalete, un cupón para aperitivos de cualquiera de los restaurantes participantes,

y una copa icónica del festival como regalo. La entrada incluye cinco muestras culinarias y siete degustaciones de vino. Todas las bodegas tendrán también a la venta directa sus productos, ya sea por copa o por botella, lo mismo que sus aperitivos; todo a precios especiales.

Los restaurantes participantes que presentan su magia culinaria incluyen a muchos de los restaurantes establecidos en Todos Santos, restaurantes invitados de La Paz y un par de nuevas sorpresas. El entretenimiento de este año incluye música en la plaza antes del festival, con un trio local de boleros. Más adelante se acelerará el paso en el escenario con Rumba Flamenco a las 2 pm. El entretenimiento continuará durante el día y cerrará con un tradicional mariachi.

Los fondos de la subasta silenciosa del Festival del 2015 serán en beneficio del Hogar del Niño y del DIF. En el Hogar del Niño no sólo se atiende a 26 chicos de entre 1 y 16 años, sino que también se trabaja en que sanen, **FESTIVAL GASTROVINO** continúa en página 19

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Funds from the 2015 festival's silent auction will benefit the Hogar del Niño orphanage and DIF (The Mexican family development program). Hogar del Niño not only takes care of 26 children from ages 1 to 16, they also work towards healing them, improving their lives by providing a safe home where their dignity and rights are respected, promoting values such as good sportsmanship, and providing education—in addition to their other daily needs, such as food, clothing, shoes and blankets. DIF is the local organization that helps place needy children in the home. Previous GastroVino festivals have also raised funds for the *Internado* (boarding school for area *rancho* children) and the *Bomberos* (local fire department), in addition to the Hogar del Niño and DIF. When the main plaza festival closes, the after-sunset party starts at 7 pm in the Sky Lounge at the top of the Guaycura Boutique Hotel with live DJ music. Don't miss it!

New to this year's festival is Gastrotour—a gastronomical tour around historic downtown Todos Santos on Saturday April 25th, from 6 to 9 pm. Each participating restaurant will have a guest winery which will provide a perfect pairing of a glass of wine with a tapa selected by the chef.

Another popular event will take place again this festival: the Blind Wine Tasting Challenge for amateurs, led by Cavas Freixenet Oenologist engineer Luis Ravenport from Cataluña, Spain. Participants will learn to understand and qualify different aspects of each wine using their senses and the expert's orientation, without seeing any labels. It's a great experience for all wine lovers and wine-curious people.

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GASTROVINO 2015 EVENTS

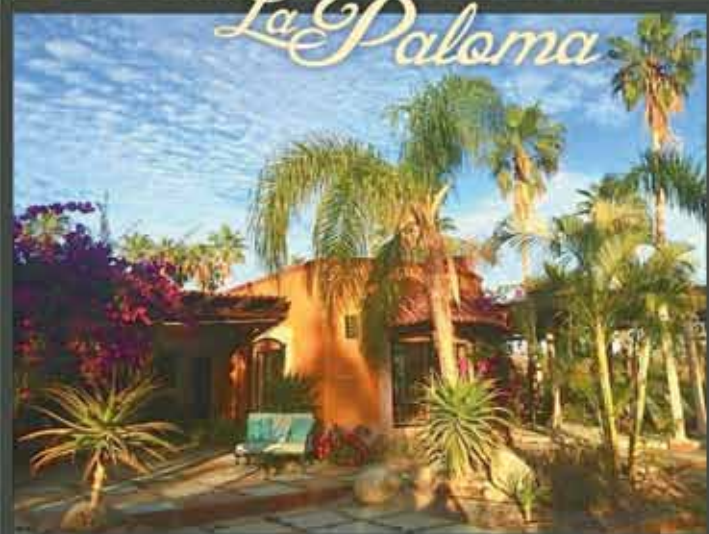
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Art Talk

by Jill Logan



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FINDING YOUR STYLE

As I write this, today is a cool, cloudy Baja day which is a rarity in March. I just want to curl up with a cup of soup and watch movies and read my book. But alas I did promise the Art Talk for the current issue. So here I go.

Finding your own personal style is a great topic and one explored by writers, musicians and artists of all kinds. What turns you on? What moves you? What are you attracted to and gets your jets revved up? What drives you into the studio to paint or write? What distracts you? What feeds you to new expressions?

I read a blog by Alison Jardine about finding her personal style and she immediately referred to the work of other artists. For her, to view and see and collect photos of other artists gave her fuel for her own new ideas. When I lived in Laguna Beach we had a small group of artists who went once a month to Santa Monica and Venice Beach to visit some fine art galleries. At that time, in 1992, we could see 10 to 15 galleries in one day, although often we only found one artist out of the many that really got any of us excited, the influence and energy permeated, and when I would returned to my studio I was filled with fresh ideas and vision.

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“Like any art lover, the thrill and connection I feel when I see an artwork that engages me is like a fire in the engine of a train fueling my artistic nature. Always, there will be a specific thing about the work that lingers with me after the physical viewing is over. That thing will crystallize in my head and heart as a feeling, a sensation a blurry remembrance, and it might become a “hook” into one of my own paintings.”
—Alison Jardine

My work has seemed to me a bit immature when I look at other artists’ works, somewhat playful and imaginary; I like to approach my canvas with a loose relaxed flow of paint and energy. If I have conjured up some idea of what I want the piece to look like I often let it go as the “birth of the real” painting comes alive. My best works, or so I think, have a fluid otherworldly sense to them. Haunting and mysterious are two words that come to mind when I think of the artwork that I like best. Something grabs me internally and my mind expands and flows in new directions. I have dream like thoughts and visions. To replicate that type of experience for someone else is quite a challenge and is an ongoing underlying force in my creations.

Jean Cocteau advised, “What others criticize you for, cultivate: as it is you.” Sometimes I think that is all we can do. Cultivate who we are. Trying not to copy styles or personalities, but reaching deep into your soul to find the presentation of what is true for you.

Alison says that finding her own style involved six years of full-on painting pretty blindly. She painted everything she saw, and then asked for guidance from her professors and after producing over and over, it was then that something very personal emerged.

There is always a thread that runs through each artist’s creations. A thread of that artist’s soul that is uniquely personal. And this thread is said to be what really interests you particularly about what you are viewing. For instance, to glance at a scene and really notice what catches your attention, paint that and let the rest flow around it. Concentrate on a single feature and let all lines lead the eye to that place.

Cultivate your uniqueness. Cultivate your own personal dialogue with your art. Cultivate and let one thing lead to another.

I say this all the time. One painting leads to another, and then that will lead to another. Each one teaches me a note in the song, a rhythm to play, and an orchestra to build on. Then, as you watch these works and do the last minute touches to create the final piece that is what you present to your audience. What and who feeds your soul? And then, how to keep that alive and bursting with energy? That is the challenge. One painting at a time lead to my style— which probably was formed in the womb. Or again, back to the soul. Our soul’s expression.

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Jeff and Susan Mall first met Lisa Harper, owner of Rancho Pescadero, at their popular Zin Restaurant & Wine Bar in Sonoma County. Jeff, a third-generation Central Valley farmer, and Susan were early innovators in the "farm to table" movement. The homegrown ingredients on Zin's menu were cultivated and harvested at Zin's Eastside Farm and all of the ham, bacon, and sausages were produced in the Zin kitchen. After 15 years, Jeff and Susan started a new chapter in their lives by closing the doors to their successful restaurant and moving to Baja full time.

Consulting for Rancho Pescadero over the past five years, Jeff and Susan are already part of the Rancho Pescadero family, helping to plan the Garden Restaurant, its menus and on-site gardens. They've made frequent trips to make recommendations and help with changes, so this recent move to Baja Sur feels like a natural progression. They plan to continue and expand The Garden Restaurant's connection to the garden as well as enrich the flavors and techniques in the kitchen. The restaurant will remain casual and inviting in an easy, chic way—that is synonymous with life in Baja and Rancho Pescadero.

Both Jeff, a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America, and Susan, a graduate of the California Culinary Academy, have long had ties to Baja. Susan grew up in San Diego and made frequent trips with her family south of the border. Jeff's father piloted his own small plane, flying his family to Cabo San Lucas, Loreto and Mulege since the early 80s.

Jeff and Susan will focus on traditional Mexican flavors, with an accent on what is grown and caught locally. For instance, Jeff grew up savoring *mole poblano* from Oaxaca, but has developed a lighter sauce using almonds, roasted orange and chili, that pairs delightfully with fresh-caught local fish. Or perhaps their traditional *pozole*, also made lighter with seafood—more like a fish stew. Appetizers

include *sopes* topped with smoked yellowtail. The menu will continue to include pork, beef and organic chicken selections and soon feature fresh, handmade tortillas as well. The Garden Restaurant is, in short, becoming the sort of place where one is encouraged to sit back and savor the experience that lies ahead.

Jeff and Susan's philosophy of everything "home grown and homemade" will continue as they expand the garden to provide fresh eggs and honey, and learn the Baja seasonal crops, such as mangos. They are excited to share their knowledge and expertise and invite you to come and experience their kitchen—everything grown and made with love and simplicity.

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Saving Isla Espiritu Santo

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Salvando la Isla Espiritu Santo

traducido por Paula Angeloni

If famed aviator Charles Lindbergh had not fallen in love with the daughter of the US Ambassador to Mexico, the story of Isla Espiritu Santo might be just another sad tale of extraordinary natural beauty undone. But the courtship of his future wife in Mexico instilled in Lindbergh a lasting affection for the country. So when in 1973 his friend and fellow conservationist George Lindsey invited him on a scientific exploration of the Sea of Cortez, Lindbergh jumped at the chance. The two men and their scientific team wended their way through numerous islands between Bahía de Los Angeles and La Paz, ultimately arriving at Espiritu Santo. Lindbergh was enthralled. The islands made such an enormous impression on him that during a trip to Mexico City a few months later, Lindbergh requested a meeting with the president of Mexico to discuss protecting what he now considered one of the most beautiful areas on the planet, the Sea of Cortez. Four years later the Mexican government issued a decree establishing the islands of the Sea of Cortez a Flora and Fauna Protection Area (*Zona de Reserva Natural y Refugio de Aves Migratorias y de la Fauna Silvestre*). George Lindsey, then the Director of the San Diego Natural History Museum, strongly believes that Lindbergh's intervention helped to create the governmental awareness needed to get the decree enacted. It was a good beginning.

Around the same time as Lindbergh's transformational trip to Baja, a former Grand Canyon river guide named Tim Means was setting up the first major ecotourism company in La Paz, Baja Expeditions. Means' business thrived as word

Si el famoso aviador Charles Lindbergh no se hubiese enamorado de la hija del embajador de EEUU en México, la historia de la Isla Espiritu Santo hubiese sido probablemente, otra triste historia de destrucción de un extraordinario sitio natural. Pero el noviazgo con su futura esposa en México desarrolló en Lindbergh un afecto duradero por este país. Cuando en 1973 su también conservacionista y amigo George Lindsey lo invita a una expedición en el Mar de Cortés, Lindbergh no duda en sumarse. Los dos hombres junto con el resto del equipo de científicos recorrieron varias islas del Golfo desde Bahía de Los Ángeles hasta llegar la Isla Espiritu Santo en La Paz. Lindbergh quedó totalmente cautivado; las islas tuvieron un efecto tan poderoso en él, que logró conseguir una entrevista con el presidente de México para discutir sobre la protección de lo que consideraba una de las áreas más hermosas del planeta, el Mar de Cortés. Cuatro años más tarde, el gobierno mexicano declara a las Islas del Mar de Cortés como *Zona de Reserva Natural y Refugio de Aves Migratorias y de la Fauna Silvestre*. El entonces director del Museo de Historia Natural de San Diego, George Lindsey, cree que fue la intervención de Lindbergh la que contribuyó en crear la conciencia que se necesitaba por parte del gobierno de México para que se promulgara este decreto. Sin duda era un buen comienzo. En esos tiempos, Tim Means, un entonces guía de expediciones del Río "Gran Cañón," se encontraba fundando la compañía de ecoturismo más grande de La Paz, Baja Expeditions.

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of Baja's remarkable flora and fauna spread, and demand grew for access to the natural wonders that the area's remote location had kept pristine long after the west coast of the US had been heavily developed. But conservation-minded eco adventurers were not the only ones attracted to the area, and by the 1990s the pressure on Isla Espiritu Santo was intense: a real estate developer wanted to create a resort casino on the island. From the outside it seemed absurd that a casino had even the remotest possibility of being approved in a natural protected area, but Mexico's traditionally lax approach to conservation enforcement afforded the developer optimism.

While most of the islands in the Sea of Cortez were federal lands, a few were privately owned, and Espiritu Santo was owned by an *ejido*. *Ejidos*, created as part of Mexico's land reform movement after the Revolution of 1910, are rural collectives of people who own property communally. Traditionally *ejidos* were not allowed to sell their property, but the constitutional obstructions to *ejido* land sales were removed in 1992, and the *ejido* owners of Espiritu Santo lost little time in taking advantage of this new freedom. By

1997 they had sub-divided 90 hectares around Bonanza Beach into 36 lots and were selling them off. Cabins were actually constructed on some of the lots, but in a move that would have made Lindbergh proud, a federal judge deemed them illegal under the 1978 decree and they were torn down. But the real estate developer who owned some of the properties was pushing hard on his casino proposal. Tim Means was prepared to push back.

Means started his onslaught by personally buying two properties smack in the middle of the developer's proposed casino area. This immediately diminished the attractiveness of the project for the developer, and inclined him towards negotiation. Means then enlisted the aid of leading Mexican businessmen in the area, who retained and paid for the law firm that was ultimately able to arrange the buy out the developer and all but one of the remaining properties for sale on Bonanza Beach. This all took a great deal of time and maneuvering, but Means and his team persevered. All of the properties they bought were donated to the federal government.

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El negocio de Tim fue prosperando en tanto se fue propagando la voz sobre la remarcable flora y fauna de la Baja California y aumentaba la demanda por el acceso a áreas naturales prístinas en contraposición a la costa Oeste de EEUU que ya estaba fuertemente desarrollada. Pero los conservacionistas y eco-aventureros no eran los únicos interesados en la isla Espíritu Santo. En los años 90, la presión sobre el área fue muy intensa: un desarrollador de bienes raíces quería construir un casino en la isla. Visto desde afuera, parece absurdo que un casino tenga las más remotas posibilidades de ser aprobado dentro de un área natural protegida, pero la creencia en el enfoque tradicionalmente blando de la aplicación de las leyes de conservación en México, provocó el optimismo del desarrollador.

Mientras la mayoría de las islas del Mar de Cortés eran tierras federales, unas pocas eran propiedad de particulares, siendo la Isla Espíritu Santo propiedad de un ejido. Los ejidos fueron creados como parte de la Reforma Agraria después de la Revolución de 1910 y representan un grupo de personas que poseen tierra de manera comunal. En el pasado, los ejidos no podían vender sus tierras, pero a partir de 1992, la obstrucción constitucional que impedía vender tierras a los ejidatarios fue removida, por lo que los ejidatarios de la Isla Espíritu Santo aprovecharon de esta nueva libertad. En 1997 subdividieron 90 hectáreas alrededor de la playa Bonanza en 36 parcelas y las comenzaron a vender. En algunas de las parcelas inclusive construyeron cabañas pero un juez federal las consideró ilegales bajo el decreto de 1978 y fueron retiradas. A pesar de esto, el desarrollador de bienes raíces que era propietario de algunas tierras, seguía presionando fuertemente con su propuesta de Casino. Tim Means estaba preparado para hacerlo retroceder. Tim

empezó su embate comprando dos parcelas en medio del área propuesta por los desarrolladores para construir el casino. Esto inmediatamente hace que la atracción de los inversionistas decrezca y los inclina a la negociación. Varios hombres de negocio de la zona se sumaron a este esfuerzo y junto con Tim Means y un bufete de abogados, arreglaron la compra de la parte de los desarrolladores y el resto de las propiedades en venta de Bonanza, a excepción de una. Todo esto conllevó una gran cantidad de maniobras y consumo de tiempo, pero Tim y su equipo no dejó de perseverar, donando todas las propiedades compradas al gobierno federal. Cuando la amenaza del casino fue aplacada, Tim y un grupo de conservacionistas llegaron a un acuerdo para comprar el resto de la isla al ejido por la suma de 3.3 millones de dólares. La subsecuente donación de Espíritu Santo a la Nación es conmemorada por una famosa estatua con forma de paloma en el malecón de La Paz.

La estructura de la compra de la Isla Espíritu Santo que llevó a su conservación para la posteridad, demuestra el poder de la colaboración entre un grupo diverso de actores en la lucha por la preservación de áreas naturales. Cerca de una tercera parte del dinero provino de financiadores mexicanos, otro tercio por parte de financiadores de EEUU a través de Nature Conservancy y el resto, de un donador anónimo hacia la WWF. Luego, la fundación David and Lucille Packard donó 1.5 millones de dólares para el manejo de la isla Espíritu Santo. Este tipo de cooperación internacional sienta las bases en la lucha contra mega-desarrollos en toda la Baja California Sur. Como resultado directo del exitoso activismo de Tim Means, Espíritu Santo y otras 244 islas en el Mar de Cortés fueron subsecuentemente nombradas Patrimonio de la Humanidad en el 2005.

Sin embargo nada de esto hubiese sucedido sin la

determinación de los mexicanos. Como resultado de la dominación colonial, la ciudadanía mexicana tradicionalmente sentía que no tenía voz en el gobierno, por lo que los movimientos sociales por cambios no eran una característica prominente de la vida pública. En 1970 esto comienza a cambiar, sobre todo en el área ambiental. Los mexicanos empiezan a crear organizaciones comprometidas a proteger los inmensos recursos naturales del país. En este proceso, en el año 1983, se crea la Secretaría de Desarrollo Urbano y Ecología, y en 1987, la Ley General del Equilibrio Ecológico y la Protección al Ambiente. Uno de los exitosos sucesos en este esfuerzo fue la declaración de Reserva de la Biosfera Mariposa Monarca en los Estados de México y Michoacán en 1988.

La gente de México en general y de Baja California Sur en particular, están ahora intensamente enfocados en proteger su patrimonio natural. Los residentes de Baja California Sur en años recientes se han organizado para impedir mega-desarrollos en Balandra, El Mogote y Cabo Pulmo, utilizando el alcance y recursos de ONGs tanto nacionales como internacionales para ayudarlos en su causa (Ver JPD No 9, Primavera 2013). La indignación pública y campañas populares han obstaculizado los esfuerzos de compañías que buscan operar minas de cielo abierto en La Sierra de la Laguna. Al igual que Lindbergh y su vuelo sin escalas a través del Océano Atlántico, están venciendo frente a las considerables adversidades. Al igual que Tim Means y sus coaliciones ambientales se atrincheraron y están listos para seguir peleando. Como bien dijo el conservacionista Teddy Roosevelt una vez, "Los grandes pensamientos hablan solo a las mentes reflexivas, pero las grandes acciones hablan a

toda la humanidad." La protección de la Isla Espíritu Santo y las demás islas del Mar de Cortés forjada por Tim Means y su coalición hablará al mundo por generaciones.

Dos excelentes libros junto con entrevistas a Tim Means proporcionaron la materia prima para este artículo: *Isla Espíritu Santo: Evolución, rescate y conservación* por Exequiel Ezcurra, Harumi Fujita, Enrique Hambleton y Rodolfo Garrio; y *Wildlands Philanthropy: The Great American Tradition* with essays por Tom Butler y fotografías de Antonio Vizcaino.

Todos Santos Eco Adventures opera un campamento en la Isla Espíritu Santo en el cual los visitantes pueden explorar la belleza natural de la isla y el Mar de Cortés.

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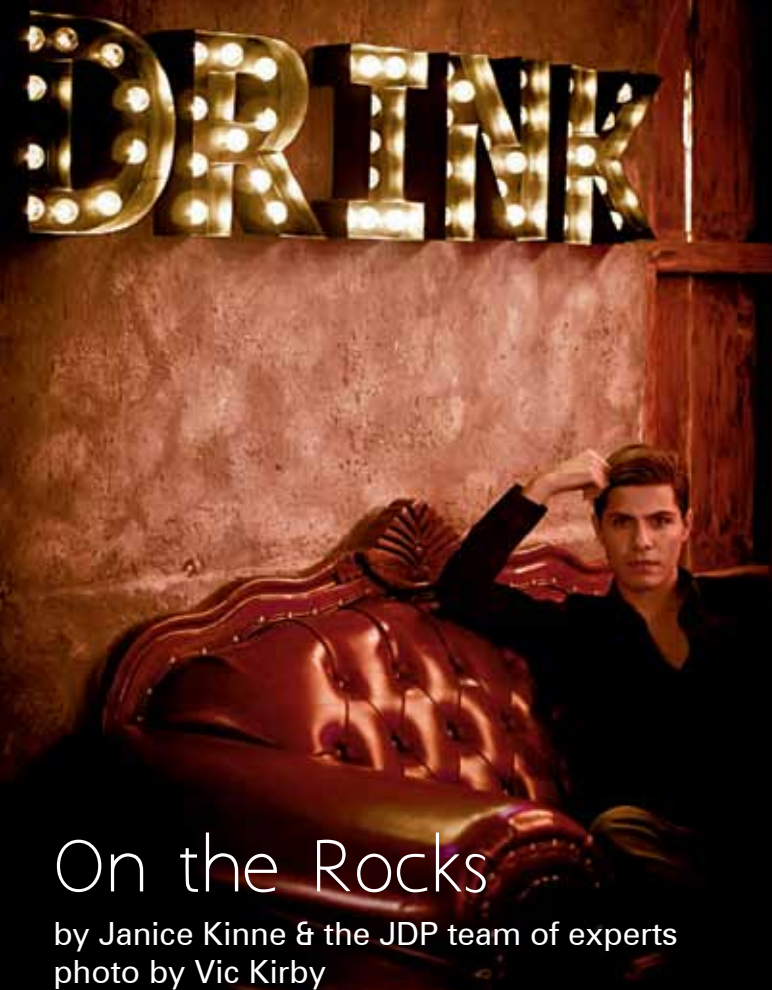
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On the Rocks

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After a hard day at the beach or touring the galleries and shops of the Todos Santos historic district, the first question many visitors ask is, "Where can I get a cold drink?" They want to know, "Where do locals go?" or, "Where can I hear some live music?"

Celia Devault and I assembled a team of experts (including Off the Eaten Path Grub Crawl and Food Review) to take on the difficult challenge of touring some of our area's establishments in order to share with our readers the most fun and best places to hang in Southern Baja. Here are our choices, listed alphabetically.

CHILL N GRILL

While Chill N Grill has only been open for a little over a year, brothers Cary and Gabe Corado grew up in Todos Santos and have worked at numerous area businesses, restaurants, and bars over the years.

The colorful Tiki Bar, with hand-painted murals, is relaxed and friendly. Step down the stairs and find out why it has quickly become a locals' hangout for all ages—you never know who will show up there. Cary and Gabe don't claim

to have any one specialty drink, stating, "We will make you any drink you want." Saturday nights are extra fun when the live music gets everyone up and dancing. The bar has two full-screen TVs with cable for all sporting and UFC events.

Chill N Grill is famous locally for its amazing, generously-sized rib platters, and its prompt, friendly service. They also offer appetizers and a grilled menu with steak, chicken and vegetarian options—just ask and the staff will accommodate. We like to chill at the end of a long day with a cold Bohemia Clara or a vodka and tonic made with sparkling water and fresh lime, while snacking on chicken wings and crispy French fries.

Casual, outdoor tables and bar seating, serving: Bottled beer, full bar, selection of white and red wines by the glass or bottle. Free wi-fi. Appetizers, burgers, steaks, ribs, chicken and great salads. Take out. Available for special events.

HAPPY HOUR: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 4 – 6 pm. 2 x 1 beer and well drinks.

LIVE MUSIC: Tuesday nights – Live music / open mic 7 – 11 pm. Saturday nights – Live music with "JamaRama" 7 – 11 pm. Check their Facebook page for other events.

OPEN: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 4 – 11 pm.

Calle Rangel, in the El Molino trailer park, behind the Pemex. #146 on the Todos Santos map. (612) 151-1441 or (612) 199-2938

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DANA'S DINER & CANTINA

Driving on Highway 19 through El Pescadero, the bright yellow and red retro signs of Dana's Diner & Cantina are an invitation to stop and eat or drink a cold one. A friendly greeting from Dana makes her customers instantly feel welcome.

What started as a dream to open a mobile hamburger truck—discussed over a couple of Pacificos on the beach by Dana Bell and Captain Mike Deane—quickly became reality when Dana (now Bell Deane) and Captain Mike bought a 1974 school bus and a 1972 Airstream trailer, plus the entire inventory from a local BBQ restaurant that was closing. Local artist Irie was commissioned to paint the outside of the converted bus and Airstream with a Pescadero theme. The diner next to the Pescadero Pemex was an instant hit with its burgers and milkshakes. After hurricane Odile destroyed much of El Pescadero, Dana and Mike picked up



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the pieces, moved down the road (just before the turn off for Baja Beans Roasting Company) to their current large *palapa*, and added a full service cantina—with the bus at the back, still pumping out great burgers.

In addition to the original burger and shake menu, Dana's new Tex Mex creations are a hit. The cantina is a great spot to watch sports with 5 large flat-screen TVs showing three different channels at the same time, including football when in season, basketball, hockey, soccer, and pay per view UFC fights. And for you bikers out there, Sunday is your day with \$25 peso beers until 4 pm, and local-chef night from 5 to 8 pm. Ladies night on Wednesdays, live music Friday and Saturday nights, and other weekly specials help round out the fun in this friendly atmosphere.

Casual, bar and tables under a large *palapa*, serving: Bottled beer, full bar, selection of white and red wines by the glass or bottle. Great hamburgers; hot dogs; Texas chili; French fries; milk shakes; soda floats; and beef, chicken, or veggie burritos; tostadas; and taco salads. Take out.

HAPPY HOUR: Wednesday through Saturday, 4 – 7 pm. \$25 peso beers, and \$40 peso margaritas and well drinks.

LIVE MUSIC: Friday, 7 – 10 pm, featuring different solo artists. Saturday, 7 – 10 pm, featuring different local bands.

OTHER EVENTS: Wednesday is Ladies' night from 4 – 9 pm, with \$40 peso mimosas and all-you-can-eat spaghetti with garlic bread and a salad. Thursday, 4 – 9 pm, all Tex Mex menu items \$100 pesos. Biker Sunday, 11 am – 4 pm, with \$25 peso beers, and \$40 peso margaritas and well drinks. Sunday, 5 – 9 pm, presenting a different local guest chef each week.

OPEN: Wednesday – Monday, 2 – 10 pm. Closed Monday and Tuesday.

Highway 19, KM 63, El Pescadero. #18 on the Todos Santos-Pescadero corridor map. <http://www.danasdinerandcantina.com>, (612) 130-3360.

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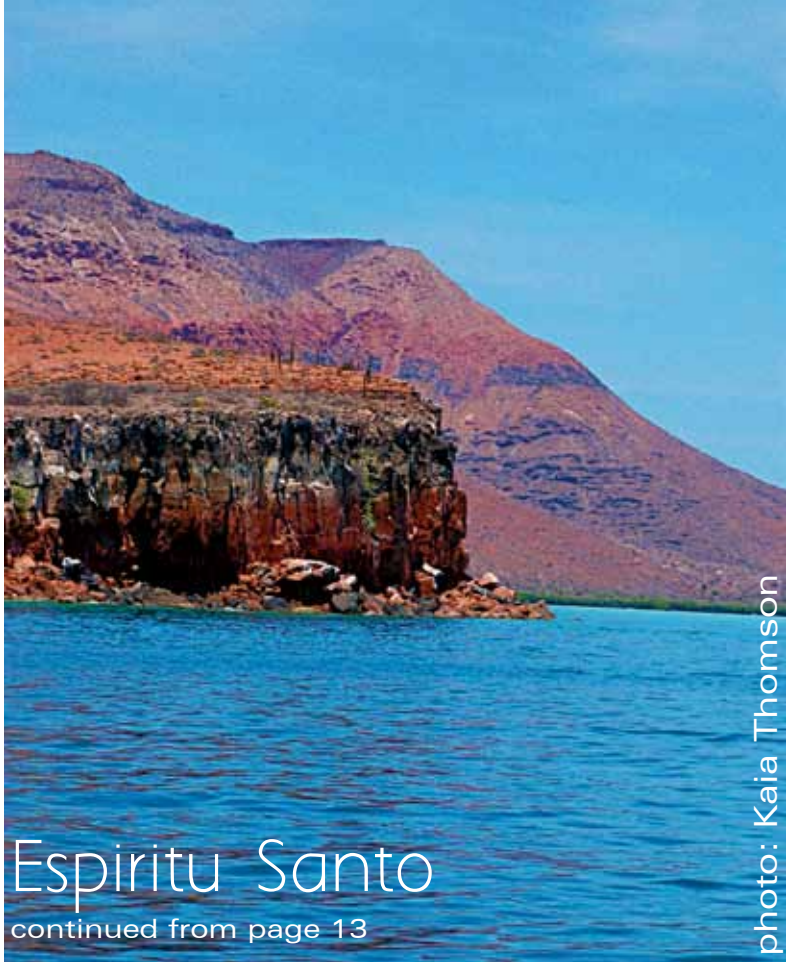
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When the immediate threat of the casino was neutralized, Means and a coalition of conservationists were able to put together a deal to purchase the rest of the island, which they bought from the *ejido* for US\$3.3 million. Their subsequent donation of Espiritu Santo to the nation is commemorated by a famous sculpture of a dove on the *malecón* in La Paz.

The purchase structure that resulted in Espiritu Santo’s conservation in perpetuity demonstrates the power of collaboration among a diverse group of constituents when fighting to preserve wilderness areas: about one third of the money came from Mexican funders, another third from American funders via the Nature Conservancy, and the rest through an anonymous gift to the World Wildlife Fund. The David and Lucille Packard Foundation then donated US\$1.5 million towards the future management of Espiritu Santo. This type of international cooperation set the stage for future and ongoing battles against mega-developments elsewhere in Baja California Sur. As a direct result of Means’ successful activism, Espiritu Santo and 244 other islands in the Sea of Cortez were subsequently named a World Heritage Site in 2005.

But none of this would have happened without the will of the Mexican people. As a result of colonial rule, the Mexican citizenry traditionally felt they had no voice in government, so agitation for change was not a big feature of public life. But in the 1970s this started to change, most notably in the environmental arena, and Mexicans began to create organizations committed to protecting the country’s immense natural resources. This process led to the creation of the *Secretaria de Desarrollo Urbano y*

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El DIF es la institución local que ayuda a situar en el hogar a los niños necesitados. Los anteriores festivales Gastrovino también han recabado fondos para el Internado y para los Bomberos, además de para el Hogar del Niño y el DIF. Cuando el festival cierre en la plaza, la fiesta después del atardecer comienza a las 7 PM en el Sky Lounge en el Boutique Hotel Guaycura, con música con DJ en vivo. ¡No te lo pierdas!

Algo nuevo en el festival de este año es el Gastrotour: un recorrido gastronómico por el centro histórico de Todos Santos, el sábado 25 de abril de las 6 a las 9 PM. Cada restaurante participante tendrá a una casa vinícola como invitada que proveerá una copa de vino como el perfecto maridaje para una tapa seleccionada por el chef.

Otro exitoso evento tendrá lugar otra vez en este festival: El concurso para aficionados de Cata a Ciegas, dirigida por el ingeniero enólogo de Cavas Freixenet, Luis Ravenport de Cataluña, España. Los participantes aprenderán a entender y calificar diferentes aspectos de cada vino utilizando tanto sus sentidos como la orientación del experto, sin ver ninguna de las etiquetas. Es una experiencia maravillosa para todos los amantes y curiosos del vino.

BOLETOS DISPONIBLES EN:

La Bodega de Todos Santos y Librería El Tecolote en Todos Santos. **Got Baja** en La Paz. **Pez Gordo** en The Shoppes en Palmilla en San José del Cabo. En **The Wine Market**, detrás de Banamex en Blvd. Lázaro Cárdenas en Cabo San Lucas. <https://www.facebook.com/www.gastrovino.mx>
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VIERNES, 24 DE ABRIL, 7:30 PM

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SÁBADO, 25 DE ABRIL, 12 a 2 PM

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SÁBADO, 25 DE ABRIL, 4 a 6 PM

GASTROTOUR. Una caminata gastronómica de restaurante a restaurante en el centro histórico de Todos Santos, probando la experiencia de maridaje único que cada anfitrión y casa vinícola invitada ofrecerá. Cada restaurante ofrecerá una copa de vino, un aperitivo y música en vivo y diverso entretenimiento. Los artículos del menú regular también estarán disponibles. Precio a determinarse.

DOMINGO, 26 DE ABRIL, 2 a 6 PM

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Catch the sunset from the rooftop bar after your day at the beach, and then stay for dinner. The restaurant features wood-fired-oven specialties including pizza, lamb, steaks, seafood, and vegetables. Save room for the homemade

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LIVE MUSIC: Check their Facebook page for live music and other events.

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Casual, indoor tables and bar seating, serving: Bottled beer, full bar, wine list with a selection of white and red wines by the glass and bottle. Free wi-fi. Wood-fired pizzas, salads, and daily specials. Take out.

HAPPY HOUR: Monday – Saturday, 3 – 6 pm. 2 x 1 beers and margaritas.

OTHER EVENTS: Tuesday, movie nights, 6 pm. Reservations suggested. Thursday, 2 x 1 pizza night. Friday, Ladies night with 2 x1 beer, house wine, and margaritas for the ladies all night! Check their Facebook page for special events.

OPEN: Monday – Saturday, 3 – 10 pm. Closed Sunday.

Zaragoza between Rangel and Militar, #109 on the Todos Santos map. (612) 158-8457

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LA BODEGA DE TODOS SANTOS


La Bodega de Todos Santos wine shop features two fun wine-tasting events which lure both locals and visitors: Monday Flight Night and Big Red Wednesday. These events take place every Monday and Wednesday, from 5 to 8 pm. Each tasting features three different Baja wines that can be purchased by the glass, or you can sample a flight of all three while listening to live music. Individual and group sidewalk tables are set up for comfortable tasting, conversation, and enjoyment. The Baja Sur Grill food truck, with tasty tapas that pair nicely with the wine flights, opens for business right out front on Wednesday nights with tasty tapas that pair nicely with the wine flights.

Casual, friendly, sidewalk tables. Flights feature an array of bubbly, white, rosé, and red Baja wines by the glass or a sampling of all three. You may purchase wine by the bottle or receive a special price by the case. Owner Mac Sutton is knowledgeable about all the wines he stocks and is very helpful with your selection. Also available are a range of Baja extra-virgin olive oils, aprons, and other gift items.

The Baja Sur Grill truck serves hamburgers, pita pizzas, fries, and salads. Or, bring your own from nearby restaurants like Mi Pueblito.

LIVE MUSIC: Monday night features different local talents. Wednesday night features the bolero music of Los Tolines.

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The Changing Face of Organic Food Sources in Mexico

by Cathy Ann Hill

If you are a believer in organic products then you understand the holistic picture in abundance.

Learning and teaching about organic products, soil amendments, compost, compost tea and Integrated Pest Management (IPM) are some of the challenges I have faced while in southern Baja. I have gained a whole new perspective in comprehending water consumption, organic crop production, permaculture, sustainability within small communities, native plant companionship and working side by side with local farmers. All of this while taking on a new awareness for conserving and nurturing our constantly changing environment.

Water is a scarce commodity here in Baja, and its importance is not to be taken lightly. The sheer volume of water output to keep up with supply and demand from just Baja California Sur alone is endangering our aquifers, estuaries, natural waterways, native plant/aquatic habitation and sensitive environmental growing zones. Desalination of ocean water can provoke major environmental impact issues that I am sure will cause long term effects for the future of this country.

Much of the organic product grown in Mexico—a staggering figure of 70 to 80 percent—is shipped long distances to the massive USA, Canada and other world markets. The ever growing demand for organic produce is challenging the small time farmer in many ways to think outside the box and create faster quicker methods of demand and supply.

The vast majority of the U.S. and Canadian population now want organic produce on the shelves of every grocery store knowing that no harsh synthetic chemicals have been applied. The hope of no serious illnesses or diseases is a high priority with most of us. Producing all this perfect looking bounty bumps up water intake, creates more carbon emissions, fuel consumption and exceeds noise pollution.

Small time farmers who grow organic produce to accommodate their local community suddenly feel pressure to keep up with the demands spending more money on equipment, on larger delivery vehicles, more fuel, skilled labor and increased applications of natural pesticides and fertilizers. Organic farmers are pushing their own limitations to make sure that the consumer gets what

they want. It takes much courage and conviction for local farmers to stay within sustainable boundaries keeping up with the demands of a growing health conscious society.

Integrated Pest Management is widely used within the smaller local farming communities and is the best solution to growing organic produce. Some examples of IPM are: rotating crops, resting soil, drip irrigation, hand/eye monitoring pest populations and, of course, using biological natural pesticides.

Mexico offers diverse native plant and botanical oils as a means of controlling insect plagues. Many of the plant oils produced in Mexico have characteristics that include taste deterrents, repelling actions and smothering agents. Companionship planting is another way of repelling or attracting beneficial insects to crops.

In the next 10 to 20 years a whole new era of soil bacteria will emerge on the market. Some have already been introduced in the last two years. Soil bacteria such as *Bacillus subtilis*—a biological fungicide—target problems within the plant itself. Targeted soil bacteria do not harm beneficial insects, people or pets. The combination of IPM with native Mexican oils and soil bacteria gives the local farmer a powerful punch in the fight against invasive chemical resistant insects.

What can the consumer do to ensure that local organic farming remains sustainable within its community? Shop locally within a 20 mile radius, visit your local organic farmers, get involved at the markets, support your local farmer by buying organic produce, go on tours, participate in workshops, shop within realistic boundaries. Make a commitment to take care of your immediate community. Additional rewards include meeting like-minded people, gaining business connections and learning new gardening techniques.

Cathy Ann Hill is the owner of The Gardening Guru, a Mexican based business, and a landscape consultant for 30 years. The Gardening Guru specializes in organic alternatives to gardening, Integrated Pest Management, workshops and seminars. Cathy holds a General Horticulture Certificate from the University of Guelph and is an accredited IPM Specialist through Plant Health BC from Kwantlen University.



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OTHER EVENTS: Monday Flight night, 5 – 8 pm. Big Red Wednesday, 5 – 8 pm. Check their Facebook page for more special events.

OPEN: Wine shop open Monday 5 – 8 pm, and Tuesday – Saturday, 12 – 7 pm. Closed Sunday.

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LA COPA

Casual but elegant, the La Copa bar is located in the Todos Santos Inn, the only historic hacienda hotel in Todos Santos. The property, built in the 1870's as a sugar baron's estate, features Spanish colonial-style beamed ceilings, a classic wooden bar, and comfortable leather club chairs arranged in intimate table settings. Two large screen TVs silently show classic black and white films from the Golden Age of Mexican cinema with English subtitles. It's the perfect place to meet for a good conversation with a glass of wine or a romantic rendezvous sipping on a Baja Midnight (aged tequila, Controy, Chambord, blackberries, agave nectar, and a hint of lime).

The bar serves only top-shelf brands, and has a full wine list, available by the glass or bottle. The full menu from La Copa Cocina (located downstairs)—including a selection of delectable sushi, tapas, and gourmet tacos and sliders—is also available in the bar. We like dressing up, enjoying a refreshing gingertini, and sharing a volcano sushi roll. The Baja Beer Guy likes to sit back with an after-dinner cognac.

Travel & Leisure named La Copa as having Baja's best margarita, but there are also other delicious classic cocktails and specially-made concoctions, including those mentioned, as well as the Sophia, and Valentina. Try any or all of them, and you are sure to be delighted!

Upscale, comfortable, and intimate tables and bar serving: Bottled beer, full bar with top-shelf brands, wine list, available by the glass and bottle.

Full menu from La Copa Cocina: Sushi, gourmet sliders and tacos, salads, tapas, chef's specials. Available for special events/weddings.

LIVE MUSIC: Special guests entertain from time to time, both in the restaurant and in the bar.

OPEN: La Copa Bar, 3 – 11 pm nightly. La Copa Cocina, 5 – 10 pm nightly except Wednesday.

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On Thursday nights, in addition to having a full bar, they serve their special grilled "Super Burros" and their exquisite, natural margaritas. And can we say, the La Esquina margarita—made with quality tequila, organic agave nectar, and fresh *limones*—is definitely their specialty drink.

About once a month during the high season, La Esquina books bands from all over Baja, mainland Mexico, and the US; they are always on the lookout for new bands to bring to our *pueblo mágico*. It's a great venue for live music, with one of the best dance floors in town. The atmosphere, sound, and special lighting turns it up a notch from a casual locals' jam to a real concert venue.

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april

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April 3 | 4-7 pm, **ART WALK TODOS SANTOS**. Takes place the first Friday of the month with over 14 participating galleries.

April 4 | **FULL MOON DINNER** at El Mirador, Ocean View Restaurant in Todos Santos. For reservations: (612) 175-0800, front desk at **Guaycura Boutique Hotel** or reservation@guaycura.com

April 5 | **EASTER SUNDAY**

April 5 | **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** starts in Baja.

April 6 & 7 | 5 pm and 7 pm, **PELICAN THEATRE COMPANY** presents three 10 minute plays: *Anything for You*, *History Lesson* by Pulitzer prize winner David Lindsay-Abaire and *Siobhan* at the Teatro de La Ciudad La Paz. Tickets are 100 pesos. Tickets on sale at **Allende Books** in La Paz and **El Tecolote Bookstore** in Todos Santos. For more information: Facebook/pelicantheatreoflapaz.

April 19 | 5 pm, **OPEN READING** at Los Adobes restaurant in Todos Santos. Readings are limited to 5 minutes in length and original works only.

April 24-26 | **ANNUAL GASTROVINO FESTIVAL** in Todos Santos. For more information, see our article on page 4 or visit: <http://www.gastrovino.mx/>

April 19 | 9:30 am, **GUEST YOGA TEACHER GABY DELGADILLO** from San José del Cabo at Baja Zen Yoga studio near Playa Los Cerritos. (612) 142-5038 info@baja-zen.com Facebook.com/Baja-Zen, www.baja-zen.com

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may

May 1 | 4-7 pm, **ART WALK TODOS SANTOS**. Takes place the first Friday of the month with over 14 participating galleries.

May 2 | **LA PAZ FIESTAS DE FUNDACIÓN** start.

May 2-4 | **DOS MARES 500** (Club La Paz) Off road race

May 4 | **FULL MOON DINNER** at El Mirador, Ocean View Restaurant in Todos Santos. For reservations: (612) 175-0800, front desk at **Guaycura Boutique Hotel** or reservation@guaycura.com

May 10 | **DÍA DE LOS MADRES / MOTHER'S DAY**

May 14-16 | 3 – 9 pm, **6TH ANNUAL CABO MARINE SHOW** at Docks L-M-N of the IGY Marina Cabo San Lucas. A three day boat and marine products expo for enthusiasts and industry leaders. This year's show will include the used-boat market, local and domestic yacht brokers, marine products and services and recognized activities tour operators along the boardwalk exhibition area, surrounded by numerous restaurants and bars. For information: info@maaseventos.com or call +52-1 (55) 5434-3747.

May 17 | 5 pm, **OPEN READING** at Los Adobes restaurant in Todos Santos. Readings are limited to 5 minutes in length and original works only.

june

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july

July 7-12 | **TODOS SANTOS SILENT MEDITATION RETREAT** with **Dr. Robert Hall**, hosted at Todos Santos' new retreat center Pachamama. The retreat will be a combination of Sitting Meditation, Dharma Talks & Evening Gestalt Sessions, Nutritious Meals, Yoga and Walking Meditation. The retreat is suited for individuals interested in deepening their meditation practice and self-discovery work. Robert Hall is psychiatrist and dharma teacher with an international reputation for his innovative and pioneering work in somatic/body oriented therapies, leading retreats since 1980. For more information contact Elena Ascencio at elena.ascencio.ibanez@gmail.com.

HAPPY HOUR

Chill N Grill, M T Th F 4 – 6 pm, 2x1 beer and well drinks.

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1 – 5 pm, **LIVE MUSIC** at **El Faro, Beach Club & Spa** in Todos Santos.

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monday

9:30 am – 2:30 pm, **PESCADERO ORGANICS** in the callejon, #34 on the otro lado map, Todos Santos.

10 am – 3 pm, **ORGANIC VEGETABLES** at Rancho Buen Día in the *callejon* of Todos Santos.

10 am – 1 pm, **Palapa Society of Todos Santos LIBRARY & RINCON DE CUENTOS OPEN.**

11 am – 3:30 pm, **PICKLE'S ORGANIC PRODUCE STAND** on Calle Los Mangos on the *otro lado* of Todos Santos.

5 – 8 pm, **FLIGHT NIGHT** at **La Bodega de Todos Santos**. Featuring Baja wine tasting, live music and tapas.

tuesday

8:30 am – 1 pm, **LA PAZ FARMER'S MARKET** on calle Madero between 5 de Mayo and Constitución, La Paz.

10 am – 3 pm, **ORGANIC VEGETABLES** at Rancho Buen Día in the *callejon* of Todos Santos.

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6:30 pm, **MOVIE NIGHT** at **Gallo Azul**, Todos Santos.

wednesday

7 am – 1 pm, **LOS CABOS ORGANIC MARKET** on Camino del Colegio, sn at the Pedregal, Cabo San Lucas.

9 am – 12 pm, **FARMER'S MARKET (Mercado Local)** at **La Esquina**, Todos Santos.

9:30 am – 2:30 pm, **PESCADERO ORGANICS** in the callejon, #34 on the otro lado map, Todos Santos.

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11 am – 3:30 pm, **PICKLE'S ORGANIC PRODUCE STAND** on Calle Los Mangos on the *otro lado* of Todos Santos.

1 – 5 pm, **SAN JOSÉ DEL CABO ORGANIC MARKET** (Mercado Organico) just outside the San José historic district in Huerta Maria on the Camino a Las Animas. Look for the signs at the big arroyo off Avenida Centenario.

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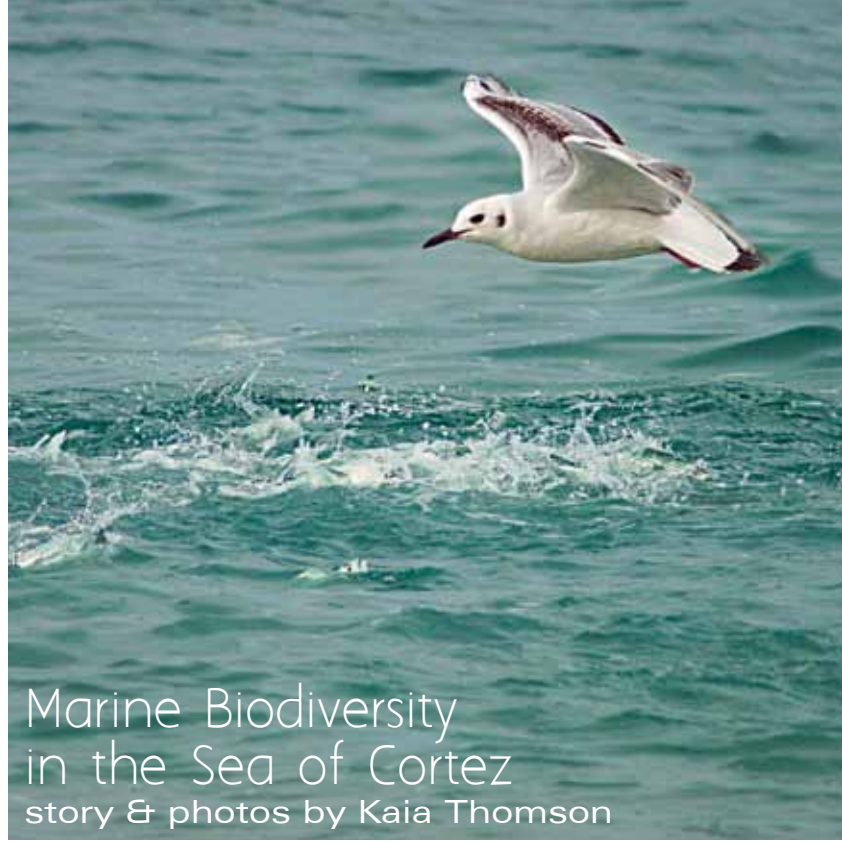
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Marine Biodiversity in the Sea of Cortez story & photos by Kaia Thomson

The Sea of Cortez and its many islands contain plants and animals with high levels of diversity and endemism. There are many different kinds of organisms that have evolved in this sub-tropical area (diversity) and many are found only here (endemism). Two types of plants and animals co-exist here, those needing tropical conditions and others flourishing in temperate conditions.

In addition to the climatic variability, another factor contributing to the evolution of species in the Sea of Cortez is the diversity of habitats, such as rocky shores, mangroves, sandy beaches and soft seabeds that allow for an amazing inventory of faunistic species. The majority of macro-fauna, (visible to the naked eye) consist of taxonomic groups of mammals, birds, fish, invertebrates and reptiles.

A few of the more common species that are frequently found on the islands, shores and in the deep waters of the sea include Osprey, Humpback Whale and only one pinniped, the California Sea Lion. Examples of endemic flora and fauna are the Baja Spiny Lizard, Cortez Angelfish,

Biznaga (Giant Barrel Cactus) and the *Torote*, also known as the Fern-Leaf Elephant Tree.

Another interesting fact is that the coast of the Baja Peninsula, the Sea of Cortez and the islands located within are the northernmost territories of many animals that inhabit the coastal areas of North and South America. Blue-footed Boobies, Magnificent Frigate birds, Olive Ridley Turtles and the Panamic Moray Eel are just a few examples of these species.

The "Vaquita" porpoise (*Phocoena sinus*) is the only endemic marine mammal that lives in the sea and is currently the most endangered cetacean in the world. By comparison, they are also the smallest, and share the waters with the largest cetacean of all, the Blue Whale, the world's largest reptile, the Leatherback Turtle, and the world's largest fish, the Whale Shark!

The Sea of Cortez and its coastal areas and islands make a huge contribution to global biodiversity, and are still home to some of the most diverse and rare plants and animals on Earth.

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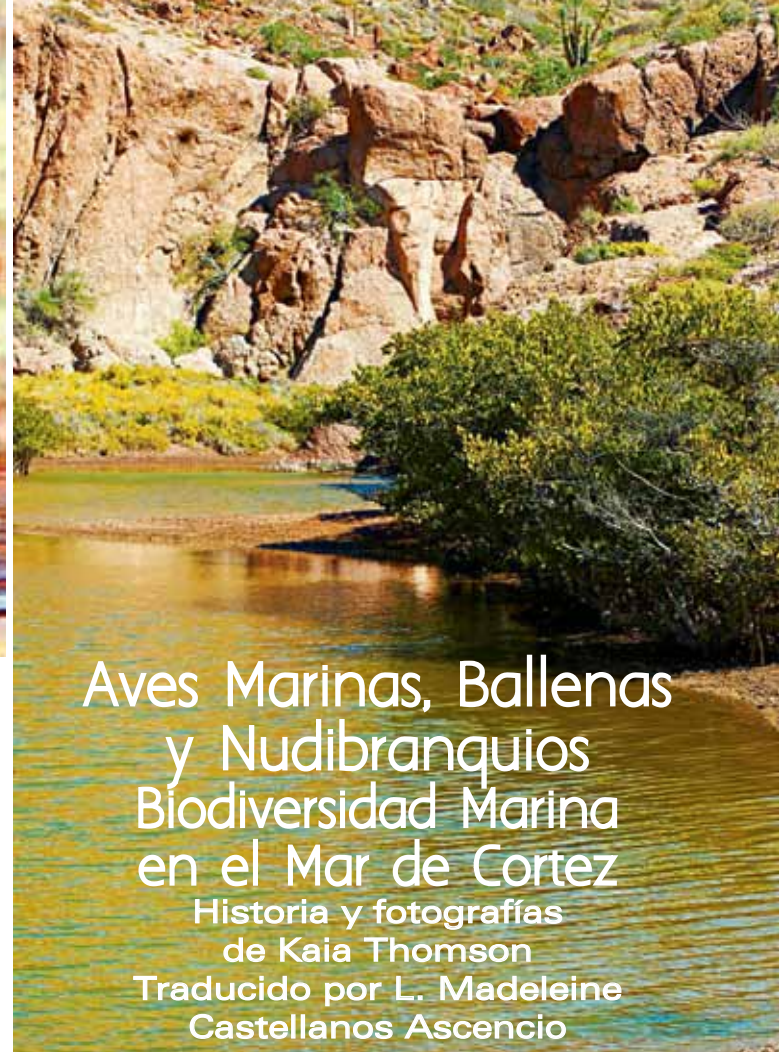


El Mar de Cortés y sus muchas islas contienen plantas y animales con altos niveles de diversidad y de endemismo. Hay muchos diferentes tipos de organismos que han evolucionado en esta área sub tropical (diversidad) y muchos que se encuentran solamente aquí (endemismo). Dos tipos de plantas y animales coexisten aquí: aquellos que necesitan condiciones tropicales y otros que prosperan en condiciones templadas.

Además de la variabilidad climática, otro factor que contribuye a la evolución de las especies en el Mar de Cortés es la diversidad de hábitats; tales como las costas rocosas, los manglares, las playas arenosas y los lechos marinos suaves que permiten un increíble inventario de especies faunísticas. La mayoría de la macro fauna (que se percibe a simple vista), consiste en grupos taxonómicos de mamíferos, aves, peces, invertebrados y reptiles.

Algunas de las especies más comunes que se encuentran con frecuencia en las islas, en las costas y en altamar, incluyen a la Ballena Jorobada, al Águila Pescadora y sólo a un pinnípedo: el Lobo Marino de California. Algunos ejemplos de la flora y fauna endémicas son: la Lagartija Espinosa Peninsular, el Pez Ángel de Cortés, la Biznaga y el Torote.

Otro hecho interesante, es que la costa de la península de Baja, el Mar de Cortés y sus islas, son los territorios más al norte de muchos animales que habitan las costas de



Aves Marinas, Ballenas y Nudibranquios Biodiversidad Marina en el Mar de Cortez

Historia y fotografías
de Kaia Thomson
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América del Norte y América del Sur. El Piquero Patiazul, la Tijereta o Fragata, la Tortuga Golfina y la Morena Verde son sólo algunos ejemplos de estas especies.

La Vaquita Marina es el único mamífero endémico que vive en el mar y es actualmente el cetáceo en mayor peligro de extinción de todos los cetáceos en el mundo. En comparación, itambién son los más pequeños, comparten las aguas con el cetáceo más grande de todos: la Ballena Azul; con el reptil más grande del mundo: la Tortuga Laúd y con el pez más grande del mundo: el Tiburón Ballena!

El Mar de Cortés, sus islas y sus áreas costeras contribuyen enormemente a la biodiversidad global, y son todavía hogar de algunas de las plantas y animales más diversos y poco comunes en la Tierra.



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El Cielo: The Baja Sky

by Roc Fleishman
photo: Kaia Thomson

Welcome to the April/May edition of El Cielo for 2015, highlighting interesting astronomical happenings above the Cape region of BCS. Keep this list close at hand and enjoy the sky.

We will have a short but "total" lunar eclipse on the night of April 3rd/4th. The eclipse will first be visible at about 3 am, and the total phase will last from about 4:54 to 5:06 am. The moon will not get super dark, but should still show the beautiful sunset illumination for a few minutes anyway. A total eclipse of the moon is when no direct light from the sun hits the moon. The only light that gets there has passed through and been refracted by the earth's atmosphere in a sunrise or sunset on its way from the sun to the moon.

Every April we have a meteor shower named the Lyrids. This year it is supposed to peak at 8 pm on April 22nd. The radiant originates in the neighborhood of Lyra, hence the name, near the bright star Vega. Lyra rises around 9:30 pm and the crescent moon will set around 11 pm, so anytime that evening should be good.

We also have the Eta Aquariid meteor shower peaking this year around 6 pm on May 7th. The radiant won't rise until well after midnight, and we'll have an almost full moon, so we probably won't get much from it this year.

April is a good month to see the "Southern Cross," the constellation Crux. You have to look due south just above

the horizon at basically the right time of night in order to see it from here. The cross is upright and at it highest at about 11:15 pm on April 15th. By the end of May, it has gained four minutes a day, like the rest of the sky, and will then appear upright at 8:15 in the evening, when it is just getting dark. You will need a clear night and a location with a low southern horizon. The best locations would be a beach with a clear southern horizon or the top of a hill.

April and May are also the best time to see my favorite globular cluster, Omega Centauri. It is a dim fuzz ball to the naked eye, but dazzling in binoculars or telescope. Look about 14 degrees above and to the left of the Southern Cross. Its light has traveled the 18,000 light years between us, but that is a short time compared to the apparent 12 billion years of age of its several million stars. It is thought to be the remaining core of a small galaxy long ago captured by our Milky Way galaxy.

MOON/PLANET CALENDAR APRIL

- 7/8th Moon and Saturn approaching each other from moonrise at 9:30 pm until sunrise.
- 19th New moon just visible. Venus bright and above.
- 21st After sunset, moon to left of Venus, and above Aldebaran, the reddish eye of Taurus.
- 26/27th From dark to moonset at about 1 am, the moon and Jupiter are neighbors in the west.

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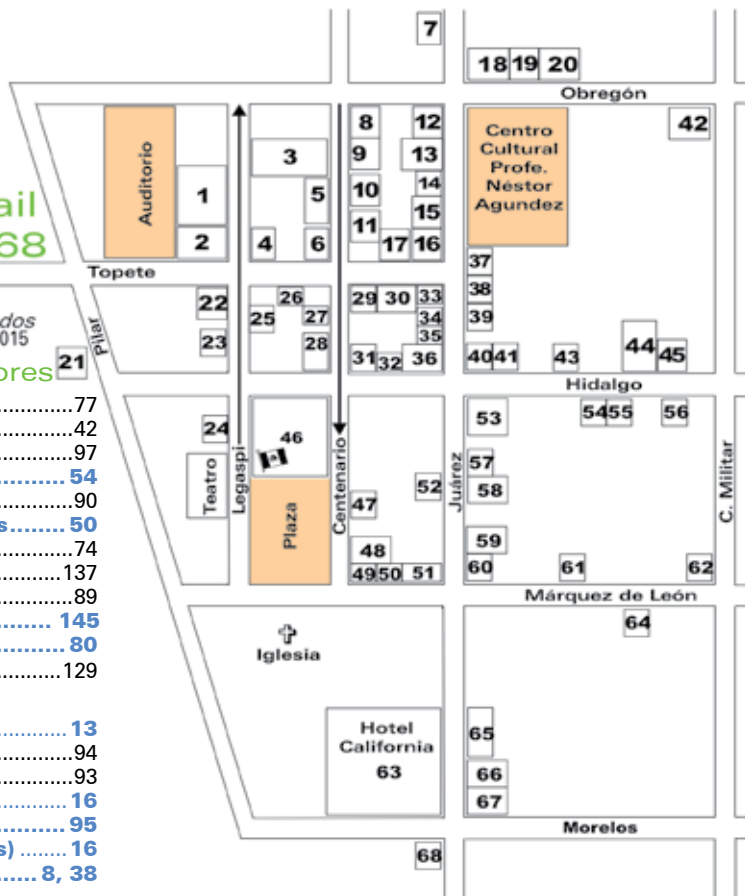
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Voces del Pueblo

by Janice Kinne

Coming up, April 24 through 26th, is the 4th Annual **GastroVino Festival**, celebrating Baja and Mexican wines and cuisine. The festival keeps getting bigger and better thanks to the hard work of Perla Garnica and Mac Sutton. The main festival event will take place in the Todos Santos *plaza pública* on Sunday and new this year—the GastroTour of area restaurants will be held Saturday evening. For more information, see our article on page 4.

Chefs Jeff and Susan Mall have recently moved to Baja and to **Rancho Pescadero** full time. As early innovators in the Farm to Table movement in Sonoma County, California, they're already hard at work expanding the garden, and adding their own flavors and depth of experience to **The Garden Restaurant**. Be sure to read our profile and make your reservations for a lovely lunch or dinner experience. *¡Buen provecho!*

Just outside La Paz, Espíritu Santo is an island in the Sea of Cortez—which Jacques Cousteau called, “the world’s

aquarium.” It is in an area protected as part of the *Área de Protección de Flora y Fauna* and was declared part of a Biosphere Reserve by UNESCO in 1995. This issue, Bryan Jáuregui of **Todos Santos Eco Adventures**, tells the story of a few of the people involved in saving this fragile



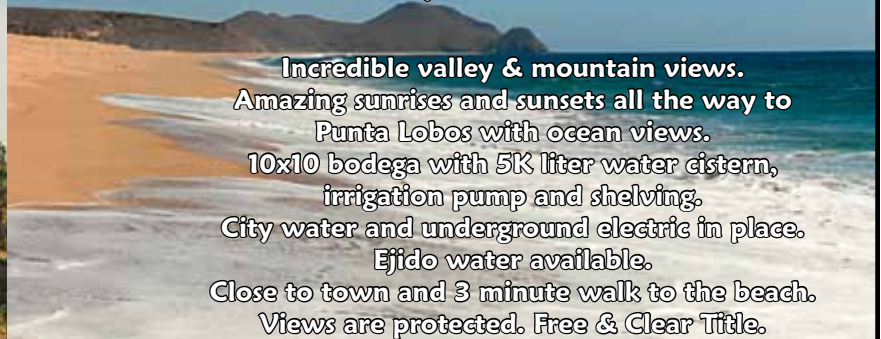
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environment and important eco-tourism destination.

Kaia Thomson, The Cortez Club and **Todos Santos Eco Adventures** shared so many beautiful photos of the land, animals and sea—we had to spread them out throughout the issue!

In case you're wondering if those really are Blue Footed Boobies in Kaia Thomson's story about the rich Biodiversity **VOCES** continued on page 49

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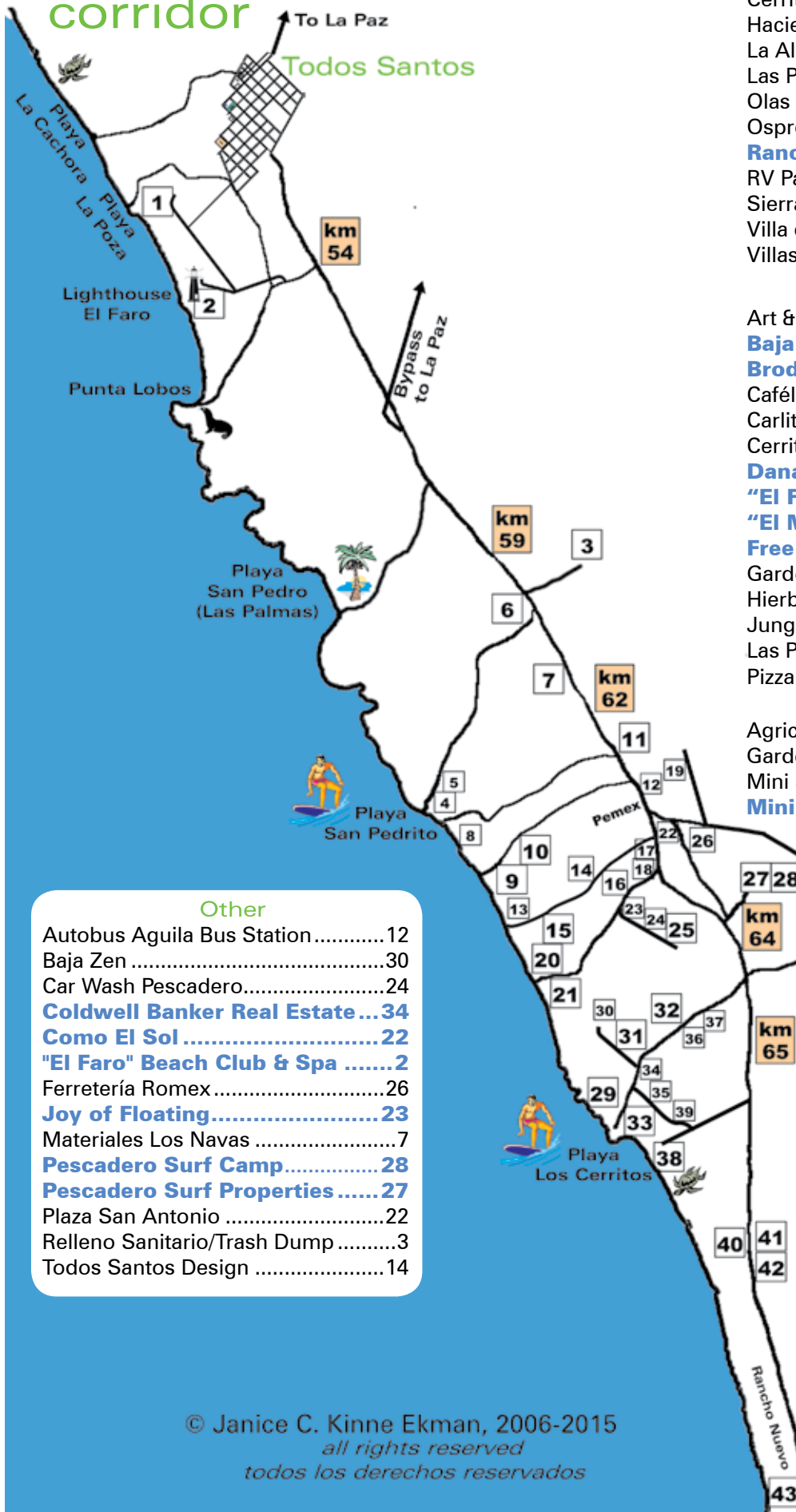
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Beaches / Playas

by Janice Kinne

Todos Santos lies inland along the rugged Pacific coast. There are miles of beautiful white sand beaches accessible down unmarked dirt roads.

This stretch of the Pacific Ocean is a very dangerous place to swim at any time of the year. Strong rip currents and backwash are common. People have drowned in waters near Todos Santos simply because they were too close to the ocean while on beaches with steep drop-offs. PROPLAYAS Todos Santos A. C. have placed warning signs at the most dangerous beaches and have lifeguards on duty daily from 9 am to 5 pm at Los Cerritos Beach.

You can access the **LA POZA** and **LA CACHORA** beaches via the La Cachora road. Both are suitable for walking, fishing, whale watching, relaxing or sunbathing. They are not swimming beaches. Because of the big waves breaking on the shore, La Cachora beach has become popular with skim boarders.

La Poza has a large freshwater lagoon that is great for bird watching.

When the lagoon is full, exercise extreme caution, especially if it has begun to overflow. People have drowned at La Poza beach in front of the mouth of the lagoon when the dune has broken and the lagoon flowed into the ocean.

- Do not attempt to surf or boogie-board the overflow.
- Do not swim in the lagoon when it is close to overflow; do not walk or drive across the mouth of the lagoon if it is even close to overflow.
- If you are going to swim in the lagoon be very careful. The lagoon may appear to be shallow, but has many sudden drop-offs and is actually very deep.

PUNTA LOBOS, named for a sea lion colony, is also known as the fisherman's beach. Simply follow Calle Francisco Bojorquez Vidal (formerly calle Punta Lobos) south out of town, or turn off at km 54 from highway 19. You will pass an old cannery from the days when fisherman could harvest sea turtles legally. There is a small freshwater lagoon at Punta Lobos with a shrine to the virgin.

The fishermen ride their panga boats on the waves onto the beach between 1 and 3 pm. Their return is exciting to watch and you can usually buy fresh fish from the cooperatives.

The two fishing cooperatives have exclusive rights to the "launch zone" at Playa Punta Lobos. For reasons of safety and due to past problems, boat launching at Punta Lobos is not permitted without their express permission.

The only recommended swimming beaches are outside of Pescadero. **SAN PEDRO**, also known as **PALM BEACH** (*Playa Las Palmas*) is near km 57. Its entrance is across highway 19 from the Campo Experimental—stay to the **BEACHES** continued on page 36



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left as you pass the abandoned hacienda. Las Palmas is a beautiful, secluded beach surrounded by a palm grove with a fresh water lagoon that is home to a variety of plants, birds, and wildlife.

Due to strong currents (especially near the rocky point), swimming is safer 50 meters from the rocks (Swim with caution and always have a land reference). The property surrounding Palm Beach is privately owned. The gates are open from 6 am to 9 pm daily. Car break-ins have been reported at Palm Beach. Leave your valuables at home!

PLAYA SAN PEDRITO is a rocky surfing beach around km 60, about 4.6 miles (7.4 km) from Todos Santos. There is a large San Pedrito RV Park sign at the entrance off the highway. (The trailer park is closed but usually open to cars.)

PLAYA LOS CERRITOS is located at km 64 about 8 miles (12.8 km) south of Todos Santos. Look for the turnoff after the hill, south of Puente El Pescadero. Los Cerritos is a popular spot for surfing, boogie boarding, swimming

and fishing. Swim with caution due to strong riptides near the rocks. It is recommended to stay at least 50 meters from the rocks. The most secure swimming area is in front of the restaurant/bar. (Swim with caution and always have a land reference). There is a long stretch of beach to the south that is perfect for walking or running. Surfboard rentals and other services are available.

Baja Zen, #30 on the Pescadero map, offers morning and evening yoga classes overlooking Playa Los Cerritos.

La Sirena Eco-Aventuras, #150 on Todos Santos map, provides kayak and snorkeling tours, fishing trips, swimming with whale sharks, beach shuttle, surfing lessons, surfboard and boogie board rentals.

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Ecología (Secretary of Urban Development and Ecology) in 1983, and in 1987 the general law of ecology and natural resources. One of the early successes of all this effort was the 1988 declaration of the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve in the states of Mexico and Michoacán.

The people of Mexico in general, and of Baja California Sur in particular, are now intently focused on protecting their natural heritage. In Baja California Sur residents have banded together in recent years to defeat mega-developments in Balandra Bay, El Mogote and Cabo Pulmo, using the reach and resources of both local and international NGOs to aid their cause. (See JPD No. 9, Spring 2013). Public outrage and grassroots campaigning have stymied the efforts of companies seeking to operate open-pit gold mining companies in the Sierra de la Laguna Mountains. Like Lindbergh and his nonstop solo flight across the Atlantic, they are succeeding against considerable odds. Like Tim Means and his environmental coalitions, they are hunkered down and ready for the long haul. As the great conservationist Teddy Roosevelt once said, "Great thoughts speak only to the thoughtful mind, but great actions speak to all mankind." The protection of Isla Espiritu Santo and the islands of the Sea of Cortez wrought by Tim Means and his coalition will speak to the world for generations to come.

Two excellent books and Tim Means provided the source material for this article. The books are *Isla Espiritu Santo: Evolución, rescate y conservación* by Exequiel Ezcurra, Harumi Fujita, Enrique Hambleton and Rodolfo Garrio; and *Wildlands Philanthropy: The Great American Tradition* with essays by Tom Butler and photographs by Antonio Vizcaino.

Todos Santos Eco Adventures operates a tent camp on Isla Espiritu Santo from which visitors can explore the wild natural beauty of the island and the Sea of Cortez.

WHY DO WE CARE ABOUT ESPIRITU SANTO AND OTHER AREAS OF MEXICO?

There are over 200 countries in the world today but only 12 of them can claim to be "mega-diverse." A country is considered mega-diverse if it has between 60% and 70% of the total biodiversity of the planet, and Mexico is one of only 3 such countries with coastlines on both the Atlantic and Pacific (the United States and Colombia are the other two). Mexican government sources indicate that Mexico's global ranks for biodiversity are as follows:

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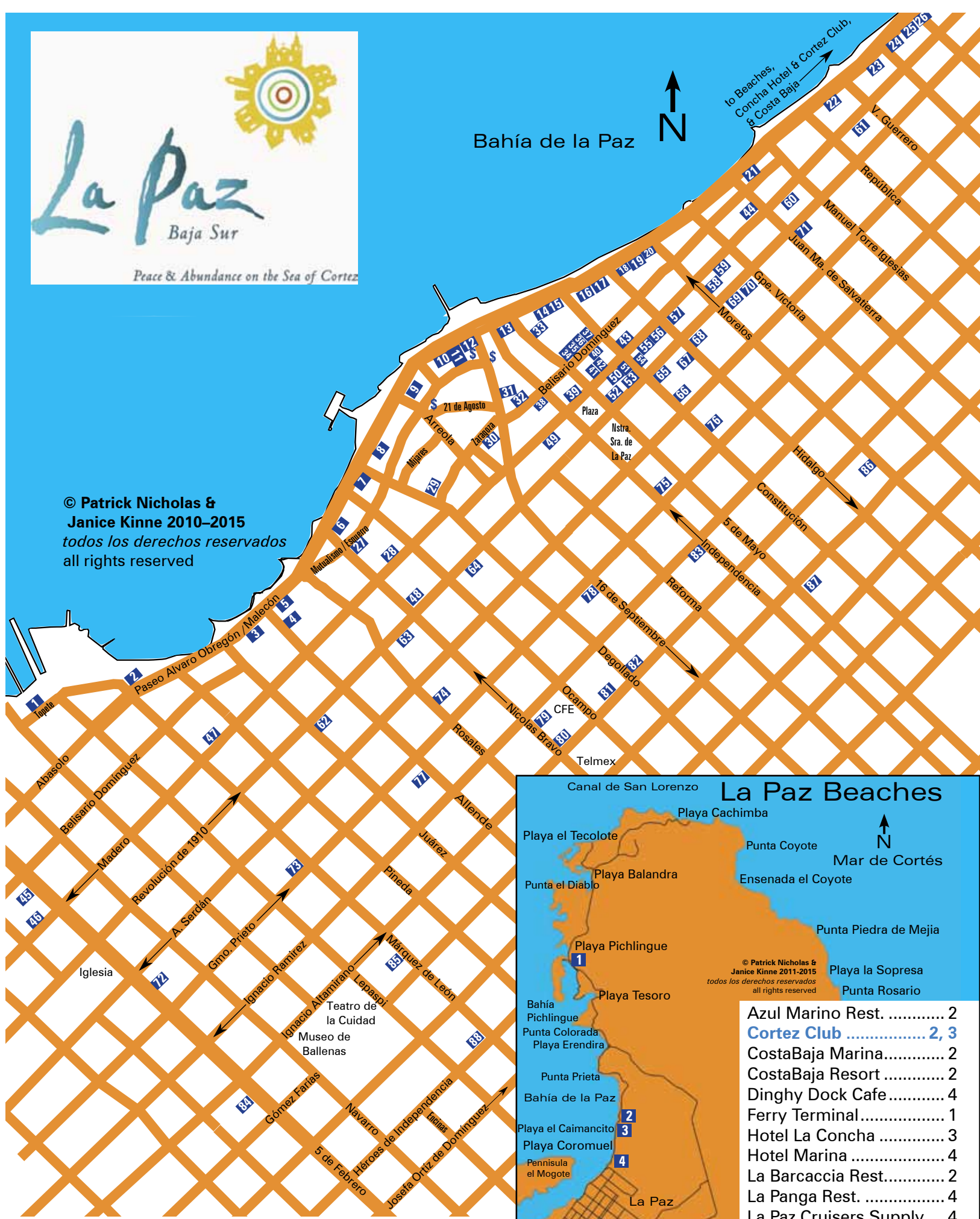
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La Paz Beaches

by Janice Kinne



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The *malecón* along the bay of La Paz is the perfect place to walk, run, people watch or enjoy gazing across the water. Crews clean the beaches and walkways daily, fresh sand has been imported and there are *palapas* to offer shade. Locals and tourists visit the beaches north of downtown to swim, snorkel, or kayak. There are several adventure companies along the *malecón* and at the marinas offering panga rides, bay and island cruises, snorkeling, scuba diving, fishing, sailing and kayak rentals.

EL MOGOTÉ is the spit of land that separates the harbor of La Paz from the *Bahía de La Paz*. This natural treasure used to be, for the most part, accessible only with 4WD. Now driving onto the peninsula is restricted due to the construction of golf courses, homes and hotels.

PLAYA EL COROMUEL (4.5 km): is the first beach north of town and an easy walk from downtown. It is within the harbor boundaries, has shaded *palapas* and food / beverage services. The water here gets much better flow with the tide change and is suitable for swimming. The bottom is clean sand and rock. Snorkeling is good further out.

PLAYA EL TESORO (approx. 13 km): is a great little beach for children. The shallow, clear waters allow you to walk out for close to 100 meters. Tesoro has about 25 shaded *palapas*, two small restaurants and kayak rentals.

PICHILINGUE (19 km): Home to the La Paz ferry terminus and a large commercial harbor. There are pleasant, small beaches just north of the deep water port, on the *Vieja Bahía de Pichilingue*. Beachfront food and beverages service and kayak rentals are available and there is a restaurant with an

upstairs view. The *palapa* bar is popular in the hot summer afternoons.

PLAYA BALANDRA (23 km): is known for its famous balancing rock formation landmark that resembles a prehistoric mushroom. You can view the rock formation and *playa El Hongo* by walking in the water around the cliff to your right. The large beach and surrounding area are beautiful. The waters surrounding Balandra are shallow and safe for children. Sheltered from wave action from nearly every direction, the water warms early and is very safe for swimmers and kayaking. There are also several little beaches (coves) and mangroves to explore. The beach has no services, so pack your own lunches and drinks for the day. There are vendors renting chairs, selling fruit and drinks, beach *palapas* for shade and BBQ pits to the south.

PLAYA EL TECOLOTE (26 km): is by far the largest and most visited beach in La Paz. Two restaurant/bars offer shade *palapas* and a large number of beach vendors offer refreshments. RV camping is available, along with a wide variety of water sports rentals. Usually there are no lifeguards on duty, but they may be present during *la semana santa* and in the summer. The beach has a beautiful view of Isla Espiritu Santo and panga rides to the island are available—a 6.5 km crossing across the San Lorenzo channel. Bus service from the station on the *malecón* to playa El Tecolote is available for a nominal charge.

Sting rays are the biggest hazard at the playas and tend to be present on the bottom in shallow waters during the summer. When walking in the water, shuffle your feet on the bottom to avoid stepping directly on a resting ray.



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MAY

- 4/5th The bright moon and Saturn approach each other all night.
- 18th Slim chance to see the new moon. Mercury might be visible above and to the right 5°.
- 19th New moon, now should be easy to find.
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Mercury will have an apparition as an evening star in the first half of May, peaking around the 7th, while Venus will get higher in the evening sky throughout the period, peaking around the end of May.

For more information on any of the above subjects, check out the web links below. To arrange a star party or for other astronomical questions, call me on my cell phone (612) 348-5468 (and leave a local number), or visit my office in Plaza Antigua, upstairs #9, **Pescadero Properties**, #16 on the Todos Santos map.

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HAPPY HOUR: Monday - Saturday, 5 – 6 pm. 2 x 1 beers and margaritas.

LIVE MUSIC: Thursday live music nights, 6 – 10 pm with full bar and super burros (through the end of April).

OTHER EVENTS: Wednesday, 9 am – 12 pm Community Market with live music. Check for events listings and special events on their website or Facebook page events.

OPEN: Monday - Saturday, 7 am – 7 pm. Sunday 7 am – 3 pm. Thursdays open until 10 pm.

Calle Horizonte on the *otro lado*. #12 on the Todos Santos otro lado map. (612) 145-0851

<http://www.laesquinats.com/>

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LA GITANA

La Gitana may be the newest bar in Todos Santos, but it has quickly become a great place for singles to meet and have fun. Sisters Jimena and Alejandra Garcia have decorated the funky, yet comfortable space using recycled pallets to create couches, tables, and dividers. Their specialty is mezcal—a distilled alcohol made from the maguey plant. The word *mezcal* comes from Nahuatl word *mexcalli* which means “oven-cooked agave.” Try it straight or in one of their specialty drinks, and you’ll agree with the saying, “*para todo mal, mezcal, y para todo bien también*” (for everything bad, mezcal; for everything good, the same!) Tamer types can choose from a selection of bottled beers and wine by the glass.

Jimena and Alejandra receive all visitors—locals, residents, and tourists—as if they were receiving guests in their own home. They invite you to try the mezcal and offer a variety of different entertainments such as movies, exhibitions, and live music. Their music mix may be eclectic, featuring salsa, cumbia or reggae nights; but on “calmer” nights they love playing jazz, blues, and country. Baja Dancing Queens give La Gitana five stars on great dancing music every night. It’s also a splendid place to meet people, or after dining in town, drop by for a shot of mezcal served with orange slices.

La Gitana features only artisanal mezcals and cocktails made with the best all-natural and local ingredients. Two of our favorites are the “La Gitana” made with mezcal, hibiscus water, basil, and mint, and the “La Burra Brava” made with mezcal, cilantro, ginger syrup, and lime.

Patio bar, indoor couches in casual groupings, serving: Artisanal mescal, bottled beer, full service bar, wine selection by the glass. Available for special events. Starting April 1st they will be opening their full kitchen with dishes made with only local products.

LIVE MUSIC: La Gitana often has live music. Check their Facebook page for details.

OTHER EVENTS: Movies, exhibitions, and other events. Check their Facebook page for details.

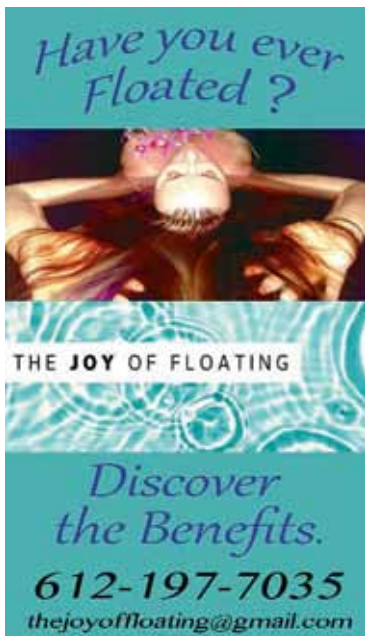
OPEN: Wednesday through Saturday, 7 pm – closing (depending on the events, closing time varies from 11 pm to 2 am!)

Topete near the corner of Juárez, #30 on the Todos Santos map. (612) 167-9159

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/La-Gitana/1510639385872553>

LA SANTEÑA CANTINA

La Santeña, in the Hotel Casa Tota, has lovely, elevated sidewalk tables. Perfect for enjoying a cold drink and watching the world go by. Or sit inside at a table or at the historic full bar, part of the original counter from Doña Tota’s store—one of the original families to settle Todos



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Santos during the mining days of El Triunfo. The cantina features many varieties of tequilas and mezcals, creative cocktails, cold *cervezas*, savory snacks, and great service. If you're hungry, try their traditional Mexican dishes with a fresh twist, prepared with freshly-made tortillas, breads, and selected local ingredients. La Santeña also offers many menu items for vegetarians. We love the veggie super burro. Locals and visitors lounge outside, drinking a classic margarita and snacking on delicious, freshly-made guacamole and roasted salsas at happy hour. The shop Hecho en Mexico, next door, stocks a large selection of Mexican tequilas and mezcals to take home or give as a gift. And opening soon—the La Santeña rooftop bar.

Casual, sidewalk and indoor tables and bar seating, serving: Bottled beer, full bar, wine list featuring Mexican and International white and red wines by the glass and bottle. Free wi-fi. Appetizers, salads, and Mexican breakfasts, lunches and dinners. Available for special events.

HAPPY HOUR: Monday - Saturday, 3 – 6 pm. 2 x 1 beers and margaritas.

OTHER EVENTS: Check their Facebook page for special events.

OPEN: Monday – Sunday, 8 am – 10 pm.

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<http://hotelcasatota.com/>

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SHUT UP FRANK'S

Shut Up Frank's has been the locals' hangout for over 20 years. Well known as the original sports bar in Todos Santos, Frank's has 5 flat-screen TVs, each capable of showing different sporting events, like PPV champion boxing and ultimate fighting events. There are outside tables where you can watch the street life go by. A very popular spot for the locals, particularly at happy hour. We like meeting friends for a cold beer or one of Carlos' special margaritas. Shut Up Frank's is the home of a great burger and killer hot wings, but Chef Ernesto has recently expanded their menu to include homemade sandwiches, pastas dishes, and pizza, too! Baja Beer Guy gives Shut Up Frank's a thumbs up for the coldest beer in town.

Casual sports bar, indoor and outdoor tables, serving: Bottled and tap beer, full bar, flavored-vodka bar, **ON THE ROCKS** continued on page 47



abril

3 de abril | 4 a 7 pm, **CAMINATA DE ARTE TODOS SANTOS**. Los primeros viernes de cada mes con más de 14 galerías participantes.

4 de abril | **CENA A LA LUZ DE LA LUNA LLENA** en **El Mirador**, el Restaurante con vista al Océano en Todos Santos. Para reservaciones: al (612) 175-0800, Recepción del **Hotel Guaycura** y reservation@guaycura.com

5 de abril | **EL HORARIO DE VERANO INICIA** en la Baja.

6 y 7 de abril | 5 pm y 7 pm, **COMPañIA TEATRAL PELICANO** presenta tres obras de 10 minutos—*Cualquier cosa por Tí*, *Lección de Historia* por el ganador del Premio Pulitzer David Lindsay-Abaire y *Siobhan*—en el Teatro de la Ciudad de La Paz. Boletos \$100 pesos. Venta de boletos en **Allende Books** en La Paz y en **El Tecolote Libros** en Todos Santos. Para mayor información: www.facebook.com/pelicantheatreoflapaz

19 de abril | 9:30 am, **INSTRUCTORA DE YOGA COMO INVITADA ESPECIAL** Gaby Delgadillo de San José Del Cabo en el estudio de yoga Baja Zen Yoga cerca de la Playa Los Cerritos. (612)142-5038 info@baja-zen.com Facebook.com/BajaZen, www.baja-zen.com

19 de abril | 5 pm, **LECTURA ABIERTA** en Restaurante Los Adobes en Todos Santos. Las Lecturas se limitan a 5 minutos en duración y solo se aceptan trabajos originales.

20 de abril | 9 am, **INSTRUCTORA DE YOGA COMO INVITADA ESPECIAL** Cailin (Golden Buddha Yoga, NJ) en el estudio de yoga Baja Zen cerca de la Playa Los Cerritos. (612) 142-5038 info@baja-zen.com Facebook.com/BajaZen, www.baja-zen.com

24 al 26 de abril | **El 4º FESTIVAL ANUAL DE GASTROVINO** en Todos Santos. Para mayores detalles, ve nuestro artículo en la página 4 o <http://www.gastrovino.mx/>

mayo

2 de mayo | La Paz Fiestas de Fundación.

2 al mayo | Dos Mares 500 (Club La Paz) carrera.

3 de mayo | 4 a 7 pm, **CAMINATA DE ARTE TODOS SANTOS**. Los primeros viernes de cada mes con más de 14 galerías participantes.

4 de mayo | **CENA A LA LUZ DE LA LUNA LLENA** en **El Mirador**, el Restaurante con vista al Océano en Todos Santos. Para reservaciones: al (612) 175-0800, Recepción del **Hotel Guaycura** y reservation@guaycura.com

10 de mayo | **DÍA DE LOS MADRES**

17 de mayo | 5 pm, **LECTURA ABIERTA** en Restaurante Los Adobes en Todos Santos. Las Lecturas se limitan a 5 minutos en duración y solo se aceptan trabajos originales.

14 al 16 de mayo | 3 a 9 pm, **EL 6º EDICIÓN ANUAL DE CABO MARINE SHOW** en los muelles L-M-N de la Marina IGY Cabo San Lucas. Una expo de tres días de productos marinos y botes para los entusiastas y los líderes de la

industria. El show de este año incluirá el mercado de embarcaciones usadas, brokers locales y domésticos de yates, productos y servicios marinos así como operadores de recorridos y actividades a lo largo de la exhibición en la rambla, rodeados de numerosos restaurantes y bares. Para mayores informes, favor de contactar info@maaseventos.com o llamar al (55) 5434-3747.

julio

7 al 12 de julio | **RETIRO DE SILENCIO** con el **Dr. Robert Hall**, en el nuevo centro para retiros Pachamama en Todos Santos. Una combinación de meditación sentada, pláticas de Dharma y sesiones de terapia Gestalt por las noches. Comidas nutritivas, yoga y meditación caminando. El retiro es para aquellos individuos interesados en profundizar su práctica de meditación y su trabajo de auto descubrimiento. Robert Hall es psiquiatra y maestro de Dharma con una reputación internacional por su trabajo innovativo y pionero en terapias somáticas y corporales, dirigiendo retiros desde 1980. Para mayores informes, contacta a Elena Ascencio elena.ascencio.ibanez@gmail.com

HORA FELIZ

Chill N Grill, Lu Mar Ju Vi 4 a 6 pm, 2x1 cerveza y well drinks.

Dana's Diner y Cantina Mler Ju Vi Sa 4 a 7 pm, \$25 peso cerveza, \$40 peso margaritas y well drinks.

Free Souls Do Lu Mar Mler Ju Vi Sa 4 a 6 pm, margaritas, mojitos, y cerveza especiales.

Gallo Azul, Lu Mar Mler Ju Vi Sa 3 a 6 pm, 2x1 cerveza y margaritas.

Hotel Casa Tota, Lu Mar Mler Ju Vi Sa 3 a 6 pm, 2x1 cerveza y well drinks.

Pizzería Tres Marias **Lu Mler Ju Vi 12:30 a 5 pm**, Burger, papas y una cerveza 70 pesos.

Shut Up Frank's Lu Mler Ju Vi 2 a 5 pm, especiales de comida y bebidas.

Sky Lounge en Guaycura Boutique Hotel Do Lu Mar Mler Ju Vi Sa 2 a 5 pm, 2 x 1 margaritas y cerveza.

La Esquina Lu Mar Mler Ju Vi Sa 5 a 6 pm, 2x1 cerveza, vino y margaritas.

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domingo

9 am a 2 pm, **BRUNCH DOMINICAL Y MERCADO LOCAL** con música en vivo en **Baja Beans** en Pescadero.

11 am a 4 pm, **ESPECIAL PARA LOS BIKERS**: Cerveza a \$25 pesos, margaritas y tragos de la casa a \$40 pesos, margaritas 5 a 9 pm, presentando diferentes chefs de la localidad como invitados cada semana en **Dana's Diner** en El Pescadero.

1 a 5 pm, **MÚSICA EN VIVO** en **El Faro, Beach Club & Spa** en Todos Santos.

BRUNCH ESPECIAL en **El Mirador, Ocean View Restaurant** con vista al mar en Todos Santos. Para reservaciones: al (612) 175-0800, recepción en el **Hotel Guaycura**, y reservation@guaycura.com

lunes

9:30 am a 2:30 pm, **PESCADERO ORGÁNICOS** en el callejón, #34 en el mapa del otro lado de Todos Santos.

10 am a 3 pm, **PUESTO DE PRODUCTOS ORGÁNICOS** del Rancho Buen Día en el callejón de Todos Santos.

10 am a 1 pm, **Palapa Society BIBLIOTECA y RINCON DE CUENTOS ABIERTO**.

11 am a 3:30 pm, **PUESTO DE PRODUCTOS ORGÁNICOS** de Pepinita en la calle Los Mangos en el otro lado de Todos Santos.

5 a 8 pm **DEGUSTACIÓN DE VINOS DE BAJA** en **La Bodega de Todos Santos**. Sirve una selección de tres vinos diferentes de Baja.

martes

8:30 am a 1 pm, **EL MERCADO ORGÁNICO DE LA PAZ** en calle Madero entre 5 de Mayo y Constitución, La Paz.

10 am a 3 pm, **PUESTO DE PRODUCTOS ORGÁNICOS** del Rancho Buen Día en el callejón de Todos Santos.

6:30 pm, **NOCHE DE PELÍCULAS** en **Gallo Azul** en Todos Santos.

miércoles

8 am a 12 pm, **EL MERCADO ORGÁNICO DE LOS CABOS** en Camino del Colegio, s/n entrada a Pedregal, Cabo San Lucas.

9 am a 12 pm, **MERCADO ORGÁNICO** en **La Esquina** en el Otro Lado de Todos Santos.

9:30 am a 2:30 pm, **PESCADERO ORGÁNICOS** en el callejón, #34 en el mapa del otro lado de Todos Santos.

10 am a 1 pm, **Palapa Society BIBLIOTECA y RINCON DE CUENTOS ABIERTO**.

11 am a 3:30 pm, **PUESTO DE PRODUCTOS ORGÁNICOS** de Pepinita en la calle Los Mangos en el otro lado de Todos Santos.

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1 a 5 pm, **EL MERCADO ORGÁNICO** en San José del Cabo está ligeramente afuera del distrito de arte histórico en la Huerta María en el Camino a las Ánimas. Busque la señal para el gran arroyo junto a la Avenida Centenario.

5 a 8 pm **MIÉRCOLES DE "BIG RED" VINOS** en la **Bodega de Todos Santos** con música en vivo.

5 a 9 pm, **NOCHE DE CHICAS** con mimosas de \$40 pesos y todo lo que puedas comer de spaghetti con ensalada y pan de ajo en **Dana's Diner** en El Pescadero.

6 a 10 pm, **PASTA Y ENSALADA** 150 pesos en **Cantamar Cocina Mexicana** en Todos Santos.

jueves

8:30 am a 1 pm, **EL MERCADO ORGÁNICO DE LA PAZ** en calle Madero entre 5 de Mayo y Constitución, La Paz.

10 am a 3 pm, **PUESTO DE PRODUCTOS ORGÁNICOS** del Rancho Buen Día en el callejón de Todos Santos.

3 a 7 pm, **2 X 1 PIZZAS** en **Gallo Azul** en Todos Santos.

5 a 9 pm, **CAMINATA DEL ARTE** en San José del Cabo, en el distrito de las galerías. Todas las galerías que participan estarán abiertas hasta las 9 pm y muchas tienen recepciones y eventos especiales. Noviembre hasta el fin de Junio.

4 a 9 pm, **MENÚ TEX MEX** por \$100 pesos en **Dana's Diner** en El Pescadero.

6 a 10 pm, **MÚSICA EN VIVO**, bar y parrilla abiertos con superburros y exquisitas margaritas en **La Esquina** en el otro lado de Todos Santos.

viernes

9:30 am a 2:30 pm, **PESCADERO ORGÁNICOS** en el callejón, #34 en el mapa del otro lado de Todos Santos.

10 am a 1 pm, *Palapa Society* **BIBLIOTECA y RINCON DE CUENTOS ABIERTA.**

11 am a 3:30 pm, **PUESTO DE PRODUCTOS ORGÁNICOS** de Pepinita en la calle Los Mangos en el otro lado de Todos Santos.

2 TACOS DE PESCADO Y 1 CERVEZA O ALITAS DE POLLO Y 1 CERVEZA por \$90 pesos en **Shut Up Frank's** en Todos Santos.

6 pm, **ESPECIALIDADES DE ASIA** en Michael's at the Gallery. Requiere reservación.

7 pm, **MÚSICA EN VIVO** en **Dana's Diner** en El Pescadero.

7:30 pm, **TODOS SANTOS BANDA DE JAZZ** en Kin's Lounge.

LADIES NIGHT en **Gallo Azul** en Todos Santos. 2x1 cerveza, vino de la casa y margaritas todo la noche.

sábado

8:30 am a 1 pm, **EL MERCADO ORGÁNICO DE LA PAZ** en calle Madero entre 5 de Mayo y Constitución, La Paz.

9 am a 3 pm, **EL MERCADO ORGÁNICO** en San José del Cabo está ligeramente afuera del distrito de arte histórico en la Huerta María en el Camino a las Ánimas. Busque la señal para el gran arroyo junto a la Avenida Centenario.

9 am a 1 pm, **TIANGUIS NATURAL MALECÓN** (Mercado)

en el Callejón Cabezud es en La Paz—el área entre calle Esquerro y el Malecón ubicado en el mural Wyland y la escultura del músico tocando el caracol.

10 am a 1 pm, *Palapa Society* **BIBLIOTECA y RINCON DE CUENTOS ABIERTO.**

10 am a 3 pm, **PUESTO DE PRODUCTOS ORGÁNICOS** del Rancho Buen Día en el callejón de Todos Santos.

12 a 11 pm, **CIRCUITO CULTURAL MARINA** en Cabo San Lucas.

6 a 10 pm, **ESPECIAL DE STEAK**—Filete Mingón, New York o Ribeye desde 150 pesos en **Cantamar Cocina Mexicana** en Todos Santos.

6 pm, **ESPECIALIDADES DE ASIA** en Michael's at the Gallery. Requiere reservación.

7 a 10 pm, **MÚSICA EN VIVO** con "JamaRama" en **Chill N Grill.**

Gastrovino Festival

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SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 6 – 9 PM

GASTROTOUR. A gastronomical stroll from restaurant to restaurant in the historic center of Todos Santos, sampling the unique pairing experience that each host and guest winemaker will offer. Each restaurant will offer 1 glass of wine + 1 appetizer, plus live music and diverse entertainment. Regular menu items will also be available. Price TBD

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 2 -6 PM

GRAN FESTIVAL GASTROVINO in the Public Plaza, Todos Santos. Featuring tastings of the best Mexican wines and gastronomic delights of Baja. Silent auction with 100% of proceeds benefitting local charities. Entertainment by local Bolero trio, jazz music, mariachi band, gypsy flamenco music, and other surprises. Food and wine also for sale at special prices.

\$400 pesos pre-sale / 499 pesos event day. Includes complementary iconic wine glass, 7 wine tastings, and 5 appetizers.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 7 PM

SUNSET AFTER PARTY at the Guaycura Boutique Hotel Sky Lounge with DJ music. Limited space, \$100 pesos per person.

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selection of white and red wines by the glass or bottle. Free wifi. Great hamburgers, sandwiches, steaks, pastas, pizzas, French fries, chicken wings, and salads. Take out.

HAPPY HOUR: Monday – Friday, 1 – 5 pm. Food and drink specials.

OTHER EVENTS: Monday night: Spaghetti with French bread. Thursday night: Pizza night. Friday night: Prime Rib Dinner. It's a must try! Daily Specials: Fresh fish of the day; shrimp; New York and ribeye steaks; baby back ribs; seasonal lobster. 90 pesos for 2 fish tacos & a beer. 90 pesos for chicken wings & a beer.

OPEN: Wednesday – Monday, 2 – 10 pm. Closed Tuesday.

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THE SKY LOUNGE AT GUAYCURA

The lovely Sky Lounge terrace, located on the third floor of the Guaycura Boutique Hotel in the Todos Santos historic district, gives visitors the opportunity to enjoy stunning sunsets over the Pacific Ocean and moonrises over the Sierras, as well as spectacular views of the palm oasis. Visitors to the Sky Lounge sit back in comfort with an ice-cold cocktail, while enjoying light background music. It all combines to create a casual, relaxed experience. On weekend evenings, the lounge has live music; the perfect accompaniment to sipping a nice glass of wine and sampling delicious morsels from the tapas and Mexican appetizers menu. Try the *pincho de camarón con tocino*, mini quesadillas with smoked marlin, *mini-hamburguesas*, or the *sopes de chorizo*.

Ask the bartender, Ángel, to make you an Ángel martini—a delicious blend of Grey Goose vodka, Kahlua, and Frangelico, shaken and strained. The jalapeño margarita is another specialty with a little heat. Or try the Guaycura margarita made with Don Julio Blanco tequila, Cointreau, Damiana, fresh lime, and just a touch of sugar. Mojito fans can also try their favorite with fresh mango or strawberries.

A lovely place to dress up for a romantic evening or meet with friends. Add the Sky Lounge to your list of great spots to take guests for an evening cocktail and watch the sunset over the Pacific.

Upscale casual, outdoor terrace overlooking the ocean, mountains and town. Bottle beer, full bar. The wine list is comprised of wines produced in Baja California, Chile, Argentina, California, Spain, and France. They are available by the glass or bottle. Special dinners served include fresh fish catch of the day, cooked with herbs; *pulpo a la carbon*; and organic chicken and grilled vegetables. Traditional Spanish tapas and Mexican appetizers.

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HAPPY HOUR: 2 x 1 margaritas and beer, 2 – 5 pm daily.

LIVE MUSIC: Friday and Saturday nights.

OTHER EVENTS: Don't miss the GastroVino sunset after party at the Sky Lounge on April 26, starting at 7 pm.

The "El Faro" Beach Club at the lighthouse has live music on Sundays from 1 to 5 pm. Inquire about the full moon dinners and monthly wine tastings at the "El Mirador" restaurant on the La Poza hill overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Check at the Guaycura Boutique Hotel front desk or their Facebook page for more information.

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Voces

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in the Sea of Cortez, the answer is yes! While they are mainly found in the Galapagos Islands, they also inhabit the coastal waters of the Baja California peninsula.

Last issue we explored some of the different ways to enhance your well being. This month, we answer another question that is frequently asked, "Where can I get a cold drink?" We assembled a daring and committed team of mixologists, freelance imbibers, music lovers and foodies to help us compile important facts for *On The Rocks*.

The **Free Souls Club** is the newest bar and Mediterranean restaurant club at Los Cerritos beach. It is a prime location with its stunning ocean and mountain views as well as a salt water pool (free to bar and restaurant guests). This is a relaxing place to spend the afternoon or evening. Be sure to check our review in *On The Rocks*.

Make sure to check out all the changes at **Dana's Diner** in our story as well. They've expanded their location, menu and bar; added live music, guest chef and ladies' nights, but don't worry, the bus is still in back!

Casa Sur is Todos Santos' new yoga shop, located in the Cuatro Vientos studio on the *otro lado*. Owner Stephanie Penilla only stocks natural and socially sustainable products including: yoga, meditation and dance gear, clothing, jewelry, arts and crafts. This lovely shop is open Monday through Friday, 10 am to 5 pm and 10 am to 2 pm on Saturday and Sunday.

México Gourmet Todos Santos is a specialty store with delicious and wholesome treats like Mexican chocolates, marmalades, organic coffee, seasoned salts, *mole* and mezcal. Whether you're cooking an authentic recipe, or looking for gift ideas to bring home, it's a great place to visit near the plaza.

Cantamar Cocina Mexicana has extended their hours, serving dinner Wednesday to Saturday until 10 pm. Look for their Thursday pasta and salad special and Saturday steak nights. (See our Weekly Events for more details.)

You can now book your floating session on **Joy of Floating's** Facebook page or at their new mini website: <http://thejoyoffloating.gettimely.com>

Pura Vida Health Food Store is open once again at their original location, just one block behind the Pemex station in Todos Santos. The Bistro Magico Kitchen has also moved with Pura Vida and is serving up delicious specialties Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Restaurant Mi Pueblito's second, larger location next to **La Bodega de Todos Santos** on Hidalgo street should be open for breakfast, lunch and dinner by press time. A perfect place for a tasty bite on Monday Flight nights or Big Red Wednesdays at La Bodega!

We'll see you next issue, Summer 2015. Look for our feature on water sports, activities and adventures. Deadline to participate is May 8!



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Pesos Notes

Mixing Money with Culture

by Linton Robinson

Not only does the Mexican currency display portraits of famous people, printed verses (often too tiny to see with naked eye) appear on the notes.

Former President Benito Juárez' iconic phrase about "peace is respect for the rights of others" quote appears on the blue twenty peso bill.

That the people and government respect the rights of all. Among individuals, as among nations, respect for the rights of others is peace.

Que el pueblo y el gobierno respeten los derechos de todos. Entre los individuos, como entre las naciones, el respeto al derecho ajeno es la paz.

The red one hundred peso bill has the image of Netzahualcóyotl: warrior, poet, athlete, king, and his most famous verse:

I love the song of the mockingbird
Bird of four hundred voices,
I love the color of the jadestone
And the enervating perfume of flowers,
But more than all I love my brother: man.

*Amo el canto del cenizotle,
pájaro de cuatrocientas voces.
Amo el color del jade
y el enervante perfume de las flores,
pero más amo a mi hermano: el hombre.*

The green two hundred peso bill honors the 1800s feminist nun Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, writing about the foibles of men.

Silly, you men-so very adept
at wrongly faulting womankind,
not seeing you're alone to blame
for or the very same faults you accuse them of.

*Hombres necios que acusáis
a la mujer sin razón,
sin ver que sois la ocasión
de lo mismo que culpáis.*

The 500 peso bill features Mexico's prominent painter and muralist, Diego Rivera and his quote:

It has been said that the revolution does not need art, but art needs the revolution. That's not true. The revolution itself needs revolutionary art.

Se ha dicho que la revolución no necesita al arte, pero que el arte necesita de la revolución. Eso no es cierto. La revolución sí necesita un arte revolucionario.

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Los Billetes Mexicano

Mezclando el dinero y la cultura

por Linton Robinson

traducido por Elena Ascencio Ibáñez

La moneda mexicana no solamente exhibe retratos de gente famosa; los billetes tienen también versos impresos (con frecuencia en letra demasiado pequeña para la simple vista).

En el billete azul de veinte pesos, aparece la frase icónica del ex presidente Benito Juárez acerca de "el respeto al derecho ajeno es la paz."

Que el pueblo y el gobierno respeten los derechos de todos. Entre los individuos, como entre las naciones, el respeto al derecho ajeno es la paz.

El billete rojo de cien pesos tiene la imagen de Netzahualcóyotl: guerrero, poeta, atleta, rey y su verso más famoso:

*Amo el canto del ceniztle,
pájaro de cuatrocientas voces.
Amo el color del jade
y el enervante perfume de las flores,
pero más amo a mi hermano: el hombre.*

El billete verde de doscientos pesos hace un homenaje a la feminista de 1800, Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz, con los escritos sobre los defectos de los hombres.

*Hombres necios que acusáis
a la mujer sin razón,
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El billete de 500 pesos muestra al prominente pintor y muralista mexicano Diego Rivera y su frase:

Se ha dicho que la revolución no necesita al arte, pero que el arte necesita de la revolución. Eso no es cierto. La revolución sí necesita un arte revolucionario.



Isla Espíritu Santo por Kaia Thomson

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Yoga	All classes at Cuatro Vientos are noted as @ CV (the studio is across from La Esquina, #11 on otro lado map)	9-10:30 am Hatha Flow c/ Marimar @ CV	7:30-9 am Yoga 101 c/ Jane @ CV 9-10:15 am Hatha c/ Paul Van Vleck @ Hotelito 7:30-9 pm Yoga Conciencia w/ Lyobáá @ CV	8-9:15 am Hatha c/ Paul Van Vleck @ Gallo Azul 9-10:30 am Hatha Flow c/ Marimar @ CV 10:30 am-12 pm Yoga en Español @ CV	7:30-9 am Yoga 101 c/ Jane @ CV 8:30 am Ashtanga Yoga c/ Zandro @ Alas y Olas 9-10:15 am Hatha c/ Paul Van Vleck @ Hotelito 7:30-9 pm Yoga Conciencia w/ Lyobáá @ CV	8-9:15 am Hatha c/ Paul Van Vleck @ Gallo Azul 9-10:30 am Hatha Flow c/ Marimar @ CV	9-10:30 am Hatha/Yinyasa @ CV
Martial Arts		6-7:30 pm Tae Kwon Do kids/niños c/Kurtis @ CV 7:30-9 pm Aikido c/ Dominique @ CV	10:30-11:45am Learn the form Ta'i Chi @ CV 612-157-6088 or barakabaja@gmail.com	6-7:30 pm Tae Kwon Do adults/adultos kids/niños c/ Kurtis @ CV	10:30-11:45am Qi Gong /Ta'i Chi @ CV 612-157-6088 or barakabaja@gmail.com		
Other/Otros	10-11:30am Dharma talks with Robert K. Hall @ CV <i>El primer domingo de cada mes, la plática sobre meditación y lo que el Buda dice sobre la vida y la tranquilidad del espíritu es traducida al español por Elena Ascencio.</i>	10-11 am Capoeira @ DIF 4:30-6 pm Dance Lab c/ Zöe @ CV 6 pm Crossfit c/ Mao @ Punta Lobos beach mauricio@mymotivation.es	3-5 pm Manos Magicas @ Centro Cultural chambaretc@mac.com 6-7:30 pm Capoeira @ CV	7:30-9 am Yamuna Body Rolling @ CV 10-11 am Capoeira @ DIF 1:30-3:30 pm Art Journal Lab c/Zöe @ CV 4:30-6 pm Dance Lab c/ Zöe @ CV 6 pm Crossfit w/ Mao @ Punta Lobos beach mauricio@mymotivation.es	9 am Drawing class c/ Tori oscarntori@yahoo.com 3-4:15 pm Yamuna Body Rolling c/ Emily @ CV	10-11 am Capoeira @DIF 10:30am-12pm Vajra Dance @ CV 12 pm Yamuna Body Rolling c/ Emily @ CV 3-4:30 pm kids/niños 4:30-6 pm adults/adultos Hawaiana Dance @ CV 6 pm Crossfit c/ Mao @ Punta Lobos beach mauricio@mymotivation.es	

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AA		5-6 pm AA meeting @ church courtyard	5-6 pm AA meeting @ church courtyard		5-6 pm AA meeting @ church courtyard	5-6 pm AA meeting @ church courtyard	11am-12pm AA meeting @ church courtyard

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5 – 8 pm, **BIG RED WEDNESDAY** at **La Bodega de Todos Santos** with live music.

thursday

8:30 am – 1 pm, **LA PAZ FARMER'S MARKET** on calle Madero between 5 de Mayo and Constitución, La Paz.

10 am – 3 pm, **ORGANIC VEGETABLES** at Rancho Buen Día in the *callejon* of Todos Santos.

3 - 7 pm, **2 X 1 PIZZA** at **Gallo Azul**, Todos Santos.

4 – 9 pm, **TEX MEX MENU** for \$100 pesos at **Dana's Diner** in El Pescadero.

5 – 9 pm, **ARTWALK** in the San José del Cabo Gallery District. Takes place through the end of June.

6 - 10 pm, **PASTA AND SALAD** 150 pesos at **Cantamar Cocina Mexicana** in Todos Santos.

6 – 10 pm, **LIVE MUSIC NIGHT**, bar and Super Burros at **La Esquina** on the *Otro Lado* of Todos Santos.

friday

9:30 am – 2:30 pm, **PESCADERO ORGANICS** in the callejon, #34 on the otro lado map, Todos Santos.

10 am – 1 pm, **Palapa Society of Todos Santos LIBRARY & RINCON DE CUENTOS OPEN.**

11 am – 3:30 pm, **PICKLE'S ORGANIC PRODUCE STAND** on Calle Los Mangos on the *otro lado* of Todos Santos.

2 FISH TACOS & A BEER OR CHICKEN WINGS & A BEER 90 mn at **Shut Up Frank's** in Todos Santos.

LADIES NIGHT at **Gallo Azul** in Todos Santos. 2x1 drinks (beer, house wine, margaritas) all night.

6 – 9 pm, **LIVE DINNER MUSIC** at the Garden Restaurant at **Rancho Pescadero** in Pescadero.

6 – 9 pm, **LIVE MUSIC** at The Sky Lounge in **Guaycura Hotel** rooftop.

6 pm, **ASIAN SPECIALTIES** at Michael's at the Gallery in Todos Santos.

7 pm, **LIVE MUSIC** featuring different solo artists at **Dana's Diner** in El Pescadero.

7:30 pm, **LIVE MUSIC** with the Todos Santos Jazz Band at Kin's Lounge in Todos Santos.

saturday

8 am – 12 pm, **LOS CABOS ORGANIC MARKET** on Camino del Colegio, s/n at the Pedregal, Cabo San Lucas.

9 am – 1 pm, **MALECON TIANGUIS NATURAL (MARKET)** at the Callejon Cabezud in La Paz—the area between Esquerro street and the malecón at the location of the Wyland mural and the seashell musician statue.

9 am – 3 pm, **SAN JOSÉ DEL CABO ORGANIC MARKET** (Mercado Organico) just outside the San José historic district in Huerta Maria on the Camino a Las Animas. Look for the signs at the big arroyo off Avenida Centenario.

10 am – 1 pm, **Palapa Society of Todos Santos LIBRARY & RINCON DE CUENTOS OPEN.**

10 am – 3 pm, **ORGANIC VEGETABLES** at Rancho Buen Día in the *callejon* of Todos Santos.

12 – 11 pm, **CIRCUITO CULTURAL MARINA** in Cabo San Lucas Cabo San Lucas. With cultural workshops for children including painting, sculpting, and arts and crafts lessons beginning at 5 pm. Cultural artistic programs that feature local dance groups, musicians, and artists at the Puerto Paraiso shopping center plaza and Plaza del Marlin Marina.

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6 – 9 pm, **LIVE MUSIC** at The Sky Lounge in **Guaycura Hotel** rooftop.

6 - 10 pm, **STEAK SPECIALS**—Filet Mignon, New York or Ribeye starting at 150 pesos at **Cantamar Cocina Mexicana** in Todos Santos.

6 pm, **ASIAN SPECIALTIES** at Michael's at the Gallery in Todos Santos.

7 – 10 pm, **LIVE MUSIC** with "JamaRama" at **Chill N Grill** in Todos Santos.

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