



Two More Honors for Villa del Palmar Beach Resort & Spa at The Islands of Loreto

World Travel Awards, Travel Weekly Magellan Awards Single Out Resort with Prestigious Honors



LORETO, Baja California South, Mexico (October 3, 2017) — The Villa del Palmar Beach Resort & Spa at The Islands of Loreto, a luxury destination resort overlooking the Sea of Cortez on the eastern coast of the Baja Peninsula, has added more prestigious awards to its impressive résumé.

The resort earned “Mexico & Central America’s Leading Resort for 2017” from the *World Travel Awards*, which for the past 24 years has acknowledged, rewarded and celebrated excellence across all sectors of the tourism industry. Villa del Palmar bested stiff competition including Four Seasons Resort Costa Rica at Peninsula Papagayo, Costa Rica; Las Ventanas al Paraiso, A Rosewood Resort, Cabo San Lucas,

Mexico, and NIZUC Resort & Spa, Cancun, Mexico all recognizable top 5-star resorts in Mexico and the Caribbean.

This is the third consecutive year Villa del Palmar at the Islands of Loreto was honored. In addition, Villa del Palmar at the Islands of Loreto was nominated in two other categories: “Mexico’s Leading Beach Resort,” which it won in 2015 and 2016, as well as “Mexico’s Leading Family Resort” and “Mexico & Central America’s Leading Resort 2016.”

For 2017, Villa del Palmar at the Islands of Loreto has recently been nominated in the category of World’s Leading Resort 2017. Voting [for this](#) award is open now through Monday, Oct. 30. Votes are cast by travel professionals and consumers, ensuring that only the most deserving businesses walk away with one of these prestigious accolades.

Building on the resort’s success and reputation, the *Travel Weekly Magellan Awards* also singled out the resort as part of its recently announced 2017 honors. Up against finalists from around the world, Villa del Palmar at the Islands of Loreto earned silver honors in the category, “Hospitality – Overall Beach/Resort Hotel.” The Magellan Awards honor the best in travel, and *Travel Weekly* will feature all the winners in its October issue.

"I accept these honors on behalf of the exceptional team we have assembled at our resort," said Owen Perry, co-owner, Villa del Palmar. "Not only do our guests get to enjoy an unparalleled experience at our resort, but they also receive the best service possible. We are very proud of all we have created at our property, and the recognition we receive only encourages us to keep improving."

The two new awards were announced only one month after Villa del Palmar Beach Resort's signature restaurant, Danzante Fine Dining, earned *Wine Spectator* magazine's prestigious "Award of Excellence."

Villa del Palmar at the Islands of Loreto showcases the region's unique beauty, authentic culture, quiet beaches, scenic vistas, rich history, and natural habitats. The resort features three outstanding restaurants, five swimming pools, the 39,000-square-foot Sabila Spa, an 18-hole championship golf course that will open late this fall, tennis courts, miles of hiking trails, and world-class sport fishing.

Only a two-hour flight from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), Loreto International Airport (LTO) also is accessible with direct WestJet flights from Calgary (from November 4, 2017 to April 28, 2018) and from Tijuana via Calafia Airlines (three times a week year-round).

For more information, visit www.villadelpalmarloreto.com, call (800) 790-4187, or email reservaciones.vdpl@vgloreto.com.

For a complete list of winners for both awards, visit:

World Travel Awards – www.worldtravelawards.com/winners/2017

Travel Weekly Magellan Awards – www.travelweeklyawards.com/winners/winners

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About Villa del Palmar at the Islands of Loreto: Baja's First Million Star Resort

Villa del Palmar at The Islands of Loreto is a luxury destination resort on the Sea of Cortez, off the eastern coast of the Baja Peninsula overlooking Danzante Island (one of five in the region). Flanked by the rugged Sierra de la Giganta range, the Villa del Palmar is the first and only resort to occupy one of the Gulf of California's last virgin coastlines. The resort features 181 new, spacious, beautifully appointed Deluxe Ocean View, one, two and three bedroom Suites with terraces and stunning ocean and mountain views, timeshare options, three restaurants offering gourmet dining, an attentive English-speaking staff, five swimming pools, a 39,000 square-foot Sabila Spa and Wellness Center, two tennis courts, beautiful beaches, a private beachfront Danzante Bungalow and a mild and warm climate year-round.

Guests can enjoy PADI-certified SCUBA diving lessons and snorkeling tours in the protected indigo waters that explorer Jacques Cousteau once dubbed the "Aquarium of the World." Outdoor adventurers can also experience tours of the nearby Coronado, Danzante and Del Carmen Islands atop an inflatable APEX boat, as well as swimming, world-class fishing aboard the "Mad Dash" tournament boat, paddle boarding, kayaking, whale watching and mountain biking. With shuttle service priced at \$5 US per person one way, guests can explore the historic town at the Islands of Loreto and visit the 1697 mission that made the town famous. The area is also known for its wildlife, including the 900 species of fish off the coast and in an area that has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the second largest National Marine Park. Hotel perks include a spa and fitness center, massages, salsa dance lessons and movie nights for children. Travelers can take a short flight from LAX on Alaska Airlines or from Calgary, Canada aboard WestJet, Canada's most-preferred airline, to the Islands of Loreto.

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