

## **Getting to The Islands of Loreto Just Got Easier**

Volaris adds twice-weekly jet flights from Tijuana starting in March; Daily service from Los Angeles is available from Alaska Airlines now



**LORETO, Baja California Sur, Mexico (Feb. 14, 2019)** — Mexico's beautiful Islands of Loreto and the destination's luxurious <u>Villa del Palmar Beach Resort & Spa</u> at The Islands of Loreto are closer than ever, with airline service to the area increasing with the location's growing popularity.

Volaris, the second-largest airline in Mexico, will offer jet flights on Airbus A320's from Tijuana to the Islands of Loreto (LTO) on Tuesdays and Saturdays beginning March 2 and departing at 9:15 a.m.

Currently, Alaska Airlines flies daily between Los Angeles (LAX) and Loreto, service that continues through the end of April. From April 28-June 5, Alaska offers five-day-a-week service, and from June 6-August 12, four-day-a-week service. In late fall, more frequent service resumes.

These options are in addition to the existing <u>Calafia Airlines</u> service on Tuesday and Saturday afternoons from Guadalajara (GLD) to Loreto (LTO) with a brief stop at Los Cabos International Airport (SJD). The flights leave GLD at 1:35 p.m. and arrive at LTO at 3:40 p.m. For passengers departing LTO, the twinengine regional jet will return to Tijuana International Airport (TIJ), leaving Tuesdays and Saturdays at 4 p.m.

The Cross Border Xpress (CBX), the first bi-national skybridge connecting the U.S. (San Diego) and Mexico, is an easy way for Southern Californians to literally walk into the Tijuana International Airport to access the Volaris and Air Calafia flights.

LTO is also served seasonally from Calgary International Airport (YYC) by WestJet Airlines.

"This expanding air service is validation of the efforts made by so many in promoting Loreto and its attractions," explained Owen Perry, Co-Founder of Villa Group and Villa del Palmar Beach Resort & Spa

at the Islands of Loreto. "The lovely town, a wide array of outdoor activities, world-class fishing and a relaxing lifestyle are draws to the area. Alaska Airline, Aerocalifia, and now Volaris recognize Loreto's appeal and want to help share it with visitors from around the world."

Villa del Palmar Beach Resort & Spa at the Islands of Loreto is a Villa Group property that features 4,447 acres of unspoiled beauty along one of the most breathtaking spots in the hemisphere, including stunning views of the Sea of Cortez and Sierra de la Giganta Mountain Range. The resort offers world-class golf, the state-of-the-art Sabila Spa, three outstanding restaurants, five swimming pools, beautiful beaches, tennis courts, miles of hiking trails, kayaks, and sport fishing.

For more details, visit <u>www.villadelpalmarloreto.com</u>, call (800) 790-4187, or email <u>reservaciones.vdpl@vgloreto.com</u>.

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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 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 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 \$10 per person round trip, 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 and salsa dance lessons.

The resort was named the 16th best resort in Mexico by Trip Advisor. In 2015, Travel Weekly magazine recognized the Islands of Loreto with a 2015 Silver Magellan Award in the Adventure Destination category. Villa del Palmar at the Islands of Loreto was also recognized as Mexico's Leading Beach Resort in the 22nd and 23rd annual World Travel Awards. It also earned recognition as Mexico and Central America's Leading Resort by the same prestigious organization.

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