

Optional Add-On to 9-day Cruises

Rock Art Discovery

Trips beginning/ending in Loreto

Add-On at the beginning of the trip

Day 1: Arrive in Loreto three days prior to the start of the main trip. Check into Posada del Cortes (www.posadadelcortes.com). Meet your guide and the guests from the boat who will be joining you on this adventure for a group dinner at a local restaurant.

Day2: After breakfast, our van will pick you up at the hotel at 7:00 AM for the two-hour drive to Mulege. There are an unknown number of painted caves in the Sierra Mountains of southern Baja. Some are small, with paintings having been protected for thousands of years by overhanging rock ledges. Other sites are large caves, with remarkably detailed drawings of people and animals. Experts place the ages of these paintings at between 6,000 and 10,000 years old. They rival those in western Europe for artistry and significance. Returning from the mountains, we will enjoy dinner in one of the many small restaurants in Mulege before retiring to our lodgings at Casa Granada (www.casagranada.com).

Day 3: After breakfast you will again board the van for another foray into the Sierras and several more painted caves. We will return to Mulege for lunch before driving back to Loreto, where you will check back into Posada del Cortes.

Day 4/Day 1 of Cruise (on your own, breakfast/lunch not included in package): Explore the historic downtown of old Loreto. Enjoy a meal or margarita in one of the small cafes surrounding the town square, shop for locally produced art, or just sit on a bench along the laurel shaded peace of Mile 0 of El Camino Real until it's time to meet the other guests on the M/V *Westward*.

Add-On at the end of the trip

Day 1/Last Day of Cruise: After anchoring in Puerto Escondido, our van will meet us for the short drive to Loreto's International Airport, where we will drop off the guests returning State side. We will then drive to Loreto and check into Posada del Cortes. There will be time to explore the many shops surrounding the Loreto town square before meeting your guide and the other guests who will be joining you on this adventure for dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 2: Same as Day 2 above

Day 3: Same as Day 3 above

Day 4 (on your own, meals not included in package): Depending on Alaska Airlines schedule, you will either go directly to the airport, or have a few hours to explore the historic downtown of old Loreto. Enjoy a meal or margarita in one of the small cafes surrounding the town square, shop for locally produced art, or just sit on a bench along the laurel shaded peace of Mile 0 of El Camino Real until it's time to meet our van for the short drive to the airport.

Optional Add-On to 11 & 12-day Cruises
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Add-On at the end of the trip

Day 1/Last Day of Cruise: After anchoring in Puerto Escondido, our van will meet us for the short drive to Loreto's International Airport, where we will drop off the guests returning State side. We will then drive to Loreto and check into Posada del Cortes. There will be time to explore the many shops surrounding the Loreto town square before joining your guide for dinner at a local restaurant.

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