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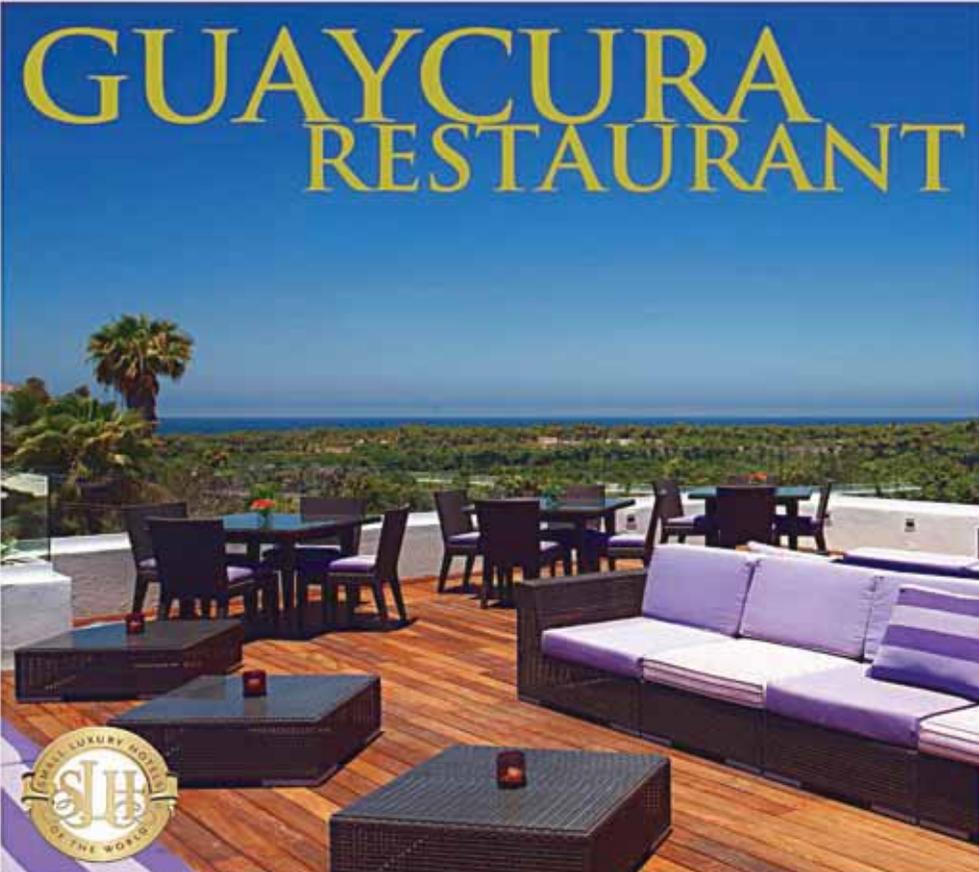
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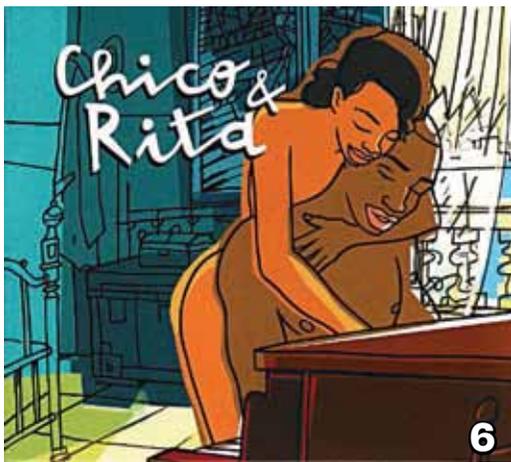
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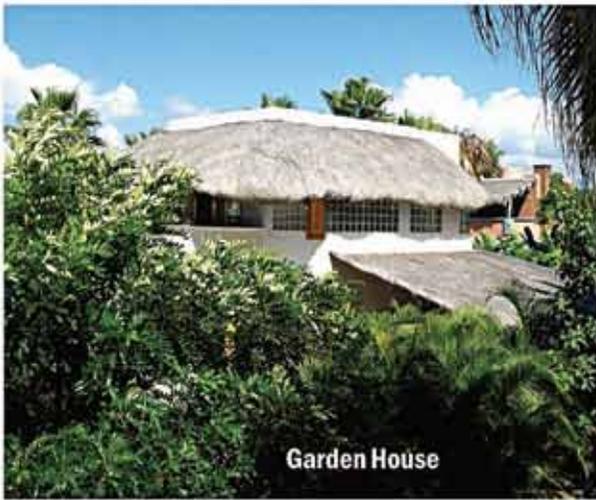
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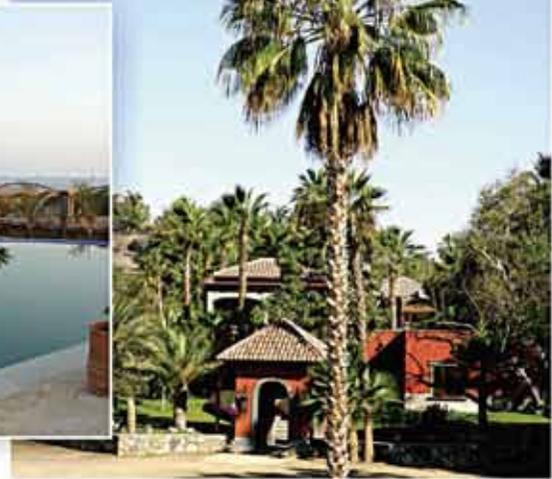
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Sneak Peek: 10th Annual Todos Santos Film Festival

Un vistazo al 10^o Festival anual de Cine de Todos Santos



by / por Ashley Self
Traducción por Rodrigo Ventura

"El Triunfo"

For the 10th year running, the annual Festival de Cine de Todos Santos (FCTS) will offer the local community an opportunity to view a selection of some of the finest independent films from Latino cinema. The program features award-winning films from around the world, including over 35 features, documentaries, and shorts from Mexico, Spain, Cuba, Germany, Belgium, Peru and Canada, as well as from our own Baja California Sur (all films are subtitled in English).

The festival is honored to host a number of prestigious guests whose presence confirms the credibility of this burgeoning local film festival. On February 23rd, at the screening of the highly awarded and acclaimed film **Espacio Interior**, the festival will pay tribute to the film's stars, Ana Serradilla and Kuno Becker (recipient of the Best Actor Award at the Festival of Guadalajara 2012). The film's director Kai Parlange will also be present.

Tre Galline restaurant in Todos Santos will be hosting a "**Conversation with Ana**" on Friday, February 22, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. The beautiful and talented actress Ana Serradilla will be sharing her experiences and discussing her illustrious career with the audience. There will be clips from her many films. Space is limited. Tickets are 100 pesos and will be for sale at El Tecolote bookstore, the Hotel California and at the FCTS merchandise tent in the Plaza. Delicious tapas and drinks will be available to purchase at the event.

Por décimo año consecutivo, el Festival de Cine de Todos Santos ofrecerá a la comunidad local una oportunidad de disfrutar una selección de algunas de las mejores películas independientes del Cine Latinoamericano. El programa presenta películas premiadas internacionalmente e incluye 35 obras entre las que hay cortometrajes, documentales de México, España, Cuba, Alemania, Bélgica, Perú y Canadá así como nuestra propia película de Baja California Sur.

El Festival tiene el honor de presentar a un buen número de invitados de renombre, cuya presencia confirma la credibilidad de este próspero Festival local de cine. El 23 de febrero, durante la proyección de la premiada y aclamada película, **Espacio Interior** el Festival rendirá un tributo a las estrellas del Festival: Ana Serradilla y Kuno Becker (ganador del premio al Mejor Actor en el Festival de Guadalajara, 2012) El director de la película, Kai Parlange, también estará presente.

El Restarunte Tre Galline en Todos Santos, presentará "**Conversaciones con Ana**" el viernes, 22 de febrero de las 6:30 a las 7:30 pm. La bella y talentosa actriz mexicana, Ana Serradilla estará compartiendo sus experiencias y hablando sobre su ilustre carrera con el público. Habrá también clips de sus múltiples películas. El espacio es limitado, los boletos estarán a la venta en la librería El Tecolote, El Hotel California y entre la Mercancía del Festival en La Plaza. Durante el evento habrá a la venta deliciosas tapas y copas de vino.

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Las entradas están a la venta en la Librería El Tecolote y los artículos promocionales estarán disponibles en la Plaza durante El Festival.

The frequently awarded Kenya Marquez will attend the showing of **Fecha de Caducidad**, in which she stars, on Friday, February 22nd. This film has been acclaimed by the Moscow and Miami Film Festivals as well as others. Additionally, documentary filmmaker Francesco Taboada Tabone will be joining the Festival which will show two of his films: **Tin Tan** and **13 Pueblos**.

The festival opens on Wednesday February 20th with a documentary made by the children of the Youth In Video Program (under the coordination of Sergio Morkin), **Leonardo, El Querido**, a tribute to the late co-founder of the FCTS, Leonardo Perel.

The festival will also present the premiere of **La Ahorcadita**. This film, the first fiction feature produced by Leonardo Perel, was directed by Pierre Saint Martin and Carlos Torres and created by the Youth in Video Program this past summer using acting workshops. This production was a project



Kenya Márques, ganadora de varios reconocimientos, atenderá a la proyección de **Fecha de Caducidad**, de la cual es protagonista, el viernes, 22 de febrero. Esta película ha sido aclamada por los Festivales de cine de Moscú y de Miami entre otros. Además, el director de documentales, Francisco Taboada Tabone también estará presente con dos de sus proyectos: **Tin Tan** y **13 Pueblos**.

El festival abrirá el miércoles, 20 de febrero con un documental filmado por los niños del programa **Jóvenes en Video** (Bajo la coordinación de Sergio Morkin) **Leonardo, El Querido**, un tributo para el co-fundador del Festival, Leonardo Perel.

El Festival también presentará la premiere de **La Ahorcadita**. Esta película, la primer obra de ficción producida por Leonardo Perel, dirigida por Pierre Saint Martin y Carlos Torres y creada por el programa **Jóvenes en Video** el verano pasado

See the **Journal del Pacífico** Fall 2012 feature story on the making of **La Ahorcadita** online at:
Mira el reportaje del Journal del Pacífico otoño 2012 sobre La Ahorcadita en línea:
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art TALK

by Jill Logan

INSPIRATION COMES WHEN LEAST EXPECTED

Having lived in Todos Santos for seventeen years, I have heard many stories of people, mostly men or young Mexicans, hiking to the top of Picacho, the prominent peak close to 7,000 feet up in the Sierra de La Lagunas. I have painted this peak in many of my works, so I was very familiar with its intense sheer face and majestic stance. A close friend hiked it in 1998 and her account was less than inspiring. Arduous was an understatement. She indicated she felt like she really could not make it many times on the trail and wondered if her heart would give out. She was in her fifties carrying water and food for the night.

Hence never once did I have an urge to do this hike.

So when my boyfriend announced he wanted to hike to the top of Picacho, go up the East side a 50 kilometer stretch of up and downs, taking four days and four nights, and that he "really" wanted me to go with him, I was less than enthusiastic. I said yes of course I would go, but secretly was sure "something" would happen and "of course" I would just have to cancel. After all I am an artist and a feminine one, not really a "jock" kind of gal. Sure I garden, climb trees and prune the heck out of them, do mosaic messy tile work, and have paint strewn from one end of my body to the other. But heroic feats of endurance have never been one of my desires or destinations. And what was the big deal anyway? Just to see the Sea of Cortez and the Pacific Ocean in one view? At what price?

The planning stage of this ordeal took months and as it came together, there were seven of us in all committed to the trip. My girlfriend Terri was all for it and this made me more comfortable and confident I could have a good time. The other five were all men one thirty five year old and the rest over sixty. Surely with those odds someone would go slower than me!

We were picked up in Todos Santos by a taxi and driven to Santiago on December 13th. We had lunch in an open air restaurant meeting our guide Edgardo and talking about preparations for the four days ahead. It began to rain. Well, first of all, it rarely rains in Baja in December and if it does it is a small one hour dribble. The longer we sat the harder the rain came, a real tropical deluge.

Well surely it would clear up in a few minutes and all would be well. But it did not.

Late afternoon we were driven by our guide to a ranch at the base of the Sierras, where we would eat dinner and spend the night. We had two *palapas* with cement floors to pitch our tents on and a real bathroom. Now this was camping heaven, couldn't we do this the rest of the trip? It continued to rain but had slowed to an even flow. As the evening came the rain poured again, and as we drank mescal we discussed the different options open to us. Hike it in the rain, mud splattered and wet, hopefully

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changing into dry clothes after we pitched our tents each night. Putting plastic garbage bags around our clothes and tents that the mules would carry, to keep them dry. Nothing about this appealed to Terri and me but most of the men were determined it could work. The other option was to postpone until February, which was tricky as three of the men had flown in from California and Washington. We decided to send our guide down to his home in Santiago to check the internet and bring plastic for our gear. I checked into bed that night sure I was going home the next day and it would all be behind me.

Five am the next morning, Edgardo called out to us to wake up, the hike was on, the rain had stopped and according to internet had passed. The trek was on! By nine we had eaten breakfast, packed our lunches and the mules and off we went.

The first day was very difficult for me and I was glad of the cloud cover. It was a seven hours of steep ups with some downs. Sort of an up and down thing through some wonderful desert forests of yuccas, palms, oaks, desert brush, cactus, boulders that were the size of houses and steep vistas to the Sea of Cortez. My pack had three liters of water and snacks so it was not too heavy but still I sweat half of my body weight, my heart rate was pounding in my chest such that I had to pause every so often to catch my breath. I had done some training in preparation, but really I would have had to do the Stairmaster for five hours at a time for several weeks to get into this kind of shape. And that did not happen.

Our guide Edgardo was generous and compassionate. Always making sure we were okay and on track. "Go at your own pace." he would say. "This is not a competition." "There is no rush."

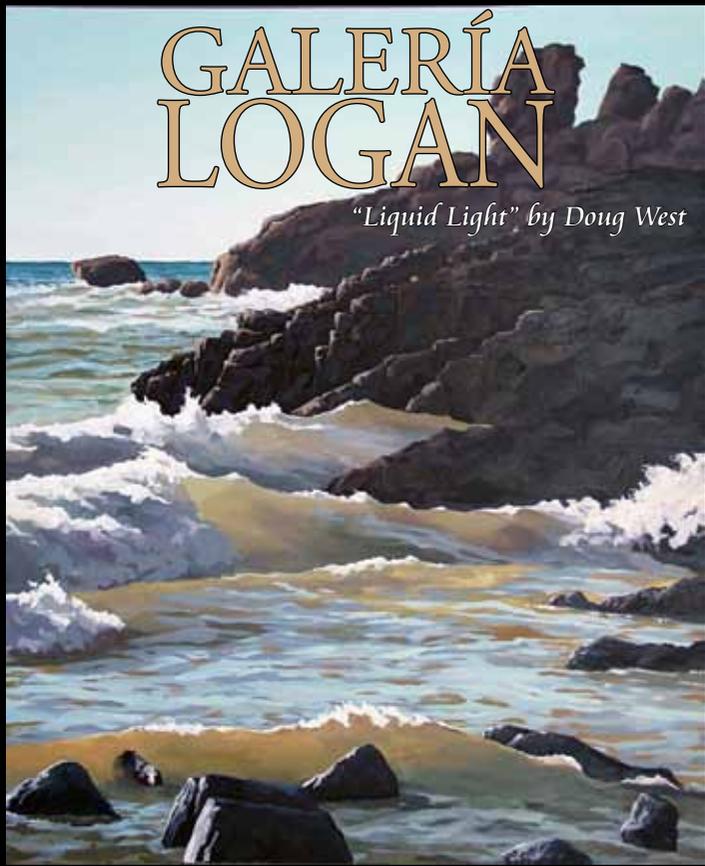
The first night our camp was along a small creek that filled boulders creating pools. We arrived at four in the afternoon and pitched our tents and went to dip in the icy cold water as best we could. Little did I know this was the last possibility of a body wash on the whole trip I mean surely there were other pools up ahead, right?

The guides created a fun meal of *chiles con crema* and baked potatoes with chili beans. We shared one bottle of wine between eight of us, sat for an hour around the camp fire and then went off to bed.

The next day we hiked four hours mostly going up hill with some dips. There was a change of scene here with Madrone tree showing up with its intense red trunk. The bark had begun to peel like thick rice paper and could be pulled off in chunks. The deep red jumped out in contrast to the other foliage of various shades of green from our intense summer rains. This year was a perfect year to do this hike. There was not one piece of gray. Stark white ochre cliffs stuck out from peaks surrounded by twenty varying shades of green. Wildflowers were in bloom the whole way, yellow, white, pink, fuchsia and red. Butterflies were everywhere.

We came to a small clearing and pitched our tents. This was the section that if you chose, you could continue to

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Fernando Sánchez Bernal



by / por Kat Bennett traducido por Rodrigo Ventura

Fernando Sánchez Bernal has been living in La Paz since 1998. He is the recipient of several grants for his photography projects, and has won awards for his work. He has had numerous individual and collective photography exhibits, both locally and nationally.

While in college studying design, Fernando discovered photography and its possibilities. He was enamored with photography to such an extent that for a time he abandoned design and school entirely in order to do only photography. For a while, even when already a professor of photography, he practiced pure photography, dedicating himself completely to the purity of black and white. He wrote a photography manual with recommendations and procedures for perfecting black and white developing and printing techniques. However, Fernando has always preferred interdisciplinary art. Since his first individual exhibit, he has combined photography with other disciplines, such as literature, theater, music, visual arts,

Fernando Sánchez Bernal vive en La Paz desde 1998. Ha recibido diversas becas para realizar sus proyectos fotográficos y ha sido galardonado por su trabajo. Actualmente cuenta con diversas exposiciones y exhibiciones tanto locales como a nivel nacional.

Mientras estudiaba la universidad, descubrió la fotografía y sus posibilidades, de tal manera que por un tiempo abandonó el diseño y la escuela para hacer solamente fotografía. Por un buen tiempo, incluso ya como profesor de fotografía, incurrió en la fotografía pura, es decir, se dedicó por completo a la pureza de la fotografía en blanco y negro. Incluso escribió un manual de fotografía con recomendaciones y usos para perfeccionar la técnica de revelado e impresión en blanco y negro. Sin embargo, por otro lado, siempre ha preferido la fotografía interdisciplinaria, es decir, desde su primera exposición individual ha combinado la fotografía con otras disciplinas como la literatura (ha sido aficionado a



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etc. He has been an aficionado of literature, especially poetry, for 30 years. He also performed in a university theater for some years; and, while not a musician, he has composed lyrics, and sang in a duet for seven years. He also used to draw, an activity he plans to take up again. Fernando believes that the “end of photography,” in the form in which we know it, is approaching—these days, everyone is a photographer—and that the evolution towards the conceptualization of photography, and its interrelation with other disciplines, is closer.

Since 2009, Fernando has been the coordinator of the annual photography festival, Fotosensible, in Baja California Sur. In organizing the photography festival, Fernando has continued to think about new possibilities for photography, its relationships, its extensions, its evolution, while admiring and learning from photography and the classic photographers.

‘Fotosensible Baja California Sur’ is held each fall in La Paz. The month-long celebration includes photography seminars given by guest lecturers, photography workshops and exhibits, and a photo competition.

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Fernando can be contacted through Fotosensible’s Facebook page.

la literatura, especialmente poesía, desde hace 30 años). Además, hizo teatro universitario por algunos años; música (a pesar de no ser músico, componía letras de las canciones y cantaba con un compañero, con quien tuvo un dueto por más o menos 7 años). También en las artes plásticas, solía dibujar (actividad que está en sus planes retomar). Hoy, que además cree que se aproxima el “final de la fotografía” de la forma en que la conocemos (ahora todo el mundo es fotógrafo), la evolución hacia la conceptualización de la fotografía y su interrelación con otras disciplinas se ha tornado más cercana.

Desde 2009, Fernando ha sido organizador de un festival de fotografía, ‘Fotosensible’ en Baja California Sur, con lo que se ha abierto a posibilidades nuevas de la fotografía, sus relaciones, sus extensiones, su evolución, sin dejar de admirar y aprender de la fotografía y los fotógrafos clásicos.

‘Fotosensible Baja California Sur’ se realice cada otoño en La Paz. Esta celebración de un mes de duración, incluye seminarios de fotografía impartidos por fotógrafos invitados, talleres de fotografía y exhibiciones, que acompañan el tradicional concurso fotográfico.

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The Sierra de la Laguna Biosphere Reserve

Baja's Island in the Sky

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The Baja peninsula has long been famous for its remote and beautiful islands, most of which we are accustomed to visiting via water craft. But there is an island near Todos Santos that is readily accessible by car that we can easily explore on foot: the Sierra de la Laguna Biosphere Reserve. Part of an island off the coast of Baja some 10 million years ago, the incredible diversity of plant and animal life of the Reserve still reflects the island isolation the area once enjoyed—over 23% of plants and 10% of animals found in the Reserve are endemic to the area. Nestled between Todos Santos to the west and Los Barriles to the east, La Paz to the north and Los Cabos to the south, it is truly an island of lushness surrounded by shores of desert and sand.

BIOSPHERE RESERVES IN MEXICO

The Sierra de la Laguna Biosphere Reserve was created by presidential decree in 1994 by Carlos Salina de Gortari. To be designated a biosphere reserve in Mexico a place must meet 3 basic criteria:

1. **Have an endemic or threatened species.** And we've got that in spades! The Sierra de la Laguna Biosphere Reserve boasts an astounding 79 endemic plant species, 8 endemic reptile species, 4 endemic bird species and 4 endemic mammal species. A total of 59 species of birds, 40 species of mammals, 31 species of reptiles and 61 species of insects have been recorded in the Reserve. Over 900 species of plants have been observed. It's truly extraordinary.
2. **Cover an area greater than 10,000 hectares.** There's plenty of room to spread out! The Biosphere Reserve covers 11,600 glorious hectares (~28,665 acres) while the Sierra de la Laguna area itself, including the Biosphere Reserve, encompasses 112,436 hectares (roughly 277,835 acres).

3. **Have one ecosystem that is not substantially altered by human contact.** The Sierra de la Laguna is one of Baja's most beautiful but least explored areas, with plenty of wild spots that have largely escaped the impact of human civilization. In addition to animals such as mountain lions, mule deer, gophers and badgers, a wonderful array of birdlife inhabits the reserve, including the endemic cape pygmy owl, Xantus hummingbird and Belding's yellowthroat, making the area a bird-lover's paradise.

Biosphere reserves in Mexico are created with three main objectives in mind: conservation, training and sustainable human development compatible with conservation. Unlike national parks, biosphere reserves allow people to continue to live in the protected areas—although new population centers are prohibited—and our reserve has 35 private properties and 6 ejidos. The result is that the Sierra de la Laguna retains a thriving rancho culture that is great fun to explore.

HIKING THE SIERRA DE LA LAGUNA

There are a variety of ways to explore and enjoy the Sierras on foot and in all these hikes the diversity of terrain is amazing. At the base is San Lucan Xeric Scrub, also known as Mezquital, which merges with the dry forest. These areas feature a large number of plants that have adapted well to life with limited water including palo zorillo (skunk trees), torotes (elephant trees), lomboy trees and ironwood. The dry forest extends up to about 800 meters (~2,600 feet) and is remarkable in the juxtaposition of plant life, with mosses and other plants that thrive on water co-habiting with more arid types like cardon and biznaga. If you're still hiking at this point you'll experience the wonder of moving up through an unexpected oak forest in Baja then on into lush preserves of pine and oak from about 1,400 meters (~4,600 feet). It's a remarkable transformation of terrain.

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La Reserva de la Biosfera de la Sierra de La Laguna: La isla de Baja que está en el Cielo.

foto por Sergio Jáuregui

La península de Baja California ha sido durante mucho tiempo conocida por sus islas remotas y hermosas, la mayoría de las cuales, estamos acostumbrados a visitar a través de embarcaciones. Pero hay una isla cerca de Todos Santos a la que es fácil de acceder en coche y se puede explorar a pie: la Reserva de la Biosfera de la Sierra de La Laguna. Parte de una isla de la costa de Baja hace unos 10 millones de años, la increíble diversidad de vida animal y vegetal de la Reserva aún refleja el aislamiento de la isla que esta zona antes disfrutaba—más del 23% de las plantas y el 10% de los animales que se encuentran en el Reserva son endémicas de la zona. Ubicado con Todos Santos al oeste y Los Barriles, al este; La Paz al norte y Los Cabos, al sur, es en realidad una isla de verdor rodeada de playas de arena y desierto.

RESERVAS DE LA BIOSFERA EN MÉXICO

La Reserva de la Biosfera de la Sierra de la Laguna fue creada por decreto presidencial en 1994 por Carlos Salina de Gortari. Para ser designada como reserva de la biosfera en México un lugar debe cumplir con tres criterios básicos:

1. **Tener una especie endémica o amenazada.** ¡Y en la Sierra hay de sobra! La Sierra de la Laguna cuenta con la asombrosa cantidad de 79 especies de plantas endémicas, 8 especies endémicas de reptiles, 4 especies endémicas de aves y 4 especies de mamíferos endémicos. Un total de 59 especies de aves, 40 especies de mamíferos, 31 especies de reptiles y 61 especies de insectos han sido

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photos these two pages
by Paul Rude

Sierra de la Laguna

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If you've made it this far chances are you'll be camping in the high valley and at this point you may start to ask yourself, "If this is the Sierra de la Laguna, i.e., Mountains of the Lagoon, where the heck is the lagoon?" Well, there was indeed once a lagoon in the flat meadow between the highest peaks but that drained away around 1870 after years of supporting local agricultural and mining operations, leaving only the name behind. But that doesn't mean that there isn't water in the Sierras. Indeed in normal, non-drought years the Sierras can receive over 100 centimeters (39 inches) of rain and serve as a key water source for Todos Santos, Pescadero and other coastal communities. If you have a few nights to camp you should take a day to explore the beautiful waterfalls near the high valley created by this relative abundance of rain.

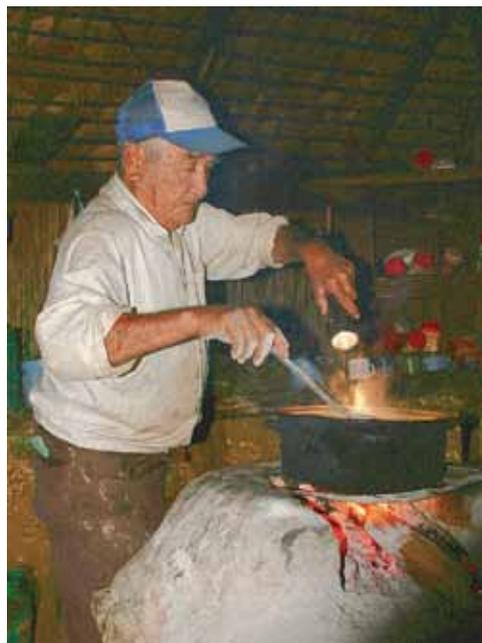


Top picture: mountain landscape with Sotol
Above: Mistletoe flowers on torote tree
Facing page top: Spurs at Rancho San Francisco
Facing page below: Ranchero Gabriel cooks chorizo

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And of course, if you've come all this way you must take a day to explore El Picacho, the incredible 2,161 meters (~7,000 foot) peak from which you can enjoy sweeping panoramic views of the peninsula, with the Sea of Cortez on one side and the Pacific Ocean on the other. If you're lucky enough to make it up to El Picacho you'll see clearly that the Sierra de la Laguna Biosphere Reserve is not only a literal

island now rooted firmly in a landmass, but also a magical, magnificent island of the sky.

IN THE KNOW—

MAURICIO DURAN, TODOS SANTOS ECO ADVENTURES

On the geographic scale the Sierras are mere youngsters, clocking in at about 138 million years old. By comparison, parts of the Appalachian Mountains in the U.S. are 650 million years old, while the Barberton Greenstone Belt in eastern Africa has mountains that are 3.5 billion years old, widely believed to be the earth's oldest.

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registradas en la Reserva. Más de 900 especies de plantas han sido observadas. ¡Es realmente extraordinario!

- 2. Cubrir un área de más de 10.000 hectáreas.** ¡Aquí hay un montón de espacio para moverse! La Reserva de la Biosfera abarca 11,600 gloriosas hectáreas, mientras que el área de la Sierra de la Laguna, incluyendo la Reserva de la Biosfera, abarca 112,436 hectáreas.
- 3. Tienes un ecosistema que no esté alterado sustancialmente por el contacto humano.** La Sierra de la Laguna es una de las zonas más bonitas pero al menos exploradas de Baja California, con gran cantidad de lugares salvajes que han escapado en gran medida el impacto de la civilización humana. Además de los animales como pumas, venados, ardillas y tejones, una maravillosa variedad de aves habita en la reserva, incluyendo el endémico búho pigmeo capa, colibrí Xantus y cuello amarillo y el "Belding," convirtiendo a la zona un paraíso para los amantes de las aves.

Las reservas de biosfera en México se creó con tres objetivos principales en mente: la conservación, la formación y el desarrollo humano sostenible de la mano con la conservación. A diferencia de los parques nacionales, las reservas de la biosfera permiten a las personas continuar viviendo en las áreas protegidas— a pesar de que los nuevos centros de población están prohibidos—y nuestra reserva tiene 35 propiedades

privadas y 6 ejidos. El resultado es que la Sierra de la Laguna conserva una cultura del rancharo que es muy interesante de explorar.

ESCALANDO LA SIERRA LA LAGUNA

Hay una variedad de formas de explorar y disfrutar de las sierras a pie y en todos estos recorridos la diversidad de terrenos y climas es increíble. En la base se encuentra Scrub Xeric de San Lucas, también conocido como El Mezquital, que se funde con el bosque seco. Estas áreas cuentan con un gran número de plantas que se han adaptado bien a la vida con agua limitada incluyendo palo Zorrillo, torotes, los árboles Lomboy y palo fierro. El bosque seco se extiende hasta unos 800 metros y es notable la yuxtaposición de la vida vegetal, con musgos y otras plantas que crecen en el agua que cohabitan con las especies más áridas como cardón y biznaga. Si continúas la excursión en este punto podrás experimentar la maravilla de

moverse a través de un bosque de robles inesperado en Baja, entonces en la reserva de pinos frondosos y robles por unos 1.400 metros. El terreno sufre una transformación notable.

Si has llegado hasta este punto podrás acampar en el valle alto y en este punto puedes comenzar a preguntarte: "¿Si ésta es la Sierra de la Laguna, donde los diablos está la laguna?" Bueno, de hecho hubo una vez un lago en la pradera plana entre los picos más altos, pero quedó drenado para 1870 después de años de apoyo a las operaciones locales agrícolas y mineras, quedando la laguna tan sólo en el nombre. Pero eso no quiere decir que no hay agua en la Sierra. De hecho, normalmente, los años sin sequía las Sierras puede recibir más de 100 centímetros de lluvia y servir como fuente de agua fundamental para Todos Santos, Pescadero y otras comunidades costeras. Si usted tiene un par de noches para acampar debe tomar un día para explorar las hermosas cascadas cercanas al alto valle creado por esta relativa abundancia de lluvia.

Y por supuesto, si has llegado hasta aquí se debe tomar un día para explorar El Picacho, La increíble cima de 2,161 metros desde donde se puede disfrutar de amplias vistas panorámicas de la península, con el Mar de Cortés en un lado y el Océano Pacífico por el otro. Si tienes la suerte de llegar hasta El Picacho verás claramente que la Reserva de la Biosfera de la Sierra de la Laguna no es sólo una isla literal ahora firmemente arraigada en una masa de tierra, sino también una isla mágica, magnífica en el cielo.

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We offer several different options for hiking and exploring the incredible beauty and diversity of the Sierra de la Laguna Biosphere Reserve:



Coast Horned Lizard by Paul Rude

Day Hikes: We have 2 day hike options in the Sierras. One is called Reaching for the Sky and, as the name implies, we climb as far as we can before we have to turn around to make it home before dark. The other is a Riverbed Stroll, which is generally flat and easy and in which we encounter waterfalls at certain times of the year. There is magnificent flora on both hikes and excellent birding.

Overnight Hikes: We offer two 4-day/3-night hikes and a 2-day/1-night hike. The 4-day hikes include Sea-to-Sea in which we start at the Pacific Ocean, hike across the peninsula through the Biosphere Reserve, and end at the Sea of Cortez. The other 4-day hike is the Todos Santos Loop. The main difference is that the latter features an easier descent and less exciting logistics. On both 4-day hikes there are burros to carry all the gear, guides to lead the way, cooks to prepare the food and pour the wine, and warm sun showers to wash away the exertions of each day. Decidedly comfortable camping! The 4-day hikes are only for avid walkers. The 2-day/1-night hike is a terrific combination of Reaching for the Sky and Riverbed Stroll. All hikes are lead by experienced guides and naturalists who are certified Wilderness First Responders. www.tosea.net

Ofrecemos varias opciones para practicar senderismo y explorar la increíble belleza y diversidad de la Biosfera Sierra de la Laguna Reserva:

Recorridos de día: Existen 2 opciones para excursión de un día en la Sierra. La primera se llama "alcanzar el cielo" y, como su nombre lo indica, subimos hasta donde podamos antes de tener que dar la vuelta para llegar a casa antes del anochecer. La segunda opción es un paseo por ríos y cascadas, que es generalmente más plano y fácil, y en el que nos encontramos cascadas en determinados momentos del año. Hay una flora sorprendente en cualquiera de ambas caminatas y observación de aves es excelente.

Caminatas con estancia: Ofrecemos dos subidas 4 días/3 noches y una caminata 2 días/1 noche. Las excursiones de 4 días incluyen mar a mar en el que se comienza en el Océano Pacífico, caminamos a través de la península a lo largo de la Reserva de la Biosfera, y termina en el Mar de Cortés. Los otros cuatro días de caminata es en las cercanías de Todos Santos. La principal diferencia es que este último cuenta con una bajada más fácil y logística menos emocionantes. En las dos caminatas de 4 días hay burros para llevar todo el equipo, las guías para el camino, cocineros que preparan la comida y sirven el vino y duchas calientes de sol para quedar limpios de los esfuerzos de cada día. ¡Definitivamente un campamento lleno de comodidades! Las subidas de 4 días son sólo para caminantes ávidos. La caminata 2-días, 1-noche es una combinación excelente de alcanzar el cielo y el Paseo por Ríos y Cascadas. Todas las excursiones son dirigidas por guías expertos y naturalistas que están certificados por *Responders Wilderness First*. www.tosea.net

IN THE KNOW — CELIA DEVAULT, TODOS SANTOS

One place to find genuine mountain pottery is at Catherine Edwards' **Casa Catalina y Galería** in Todos Santos. Catherine says that there are three ranches left in the Sierras making the hand-coiled, rock burnished, micaceous clay cookware. Two of the ranches use the old fashioned pit firing method with the raku finishes and can be found up in the mountains behind Pescadero. The third ranch in San Vincente fires pottery in above ground kilns using mesquite and pine. This cookware can be used on an open fire, stove top, barbecue and in the oven. Catherine assured me that 'you can fry bacon in them.' Check out her selection of local rancho pottery her store #36 on the Todos Santos map.

EN LO CONOCIDO - MAURICIO DURAN, GUÍA PRINCIPAL DE TODOS SANTOS ECO ADVENTURES.

En la escala geográfica de las Sierras son jóvenes, apenas registran adentro en alrededor de 138 millones de años. En comparación, las partes de las montañas Apalaches en los EE.UU. de más de 650 millones de años, mientras que la Sierra Barberton Greenstone en el este de África tiene montañas que de hace 3,5 mil millones de años, ampliamente considerada la más antigua de la tierra.



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IN THE KNOW—CLAUDIA KOPKOWSKI, TODOS SANTOS Leonora Carrington (1917 – 2011) is celebrated as the most prominent woman artist of the Surrealist movement that emerged in Paris in the 1920's. Encouraged by her partner, Max Ernst, in 1939 she painted her first truly Surrealist work, "The Inn of the Dawn Horse (Self-Portrait)" that depicts an androgynous-looking woman seated in a room with a rocking horse on the wall, extending her hand to a hyena. Her art is rich with bizarre and wonderful images of strange figures half-human, half-animal drawn from her fascination with myth and occult symbolism. Escaping from unimaginable personal tragedies, Leonora emigrated to Mexico in the early 1940's and remained living and painting in Mexico City until her death. It was during this period that her work gained its highest acclaim. A documentary about her extraordinary life, 'Leonora Carrington El Juego Surrealista' will be featured during this year's Todos Santos Film Festival.

SILENT AUCTION

This year renowned local artist Ezra Katz has kindly donated an original painting for the silent auction. The starting bid will be \$1,500 US. All proceeds will go to the Youth In Video program. The painting will be exhibited in the Hotel California lobby during the Festival until March 13th. On March 13th, at 6 pm there will be a wine reception at the Hotel California and the opportunity to make your final bid.

'La Ahorcadita' by Ezra Katz
Oil Painting 8" x 12"
Minimum bid \$1500 US.

On display in the Hotel California lobby. Bids accepted until March 13th.



SUBASTA SILENCIOSA

Este año, el renombrado artista local Ezra Katz ha donado amablemente una pintura original para la subasta silenciosa. Iniciaré en 1,500 dólares. Lo recaudado será destinado al programa Jóvenes en Video. La pintura será exhibida en el Hotel California desde el inicio del evento y hasta el 13 de marzo. El 13 de marzo a las 6 pm, habrá una recepción con vino en el Hotel California y la oportunidad para hacer una puja de último momento.

Pintura Subasta Silenciosa 'La Ahorcadita' por Ezra Katz
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Azul Intangible

FILM FESTIVAL

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that truly involved the whole town.

An important aspect of the FCTS is to showcase local talent from Baja California Sur and this year is no exception. Films scheduled are Erendira Valle's **Azul Intangible**, Sergio Morkin's **Ginger Ninjas Rodando en Mexico** and Luis Ines Sandoval's **Un Leon Adentro**.

For the 5th year running, the FCTS will be showing a number of shorts and documentaries at the University in La Paz (UABCS) that will be open to students and the general public. There will be conversations with some of the directors.

For a complete schedule of films and events visit www.TodosSantosCineFest.com

VIP FILM FESTIVAL EVENTS

AFTER PARTY

After the Thursday February 21st showing of the Oscar nominated animated film **Chico y Rita** by Fernando Trueba, make your way to the *Noche Cubana* party at Hotel Guayacura's rooftop Sky Bar. Rub elbows with festival guests and enjoy the sounds of Noralys Cantero and her group Habana Sweet. \$150 pesos, no host bar. Tickets available at El Tecolote Book Store, **Hotel California** and at the FCTS merchandise tent in the Plaza.

VIP CELEBRITY DINNER

Wine and dine with the festival's honored celebrities at Hotel California on Saturday, February 23rd. \$500 pesos. Seating is limited. Tickets available at El Tecolote bookstore, **Hotel California** and the FCTS merchandise tent in the Plaza.

JOIN IN THE MAGIC OF HOLLYWOOD!

If you would like to be part of the glamour of Oscar night, attending the annual **Oscar Night in Todos Santos** is a must. Last year's party was a great success. On Sunday, February 24th, the awards ceremony will be broadcast on large screens in the legendary **Hotel California** with a special 'quiet zone' reserved for serious Oscar watchers.

Prizes awarded for Picking the Winners (ballot 50 pesos) and the most glamorous outfit. There's also a 50-50 raffle. All proceeds benefit the Youth In Video Program. Tickets \$150 pesos in advance, \$200 pesos at the door. Appetizers included; food and drinks available for purchase. Doors open at 4:00 p.m. Tickets available at El Tecolote Book Store, **Hotel California**, and the FCTS merchandise tent the Plaza.

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2 7:30 PM, NOCHE LATINA with Yemanya band at **La Esquina**. Dance to salsa, cumbia and more. Enjoy a mojito! 50 pesos cover.

7-12 CARNAVAL LA PAZ.

7 5 - 6 PM, MEET THE ARTISTS with **Jill Logan** at Cafelix. For more information contact: Mike McAllister at heronsnestbaja@earthlink.net or Tori Sepulveda: oscarntori@yahoo.com, www.artistsoftodosantos.com.

9 7:30 PM, REGGAE AND LATINO ROCK with Pura Vida band at **La Esquina**. 80 pesos cover..

10 4TH ANNUAL TODOS SANTOS ARTIST'S STUDIO TOUR. Painters, potters, photographers, printmakers, glass workers and sculptors will be demonstrating their work and explaining it to their visitors from 10 am until 5 pm. A preview of the participating artists' works is on display in Visions Gallery at Cafelix. Tickets will be on sale beginning February 2. Visitors will receive a distinctive identifying wristband and a detailed map with information about each artist for an easy, self-guided tour. Children under 10, accompanied by an adult, are admitted free. No pets please. All proceeds will benefit the art programs of the Palapa Society of Todos Santos A.C., <http://www.artistsoftodosantos.com>.

13-16, XVI FESTIVAL DEL ARTE TODOS SANTOS 2013

14 5 - 7 PM, ART OPENING AND RECEPTION at Caffé Todos Santos featuring art by Eric Durazo. Appetizers and Beverages courtesy of Caffé Todos Santos. Works will be on display through March 4. <http://www.artistsoftodosantos.com>

14 VALENTINE'S DAY OPENING NIGHT OF 'TO SALSA WITH LOVE' at **Teatro Luna Azul**. Bring your sweetheart to enjoy a comic look at relationships in a small Mexican town. Special dinner at 6 pm. Show time 7:30 pm. Tickets are 200 pesos for the play, available at El Tecolote Bookstore. Info: www.teatrolunaazul.com

14 VALENTINE'S DAY AT HOTEL GUAYCURA. Enjoy in one of the most romantic places in Baja with a Romantic Dinner specially prepared by Chef Jean Pequignot. Three course dinner menu is 480 pesos.

15&16, 'TO SALSA WITH LOVE' at **Teatro Luna Azul**. A comic look at relationships in a small Mexican town. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Show time 7:30 pm. Tickets are 200 pesos, available at El Tecolote Bookstore. Info: www.teatrolunaazul.com

17 7:30 PM, DON LÁGRIMA at **La Esquina**. Original mix of electronica, reggae and more. 50 pesos cover.

17 4 PM, YOGA BENEFIT 2013 at **La Esquina**. A one and a half hour Yoga Sampler featuring teachers of the Todos Santos area. Donations for Hogar del Niño and Amigos de los Animales. Live music and healthy snacks. Dress warmly.

20 5 - 7 PM, ART OPENING / RECEPTION at Cafelix. "Shades of Blue" themed show featuring works by the Artists of Todos Santos at Visions Gallery. Works will be displayed through March 11. For more information contact Tori Sepulveda: oscarntori@yahoo.com, www.artistsoftodosantos.com

20-26, 10TH ANNUAL FESTIVAL DE CINE DE TODOS SANTOS at Teatro Manuel Márquez de León in Todos Santos. Tickets to all events and a variety of food and beverages will be for sale in the plaza throughout the festival. For schedule and information, visit: www.todosantoscinefest.com

21 7:30 PM, NOCHE CUBANA SALSA PARTY at **Hotel Guaycura**, a fundraiser for the 'Youth in Video' program. Meet the Todos Santos Film Festival stars. Tapas and drinks available for sale. 150 pesos cover.

22 6:30 PM, CONVERSATION with Ana Serradilla & Kai Parlange of the **10th Todos Santos Film Festival** at Restaurante Tre Galline, a fundraiser for the 'Youth in Video' program. Tapas and drinks available for sale. 100 pesos cover.

23 7:30 PM, 'VIP DINNER WITH THE STARS' of the **10th Todos Santos Film Festival** at **Hotel California**, a fundraiser for the 'Youth in Video' program. Limited seating, 500 pesos. Tickets available at El Tecolote Bookstore, **Hotel California** and the **Todos Santos Film Festival** merchandise tent in the plaza.

23 7:30 PM, TIM LANG AND THE POST SURF CREW at **La Esquina**. 50 pesos cover.

23 2 - 4 PM, ART OPENING AND COCKTAIL RECEPTION at Galería de Todos Santos. Featuring new works by Erick Ochoa.

23 doors open at 4 PM, OSCAR GALA PARTY at **Hotel California**, a fundraiser for the 'Youth in Video' program. Hollywood Glamour, Oscar Awards ceremony on big screen TVs and prizes. Oscar "pick the winners" ballot 50 pesos, 50/50 raffle. Live auction of a selection of artwork with Auctioneer Oscar Rosales. Artwork can be viewed at

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10 am **DHARMA TALKS** at La ARCA in Todos Santos.

4 – 7 pm, **BREWS AND BLUES** at Cerritos Beach Brewing Company in Pescadero with The Brews Brothers.

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

monday

8 am – 1:30 pm, Huertas Las Tunas **ORGANIC PRODUCE STAND**, Otro Lado, Todos Santos.

9:30 am – 2 pm, Basilfield **ORGANICS**, Todos Santos.

10 am – 1 pm, *Palapa Society of Todos Santos* **LIBRARY OPEN**.

5 – 8 pm, **FLIGHT NIGHT** at **La Bodega de Todos Santos**. A selection of three different Baja wines, live music.

tuesday

9:30 – 11:30 am, **LA PAZ FARMER'S MARKET** location TBD, La Paz.

9:30 am – 2 pm, Basilfield **ORGANICS**, Todos Santos.

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wednesday

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

9:30 am – 2 pm, Basilfield **ORGANICS**, Todos Santos.

10 am – 1 pm, *Palapa Society of Todos Santos* **LIBRARY OPEN**.

5 – 8 pm, **BIG RED WEDNESDAYS** at **La Bodega de Todos Santos**. Premium, structured Baja wine by the glass.

thursday

8 am – 1:30 pm, Huertas Las Tunas **ORGANIC PRODUCE STAND**, Otro Lado, Todos Santos.

9:30 am – 2 pm, Basilfield **ORGANICS**, Todos Santos.

5 – 9 pm, **ARTWALK** in the San José del Cabo historic district.

7:30 pm, **TODOS SANTOS TODAY** with Wendy Rains radio program on 96.3 Cabo Mil FM.

friday

8 am – 1:30 pm, Huertas Las Tunas **ORGANIC PRODUCE STAND**, Otro Lado, Todos Santos.

9:30 am – 2 pm, Basilfield **ORGANICS**, Todos Santos.

10 am – 1 pm, *Palapa Society of Todos Santos* **LIBRARY OPEN**.

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

saturday

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.

9 am – 1 pm, **SATURDAY MARKETS** at La Cañada del Diablo featuring organic produce, baked goods, and crafts. Todos Santos.

9:30 am – 2 pm, Basilfield **ORGANICS**, Todos Santos.

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

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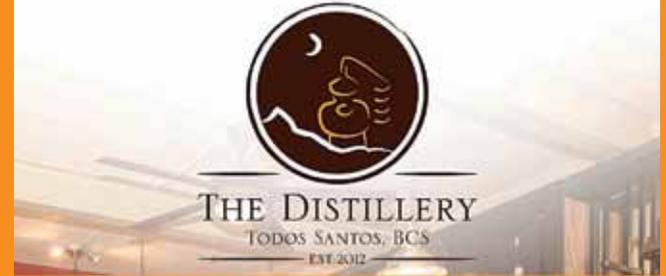
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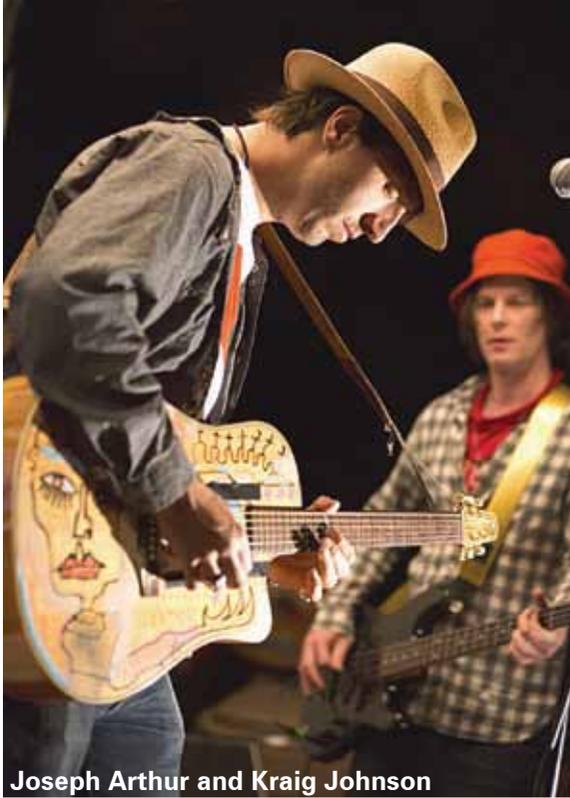
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The Twin Tones

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A visit to the Palapa Society

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This 5.6 acre (22,380m²) ranch is located one-half mile behind the OXXO in Pescadero on the ocean side. The parcel has a clearing permit and is cleaned. Water is to the property and electricity is across the street. It would make a good organic ranch.



Los Cerritos Knoll Lots

Three adjacent 2,000m² lots with beach, mountain, and valley views. Would make a nice hacienda or boutique hotel.



Beach Lot

Pescadero parcel 100 yards from beach, next to Agave Hotel & Homes Development. This 4,555 m² corner lot has been cleaned, and has water and electricity. Can be sub-divided. Plenty of room for a Hacienda type complex, small hotel or rentals.



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"View from Pesadero" by Jill Logan

hike the rest of the day up to the peak San Antonio, the highest peak in this section of Baja, or rest by the camp. Terri and I chose to rest with our two older friends while the others climbed on.

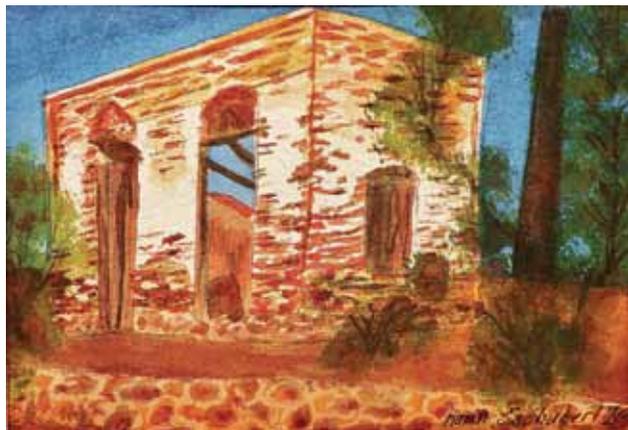
This turned into a magical experience. Catarino (means male lady bug), our mule team leader and his helper, Manuel, foraged into the mountains and came back to prepare special teas for us. Cartarino is a man of short stature and strong stocky build, always with a twinkle in his eye and a shy smile on his face. A true man of these mountains he brought to the fire bulbs that he found and dug up, then pounded into pieces and threw into the boiling water for tea to relax our muscles and possibly get us a little high. A white bark from something that looked like an Aspen tree, he said would help with digestion. Also a green leafed plant with purple flowers that if crushed smelled like mint and eucalyptus mixed would open the

lungs and release any congestion. We drank all of the teas he made. They made lentil soup and *machaca* with potatoes which we devoured. Our fire was spectacular with the head of a pick ax and a machete lay across the rocks to hold up the grills for all the pots to cook.

The next day was supposed to be an easy up and down until we dropped into the meadow just under the peak of Picacho. A wonderful spring ran down the center of this large low land about four mile in circumference that had once been a lake and as we had read years past was dynamited by the ranchers in the East side to open up the waters for their dry land below. Hence the bowl was flat and dry.

The sky was crystal clear by now after the rains; the air spoke of majesty. Every breath was a ceremony of clear oxygen, even at 6,000 feet. The wind blew in cold air, so much that we declined the idea of a wash in this spring which felt like

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THE BAJA SKY
by Roc Fleishman

Welcome the February/March edition of *El Cielo*, pointing out interesting things to watch for in the sky for the next two months. All of the events below are visible by eye, but can be also appreciated with a pair of binoculars (or telescope if you have one).

There are lots of bright stars up in the winter, most famously the distinct constellation Orion and its Great Nebula (in the sword, look for fuzzy cloud). For those southern ocean romantics, the Southern Cross (Crux) is visible due south, very low to the horizon for the next few months for a few hours each clear night. At the beginning of February, it is straight up at about 4 am. You will know it when you see it. My favorite globular star cluster for binocular and telescope viewing, Omega Centauri, makes its appearance in this season also. It follows behind Crux, 15° above and to its left and due south at 5 am on February 1. Due to basic Solar System mechanics, all of the stars (and the far outer planets) advance about two hours each month, so if what you are looking for was straight up in the south at 4 am on February 15, it will be straight up on March 15, at 2 am and so on.

Planets are a little scarce for viewing this season, with Mars and Venus too near the Sun to be easily seen. Saturn is in Libra and up for the last half of each night or so and Jupiter is in Taurus and up for the first half of the night. Mercury moves the quickest through our sky, and it makes an evening appearance, peaking in height around February 17th, in the sunset.

Of great interest is what could be the best comet viewing in a long while. The comet of interest has the lovely name of PANSTARRS C/2011 L4 and will potentially be visible from March 5th through 18th, low in the west at sunset. It should peak in visibility for us on the 12th and 13th when it will be graced by the new moon. This could be a very pretty sight and a great warm-up for the ISON comet

appearing in November.

MOON/PLANET CALENDAR FEBRUARY

- 2nd/3rd Moon rising with Saturn following about 1 am. (Night of the 2nd, morning of the 3rd)
- 11th New moon visible, with Mercury if you are lucky.
- 17th Moon, Jupiter and the red eye of Taurus, Aldebaran, until they set around 2 am.

MARCH

- 1st / 2nd Saturn and the Moon, from about midnight until dawn. (Night of the 1st, morning of the 2nd).
- 12th A challenge to see the new moon and the comet.
- 13th Should be no problem for the new moon, tell me about the comet.
- 17th Jupiter with the moon until moonset at around midnight.

For more information, check out the web links below, call me on my cell phone (612) 348-5468, or visit my new office in Plaza Antigua—upstairs, unit #9—**Pescadero Properties**, #16 on the Todos Santos map.

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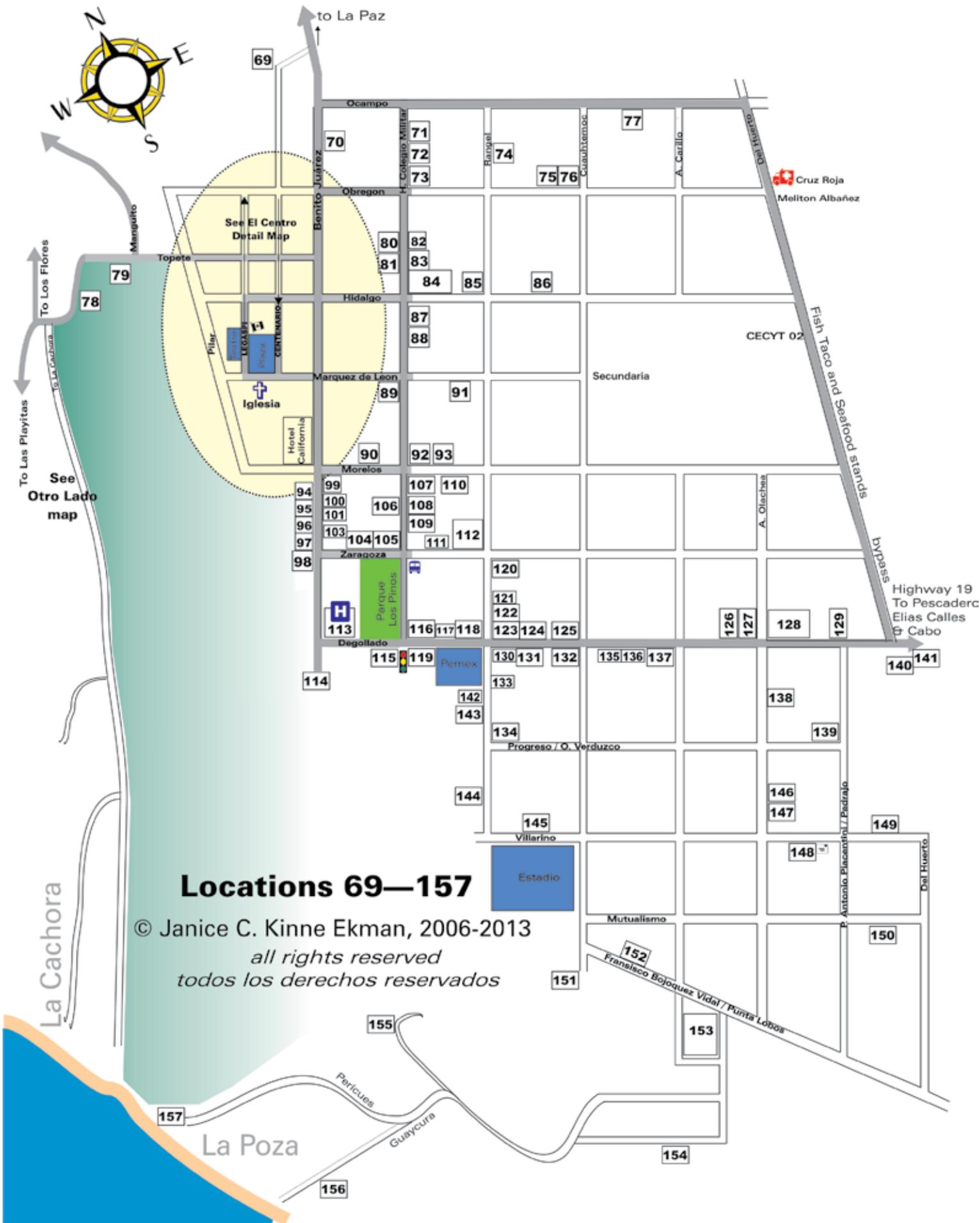
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VOCES DEL PUEBLO

by Janice Kinne

February and March are a festive time in Baja California Sur with *Carnaval* La Paz, the Todos Santos Art Festival with the Artist's Studio Tour, and the **Festival de Cine de Todos Santos**.

There is still plenty of music going on and two theater plays—one in Todos Santos, **"To Salsa with Love,"** and another in Los Barriles, **"Aloha, A Hawaiian Night's Dream."** Check out our feature stories and Events in this issue or online for more information.

After her long awaited dream of returning to Todos Santos to open a shop, Alexis Burns is excited to announce the opening of **Artique Boutique**, located in the Plaza Antigua. The shop will feature fresh resort wear, casual apparel, yoga wear, luxury handbags, and unique jewelry designed by Alexis, along with great accessories and home gift items.

Baja Outdoor Activities (BOA), the local sea-kayak outfitters based in La Paz, are thrilled by the rebound of interest in sea-kayaking expeditions in Baja. Owner, Ben Gillam, testifies that part of the growth is due to an increased awareness of just how amazing the Baja wilderness is, "sea-kayaking offers a unique and unobtrusive way to explore some of the most spectacular wilderness areas that we have right on our doorstep, well, just outside the back door." These days it's a common occurrence to paddle-board alongside a 25'+ whale shark or to be sea-kayaking in amongst a pod of dolphins or a passing sea-turtle. You just have to get outside to enjoy it firsthand! For the rest of this season (until mid-May) BOA is enticing locals to join them by offering a 20% discount on various sea-kayaking expeditions. Contact office manager Beatriz Loubet soon at Beatriz@kayactivities.com or <http://www.facebook.com/baja.outdoor.activities> or peruse their Baja adventures on www.kayakinbaja.com

After you kayak around the islands in the Sea of Cortés, take a trip to the sierras and see the magnificent island in the sky. It's easy to arrange a day hike or multiple day trip. **Jill Logan** talks about her experience in this issue's 'Art Talk' and our feature story this month has some great information from **Todos Santos Eco Adventures** and photos from area photographers.

Chocolates La Laguna serves up a variety of locally made luxury chocolates from their shop behind the bookstore in Todos Santos.

You've probably sampled some delicious treats from **Mayra's Kitchen** at an art opening, wedding or party. See her ad to arrange catering for your next event—large or small.

Robin Austin, the **Phairy Godmother**, is an expert in cuts, color and hair styling. She specializes in weddings and formal hair. You can find her salon behind the **Pura Vida Health Food Store** in Todos Santos.

Whether you're planning your whole vacation in the old town of San José del Cabo, or just spending the night, **Hotel Posada Sr. Mañana's** is the traveler's place on the edge of town—conveniently located to both the historic district and outdoor activities. They can help you with your surf, bike, or kayak adventure and offer wifi, music, books and hammocks for chilling.

Custom cabinetry is available locally from **Kool Kraft**. See ad for more information.

The Todos Santos Music Festival was a huge success again this year, raising money for the Palapa Society of Todos Santos A.C. and children's education. This year, over 31 musicians, including two bands from Mexico City, entertained crowds at the **Hotel California** and with two not to be forgotten concerts in the town plaza. **Journal del Pacifico** is proud to be a sponsor and organizer of this event. The musicians all had a great time exploring Baja California Sur and entertaining visitors and locals—both at the main shows and at more intimate venues around town—including two trips to meet the kids at the new Palapa Society. Photographer Vivian Johnson shared a few of her photos in this issue. You can see more of her photos online at: <https://www.facebook.com/TodosSantosMusicFestival>



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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.

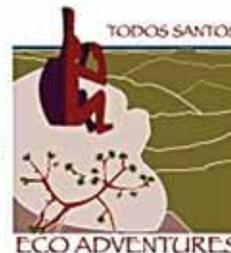
The only recommended swimming beaches are outside of Pescadero. **SAN PEDRO**, also known as **PALM BEACH** (*Playa Las Palmas*) is near km 57. Its entrance is across highway 19 from the Campo Experimental—stay to the left as you pass the abandoned hacienda. Las Palmas is a beautiful, secluded beach surrounded by a palm grove with

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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.

La Sirena Eco-Adventures, #147 on Todos Santos map, provides kayak and snorkeling tours, fishing trips, beach shuttle, surfing lessons, surfboard and boogie board rentals.

Mario's Surf School provides surfing lessons, board rentals, repairs and accessories. Call for information.

Pescadero Surf Camp, #28 on the Pescadero map, provides surfing lessons and surfaris.

San Pedrito Surf Hotel, #8 on the Pescadero map, offers board rentals and surf lessons.

Todos Santos Eco Adventures, #156 on the Todos Santos map, offers surfing lessons, fishing trips, guided cliff and beach walks, bird-watching at the lagoon, swimming with sea lions, and whale watching in Magdalena Bay.

Surf reports: checkout Baja under Mexico at www.wetsand.com/swellwatch

There are no restrictions for beach fishing at any beaches. Please respect our beaches and help protect the sea turtles, don't leave trash or drive on the dunes or beaches.

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aprovechando el Taller de Verano. Durante la producción de este proyecto, todo el pueblo estuvo involucrado.

Un aspecto importante del Festival es proyectar talento local de Baja California Sur y este año no será la excepción. Este año está programada la película de Erendira Valle ***Azul Intangible***, de Sergio Morkin ***Los Ginger Ninjas Rolando en México*** y de Luis Sandoval ***Un León Adentro***.

Por 5^{to} año consecutivo. El Festival de Cine de Todos Santos, mostrará un buen número de cortometrajes y documentales en la Universidad de La Paz (UABCS) que estarán abiertos a estudiantes y el público en general. Y habrá pláticas con algunos de los Directores.

Para el listado entero de películas y eventos del Festival visita: www.TodosSantosCineFest.com



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glacial water. We filled our bags and made camp, our last camp, before the hike up to Picacho in the afternoon. I was pleased I had done so well on these last days. Taking in the beauty of this last part was very inspiring. Pine trees and boulders. Ravens. A hawk. No squirrels or chipmunks. Later that night we heard a bull bellowing into the night. Sage green moss mixed with lavender lichens contrasted in a beautiful way on the rocks and boulders. It was a visual banquet.

The last hike was breathtaking. The vista to the Pacific a long awaited late afternoon treat. Tired and sore we burst into appreciation of what we came so far to see, Picacho itself was stark but in a colorful unexpected way. Rich with moss and lichens of greens, lavenders and coral colors. Rock masses that seemed to climb up on each other to the top in an orchestration of grace and surety. Nothing was moving up here or so it seemed. The vista to La Paz was so detailed and clear. To ark from one to the other in one breath was almost overwhelming. The sun ebbed into some silver clouds. Light smashing around like a wild dance on fire. It was everything and more then I expected or even hoped for. My soul was enriched and large in my chest. I was filled with something that the "little" world that I daily lived in town could not give me. Not the same way at least.

The next morning we rose at five AM to pack with ice crusted all over our tent, shoes and bags. Packing was an ordeal of frozen hands and bodies. We sipped tea and took off for the ordeal of coming down five thousand feet in six hours before it got too hot on the West face.

The sun rise came with dark indigo mountains in the far ground and vibrant rich lime green leaves in the foreground. Spectacular seems an understatement. I was visually arrested at each turn. Visually filled with color and light. Emotionally charged. We were hiking down a face so steep I was so glad I had come in from the East side. The vistas were so daring at each turn we had to stop and just take it in.

The last day was a hard day for me. I was tired. Spent. The slope was steep and became very hot. The two liters of water barely lasted. The six hours seemed like ten. Would we ever arrive? I longed for a bath and to wash my hair. Clean clothes and simple home cooked food. Resting. When we finally arrived at the van to take us to our homes and eat the great lunch packed for us. We were so happy. We had completed a challenging trek.

I know that what seemed impossible to me in my older age became a triumph of the spirit. A task that made my soul feel huge way bigger than my body, standing out in front of me like headlights on a parade. My skin was wrinkled and weathered, I was sure I knew what I would look like at the age of eighty, quite a scary visual really at my sixty three years. I was crusty and dirty everywhere and somehow I just did not care. I was filled with inspiration and light from a journey less trodden.



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La Paz by Janice Kinne BEACHES

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. The new aquatic park has water slides and an enclosed swimming area for children, and is open on weekends.

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 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.

IN THE KNOW—KAT BENNETT, ALLENDE BOOKS, LA PAZ

Mexico is well known for its beautiful, colorful ceramics and pottery. In La Paz, you can find pottery and ceramics in nearly all of the tourist shops on the *malecón*, but where do the locals go when they are looking for a nice gift or something for their own homes?

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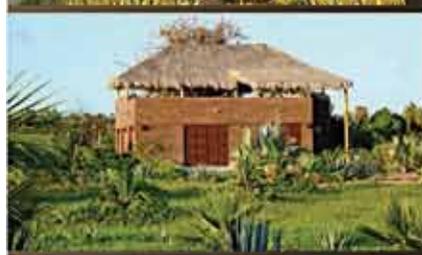
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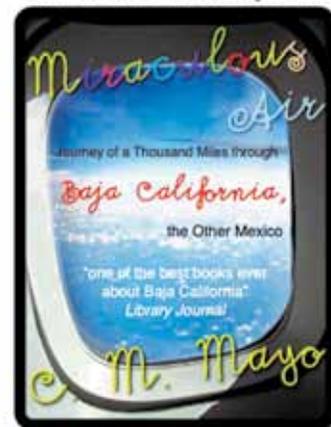
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- 14 NOCHE DE SAN VALENTÍN DÍA DE APERTURA DE "SALSA CON AMOR"** en el **Teatro Luna Azul**. Lleva tu pareja y disfruten de un punto de vista alegre las relaciones en un pequeño pueblo mexicano. Cena especial a las 6 pm. El Show empieza a las 7:30 pm. Los boletos para la obra cuestan 200 pesos, disponibles en La Librería El Tecolote. www.teatrolunaazul.com
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- 21 7:30 PM, NOCHE CUBANA** en el **Hotel Guaycura**, evento en beneficio del programa "Jovenes en Video." Conoce a las estrellas del Festival de Cine de Todos Santos. Tapas y bebidas disponibles para la venta. Entrada 150 pesos.
- 22 6:30 PM, CHARLA CON ANA SERRADILLA Y PARLANGE KAI** del **10º Festival de Cine de Todos Santos** en el Restaurante Tre Galline, evento en beneficio del programa "Jovenes en Video." Tapas y bebidas disponibles para la venta. Entrada 100 pesos.
- 23 7:30 PM, 'CENA VIP CON LAS ESTRELLAS'** del **10º Festival de Cine de Todos Santos** en el **Hotel California**, evento en beneficio del programa "Jovenes en Video." Espacio limitado, costo 500 pesos. Entradas a la venta en la Librería El Tecolote, Hotel California y en la plaza durante el Festival de Cine.
- 23 7:30 PM, TIM LANG Y SU GRUPO POST SURF** en **La Esquina**. Entrada 50 pesos..
- 24 NOCHE DE LOS ÓSCARES** en Todos Santos. La ceremonia de premiación será transmitida en pantallas grandes en el **Hotel California**, con una zona especial designada para los que en verdad quieren ver los Óscars. Habrá premios para quién le atine a los ganadores y para el más Glamoroso de la noche, además de la tradicional rifa de 50-50 con las ganancias en beneficio del programa Jóvenes en Video. Boletos \$150 pesos en preventa y 200 el día del evento. Incluye aperitivos. Habrá comida y bebidas a la venta. Las puertas abren a las 4 pm. Los boletos estarán a la venta en El Tecolote, el **Hotel California** y en la Plaza.

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- 2 7:30 PM. LOS GROOVETROTTER'S** en **La Esquina**. Funk, Blues y mucha diversión. Entrada Libre.
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In the beginning, the thought of doing theater in Baja was deemed by most as impossible. The first play was considered almost obscene to perform in a predominantly Catholic, somewhat macho culture, but 'The Vagina Monologues' was not only well received by an audience that for the first time ever, packed the Márquez de León theater to the rafters, but also left them rolling in the aisles with laughter as they watched the people they knew as artists or friends talk about 'down there.'

The next several years of shows toured Baja California Sur, building stages in convention centers, large restaurants--any space big enough to hold the actors and an audience. Mainly comedies, sometimes musicals, the casts were assembled from locals in Cabo, Los Barriles and Todos Santos. Always a few experienced actors in the cast,

mainly founder and actress Isabel Smyth, worked hard at turning the non-experienced into actors.

Blue Moon now has their own 50 foot stage in Todos Santos under the stars, called Teatro Luna Azul, which hosts a variety of entertainment from music to movies to theater. To celebrate ten years of theater, they kicked off their season with an original production of 'Return of the Light' that boasted a young, bilingual cast that did shows in both English and Spanish. The next show will be a comedy called 'To Salsa with Love,' a parody of Gringo life in a small town in Mexico, and will open on Valentine's day, February 14, and run for that weekend and the first two weekends in March. For more information on Teatro Luna Azul and their latest production, please visit: www.teatrolunaazul.com.

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march

- 1&2, 8&9, 'TO SALSA WITH LOVE'** at Teatro Luna Azul. A comic look at relationships in a small Mexican town. Doors open at 6:30 pm. Show time 7:30 pm. Tickets are 200 pesos, available at El Tecolote Bookstore. Info: www.teatrolunaazul.com
- 2 7:30 PM, GROOVETROTTER'S BAND** at La Esquina. Funk, blues and fun. No cover.
- 3 9 AM, 3RD ANNUAL PING PONG TOURNAMENT** at Baja Beans Roasting Company. A singles, B singles, Doubles. Supporting the local lifeguards, great raffle prizes! \$100 pesos to enter.
- 16 7:30 PM, JOE FIRSTMAN** at La Esquina. Acoustic singer and songwriter. No cover.
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- 1-4 4TH CABO MARINE SHOW** at Wyndham Cabo San Lucas and IGY Marina Cabo San Lucas, Free Admission to the General Public.
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LA GUACAMAYA Y EL CUERVO

Paseaba la Guacamaya por la selva luciendo sus hermosas plumas, cuando se posó en una rama al lado del Cuervo, éste sintió envidia de su plumaje pero hábilmente la disfrazó de admiración y se deshizo en cumplidos hacia la Guacamaya.

"Eres tan majestuosa y noble que nada te costará regalarme una de tus plumas."

La Guacamaya dudó un instante pero después reflexionó, nada le quitaba donar una de sus plumas multicolores a esa pobre ave monocromática y así lo hizo.

Al poco tiempo llegó el simio que vio que el cuervo tenía una de las bellas plumas y presionó a la Guacamaya para que le donara también una, ella por no quedar mal, accedió. Así fueron desfilando ante la Guacamaya todos los animales de la selva hasta que la dejaron sin su hermoso plumaje y después de eso no le volvieron a prestar atención.

Por eso no te hagas daño con tal de agradar a los demás.

THE MACAW AND THE RAVEN

Macaw was flying through the jungle, wearing his beautiful feathers, when he perched on a branch next to Raven, who was envious of his plumage but cleverly disguised it as admiration and profusely complimented the Macaw.

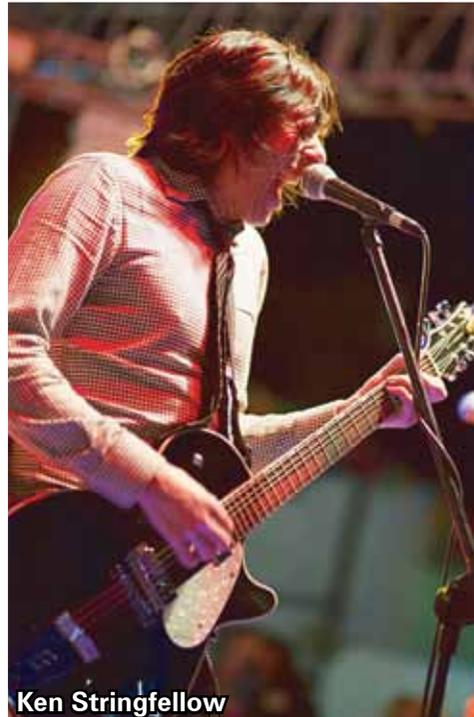
"You are so majestic and noble it will cost you nothing to give me one of your feathers."

The Macaw hesitated but then thought, he could easily donate one of his colored feathers to the poor monochromatic bird and so he did.

Then came the ape who saw that the crow had one of the

beautiful feathers and pressured Macaw to donate one to him, so trying not to look bad, he agreed. So all the jungle animals paraded before the Macaw until he was left without his beautiful plumage and after that none paid any attention to Macaw again.

So do not hurt yourself in order to please others.



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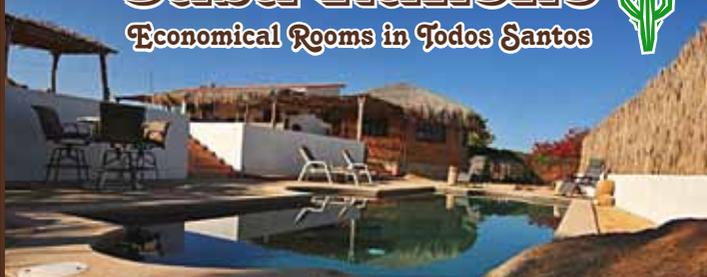
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