

LORETO CHARTER GUIDE & FAQ

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Welcome sailors and thank you for joining us at **Marina Puerto Escondido** in beautiful Loreto, Mexico for an amazing Catamaran Sailing Adventure in the Sea of Cortez!



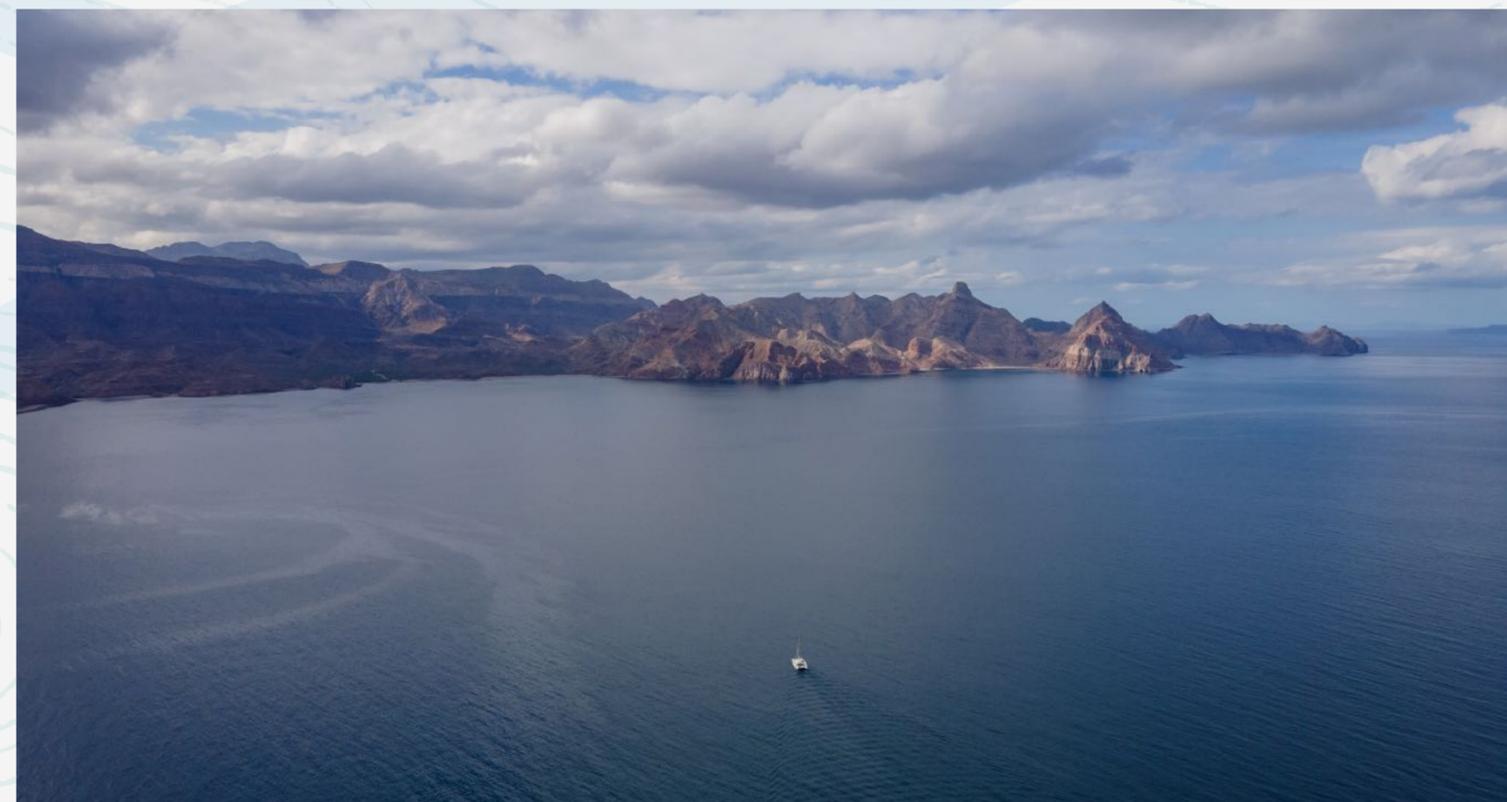
We are excited to have you onboard and want to share some FAQs and travel information with you to help plan your journey. We hope you enjoy Loreto Magico as much as we do!



BALANCE DUE & CANCELLATION POLICY

Your balance is due 60 days prior to the start of your charter. Additional & optional services can be added to your charter and paid prior to departure. Please review the cancellation policy in your Welcome Email and let us know if you have any questions.

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Q: HOW DO WE GET THERE?

FLIGHTS

You can fly directly into Loreto International Airport from the following airports:

Calgary (YYC) - West Jet

Dallas/Ft. Worth (DFW) - American Airlines

Los Angeles (LAX) - Alaska Air

Phoenix (PHX) - American Airlines

Tijuana (TJX) - Volaris

TRANSPORTATION & CURRENCY

Once you land in Loreto, you can either rent a car which costs \$70-\$100 USD per day for a standard car or you can take a taxi from the airport to Marina Puerto Escondido which is approximately \$60 USD and takes about 20 minutes each way. Most places in Loreto accept US dollars and/or credit cards, but you will need pesos for taxis and for tips at restaurants. **It is highly recommended that you bring US dollars and/or pesos with you to avoid daily ATM withdrawal limits and bank/exchange fees.**



Q: WHERE CAN WE STAY?

LODGING

We recommend flying into Loreto a day or two prior to the start of your charter to enjoy the majestic beauty of this charming and historic fishing town.

HOTELS

La Mision - upscale hotel with ocean views on the Malecon in Loreto

Posada De Las Flores - rustic charm in the heart of downtown Loreto walking distance to restaurants, shops, and the Mission

Hotel 1697 - authentic charm steps away from tequila bar & restaurants

Cordelia Resort & Spa - modern & elegant hotel in Loreto Bay community 15 minutes from the marina

Villa Del Pal Mar - Award-Winning Luxury Golf Resort & Spa with iconic 17th hole

Hotel Tripui - the only hotel within walking distance to the Marina with peaceful bungalows, pool & free breakfast

Hotel Oasis - affordable location on the beach in downtown Loreto

One of our partners and friend - Kathy Hunter is an superhost and has great **Airbnb** rentals in Loreto. Great for sharing a house with family and/or a group of friends. Highly recommend!



Q: WHAT ABOUT FOOD?

PROVISION SERVICES

For guests who enjoy cooking but don't have time to do the shopping, the Market at Marina Puerto Escondido offers provision services and will place your food & beverages onboard before your arrival for a 20% service fee.



ONBOARD CHEF & MEAL PLANNING

When available, you can hire an onboard chef* to do all the shopping, cooking and cleaning so you can spend more time adventuring and less time in the galley!

The chef creates a meal plan that compliments your food preferences and dietary restrictions preparing creative dishes with fresh, local ingredients.

*Onboard chef rates vary and are based on availability.





Q: WHERE DO WE GO GROCERY SHOPPING?

There is a Market at Marina Puerto Escondido for basic provisions, snacks, adult beverages, sundries, clothing, gifts and supplies. For full provisioning, you will need to go into Loreto and visit one or all of these locations:

Super Ley.

Supermarket with large produce section, bakery, Mexican products & ATM machines for pesos

El Pescador

Medium-sized market with good selection of produce, seafood, international & local products

Delicatessen

Specialty foods & imports, meats, cheeses, wine & champagne

Cactus

Beer & liquor





Q: WHAT RESTAURANTS DO YOU RECOMMEND?

Enjoy a refreshing house-made margarita with wood-fired pizzas and fresh fish specials at **La Brisa** restaurant right at Marina Puerto Escondido. Or you can go into town to experience the local cuisine. Click [here](#) for popular restaurants in Loreto. Some of our personal favorites are:

La Brisa - fabulous margaritas, woodfired pizzas, and fresh seafood at Marina Puerto Escondido. Excellent breakfast options

Pan Que Pan - homemade breads, pastries, fresh smoothies, healthy breakfast & lunch

La Picazon - hidden gem on the water! Beautiful atmosphere, family run, delicious local fare and seafood

Mi Loreto - local favorite, great service, vibey atmosphere in the heart of town

Orlando's - lively atmosphere and authentic local fare - try the Cilantro fish!

El General - Our favorite tacos en Loreto! Taco truck with best pastor in town

Octatillo - modern hotspot & wine bar in Loreto Bay. Featuring wines from the Guadalupe Valley and live music

Mita Gourmet - known for chocolate clams, mole, and seafood paella

Santo Cielo - Grilled meats & seafood with views of the Mission

Azul - fine dining in Loreto Bay with beautiful farm to table creations

Mezzaluna - South American/Italian fare, empanadas and oven-fired pizzas





Q: WHAT IS THE WEATHER LIKE?

Loreto has a tropical desert climate with abundant sunshine most of the year. **Average temperatures** June through October are 34 °C (93 °F) with year-round temperatures averaging 24.4 °C (76 °F). Spring and Autumn temperatures are moderate and temperate with Winter months bringing windy conditions typically blowing from the North and NW. **Sea Temperatures** range from an average of 84°F in summer to 64 °F in winter.

Loreto's yearly precipitation averages about 160 mm (6.3 in). The wettest months are August and September when there are occasional short-lived rainfalls. The hurricane season in Baja California Sur runs from mid-August through mid-October. Although a handful of hurricanes have affected the northern state of Baja California, the tropical cyclone season is almost exclusively a Baja California Sur issue. Since 1948, only four Category 1 Hurricanes, including 2014's Odile, and four Tropical Storms have made it to northern Baja California.

Fortunately, Marina Puerto Escondido has amazing natural protection that makes our location one of the safest hurricane holes in all of the Sea of Cortez.

More Loreto wind and tide info [here](#)

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We recommend checking the weather frequently and downloading these apps

[Navionics](#)

[Predict Wind](#)

[Windy](#)

[NOAA](#)

Make sure to download the Loreto area map!



Q: WHAT SHOULD WE BRING?



CLOTHING & SAILING GEAR

Typically, days are warm and nights are cool, so layered dry-wicking clothing is a must. Pack as light as possible to maximize space in the cabins onboard. **Duffle-style travel luggage is recommended for easier storage.**

RECOMMENDED ITEMS:

PFD (personal flotation device) - We have Type 2 life jackets on board, but it's easier to maneuver with [these](#) PFD's.

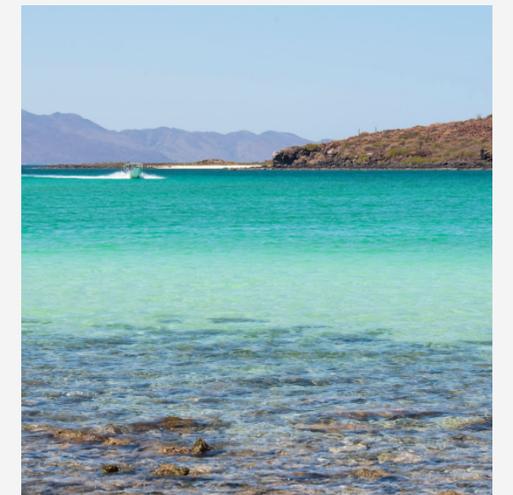
IMPORTANT: Click [here](#) for latest travel information from TSA about flying with CO2 cartridges.

You may bring a life vest with up to two CO2 cartridges inside, plus two spare cartridges in your carry-on or checked bag. You may not transport CO2 cartridges without the associated lifejacket. **The final decision rests with the TSA officer on whether an item is allowed through the checkpoint with CO2 cartridges.**

CHECKLIST



- Waterproof jacket/windbreaker
- **Helly Hansen** makes great sailing gear
- Sailing Gloves
- Boat Shoes (**No black-soled shoes, heels, or flip flops while sailing**)
- **Sperry** makes classic boat shoes for Men & Women
- Sun hat (**hat clips** like this are helpful)
- Sunscreen
- SPF Protective Clothing
- Swimsuit
- Warm clothes & Beanie (for cool evenings)
- Lip Balm
- Reusable water bottle
- Biodegradable shampoo/conditioner & body wash
- Wetsuit and/or wetsuit top (optional)
- Snorkel Gear (We have basic sets onboard)
- Bonine (for sea sickness)
- Downloaded music playlist for bluetooth



Q: WHAT CAN WE DO FOR RECREATION?

The Islands of Loreto National Marine park has an abundance of diverse sea life and pristine natural beauty. Some of the most popular recreational activities include swimming, snorkeling, scuba diving, paddle boarding, hiking, fishing and whale watching (in season). We have paddle boards and fishing rods available to rent, so let us know if you would like to add them to your charter. Marine Park passes are included with your charter, but make sure to purchase your fishing licenses online [here](#).



Love to dive? We can coordinate a scuba excursion with our partners at **Blue Nation** in Loreto to explore Jacques Cousteau's "Aquarium of the World."



Q: WHERE WILL WE BE SAILING?



Check out our (5) Day Sample Itinerary Videos on our [YouTube Channel](#) to see some of the beautiful anchorages you may explore during your charter. Based on current weather conditions, you can work with your Captain to create a sail plan that works best for you and crew. **It is customary to tip your Captain/Crew 10-20% for their knowledge, expertise, and hospitality during or after your charter. Cash works best and they are always appreciative!** You can also add gratuity to your invoice with an additional exchange rate fee. We hope you have an amazing sailing adventure with us in Loreto and we look forward to hearing about your journey when you return! Please feel free to contact us if you have questions and/or need additional information about your charter.

*Thank you for sailing with us and
Welcome Aboard!*

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