

Loreto, Baja California Sur, Mexico

The oldest permanent Spanish settlement in the Californias, Loreto trades cruise-port bustle for cobblestone streets, a soaring 1697 mission, and a UNESCO marine park teeming with blue whales and sea lions.

 Tender (no pier)

 Typical call: 6-8 hrs

 USD accepted / MXN preferred

 Spanish (English in tourist areas)

 UNESCO Marine Park

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor in Bahía de Loreto; tenders to municipal pier

Best For: History, snorkeling, whale watching (Jan–Mar), low-key exploration

Walk to center: 5 min from tender pier to main plaza and Mission

Don't Miss: Isla Coronado snorkel tour & Mission Nuestra Señora de Loreto

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  105–120 MXN (~\$6–7 USD) within town ·  **Rideshare**  not available

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Isla Coronado Snorkel & Sea Lions** — A 30-minute panga ride to this volcanic island delivers a crescent of white sand, crystal-clear turquoise water, and a...
- **Mission San Francisco Javier** — A 45-minute drive up into the Sierra de la Giganta leads to one of Baja's best-preserved missions (1699–1758), complete...
- **Blue Whale Watching (Jan–Mar)** — The Sea of Cortez near Loreto is one of the world's top spots for blue whales — the largest animals on Earth — during...
- **Loreto Town & Mission Walk** — Walk from the tender pier to the Mission Nuestra Señora de Loreto (1697) — the 'Mother of all Missions' in the...
- **Sea Kayaking in Loreto Bay** — Paddle through the calm, glassy waters of the marine park around Loreto.

BEST WALKS

- **Malecón to Mission Loop** ~1.5 km · 30–45 min · Flat · Free — From the tender pier walk south along the Malecón boardwalk past the whale statue and Loreto sign photo-op, then turn inland on Calle...
- **Mission Museum & Artisan Street** ~800 m · 20–30 min · Flat · Museum ~\$4 — Head directly from the tender pier to the Mission, step into the Museo de las Misiones next door for a quick look at colonial history...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	81°	53°	2d
Jun	81°	58°	10d
Aug	78°	57°	12d
Sep	76°	56°	12d
Oct	75°	53°	6d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:27AM–7:08PM · Jun 6:04AM–7:33PM · Aug 6:25AM–7:18PM · Sep 6:35AM–6:50PM · Oct 6:44AM–6:22PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Tender risk is real. Loreto can be skipped if seas are rough. Book independent excursions only with operators who refund if the

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This map of Loreto, Baja California Sur, illustrates the coastal urban layout. Key features include:

- Geography:** The coastline is on the right, with the Gulf of California to the east. Major roads E031 and MEX 1 run through the city.
- Neighborhoods:** Labeled areas include Colonia Infonavit, Colonia El Jaral, Colonia Conquistadores, and Colonia Misioneros.
- Landmarks & Services:**
 - Education:** Calle Escuela Preparatoria.
 - Commerce:** Bodega Aurrera, Servicio Loreto Gasolinera, and various restaurants like Almejas Concho, Orlando's, and El Pescador.
 - Public Spaces:** Plaza Benito Juárez.
 - Infrastructure:** A parking area labeled 'Letras LORETO' near the coast.
- Scale:** A scale bar at the bottom left shows distances of 0.1 miles and 0.25 kilometers.

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