

## **Loreto Bay Founders Neighborhood #241 Travel Guide:**

Loreto Bay is located 7 kilometers south of the Airport, just past Road Marker KM 108 on the main highway. When you arrive we recommend you take a taxi or shuttle from the airport to Loreto Bay.

**Ethel Valle** is our property manager. Three days prior to your travel day, she will provide you, via email, a map with instructions to our home. She will also attempt to meet you shortly after your arrival to introduce you to our home and how things work.

*The access code to our home is 4305.* That access code operates all three locks. For front entry, use a slight pull on the door to align the sliding bolt.

**Ethel is your personal concierge for your stay in Loreto. Keep her informed of your travel times on day of arrival. The best way to reach her is by email –ethelv@me.com. She will explain to you all the details of our home.** She can also help you by showing you the layout of our village, the location of the pools, local services and amenities like eateries and groceries, and with arranging recreational fun-sportfishing, hiking, car or ATV rentals, local information on restaurants and festivities. Do not hesitate to email Ethel with questions. She is there to help you, and you will enjoy meeting her.

Ethel also provides a grocery service. She can send you a list of grocery items she can buy for you to have at the house when you arrive. Of course, there is a fee for this service, but many people use it, because it is so convenient. And there is cold beer in the fridge when you arrive.

**INTERNET ACCESS;** We have two routers, one on each level of the home. The main floor network is called **INFINITUM0573** and the access code is **on the label on the front of the router**, located in the living room on the shelf behind the sofa. The second level network is called **Casa Maria Upstairs** and the access code is exactly the same as the one on the main level.

The following is a list of various functional aspects of the house which will help you get the most out of your visit. Please read through the following pages and familiarize yourself with them.

1. **The Fountain:** When you arrive check out the fountain. The most important thing is to make sure there is water in the tank before using it. If not, contact Ethel Valle and she will fill it for you. Don't let it run dry!

Only then can you turn on the fountain by flipping the bottom switch on the left wall of the fountain area. There is also a top switch to turn on the fountain lights, which look great at night. **Please turn off fountain and lights at night.**

2. Windows: There are three steps to opening and closing windows. First, the vertical bolts should be lifted and/or dropped by turning them 90 degrees. Second, dis- engage the middle latch which holds the windows together. Third, **lift the lower adjustment bar and put it in the desired setting.** Reverse this for closing the windows.

Feel free to keep the windows open when you leave the place and at night. We don't worry about security too much and neither should you. The main door to the house always locks-that is enough security. There are also a lot of uniformed security guards who patrol the place regularly, so don't worry about theft.

3. Lights: The most important exterior light switch is located at the base of the stairs, on the inside of the wall below the handrail. The top switch controls the lights to the stairs, and it has a turnoff switch at the top. The switch by the exterior closet controls the ground accent lights for the garden. Inside the closet is where we keep **outdoor gear**, including golf clubs, snorkel gear, bike pump, drying rack (for bathing suits and towels).

Bedroom Lights- top switch operates ceiling fan; bottom switch operates lights by the beds.

Bathroom Lights-top switch operates lights.

Kitchen Lights-self explanatory.

Dining Room: You can dim the lights in the dining room-just locate the **tiny** dimmer switch on the right side of the on/off switch.

4. The Safe: There is a combination safe located below the left hand sink in the downstairs bathroom. Simply enter 4305 # while holding the doors closed, and the door will lock. Use the same code to unlock the safe. You can use it for passports, cash, etc. It seemed like a good idea when we bought it-you can use it if you want to.

5. TV and Music: Upper TV bedroom has TV with Netflix account. It takes about 60 seconds for the TV to access NETFLIX, so be patient. Turn on power, hit SMART HUB button, hit enter and repeat the process a few times until the NETFLIX insignia comes on.

LIVING ROOM-FOR MOVIES

YOU WILL NEED TO MOVE THE CABINET 90 DEGREES. ON CASTERS-  
PROCEED CAREFULLY. REMOVE POTTERY ON TOP. THE BUMPY  
FLOOR IS A CHALLENGE

## FOR MUSIC, NO NEED TO MOVE THE CABINET

Turn on the power by flipping the switch on the power cord located inside the entertainment amoire. The TV/ DVD plays DVDs & CD's and an mp3 player can connect to the 1/8" jack on the receiver. To listen to a movie or play a music CD, set the receiver to Video 2 (color coded with a white dot on the control panel. To listen to an Ipod or music from your phone plug the player into the 1/8" jack and set the receiver to Video 3 (color coded with a yellow dot on the control panel).

When you leave, please be sure to turn off the power to all the entertainment stuff by flipping the switch on the power strip.

6. Dusty Feet: One of the hassles of living in Loreto Bay is dusty feet. The tub in the second floor bathroom is a great way to clean your feet before hopping into bed each night! Just run the water into the tub and scrub the days dirt from your tootsies! Try it, you will love it.

7. Drinking Water:

Ethel stocks our house with local bottled water which is safe and delicious. The pottery water dispenser is located between the kitchen and dining room. Our wives prefer this alternative. If you run out of water, contact Ethel and she can replenish it within 24 hours, or you can take the empty jug to El Pescador and exchange it for a fresh one for about \$1.50.

Although the water supply is considered safe we have elected to install an additional filter which should provide a supply of good tasting drinking water. You can also use this water to refill water bottles. This spigot is located on the right hand side of the kitchen sink. Fill a pitcher and keep one in the bathroom for brushing teeth.

Snorkeling and Biking: We have a supply of masks, fins, and snorkels in the outdoor closet for your use. You can find good snorkeling off the rocks at Punto Nopolo, that big rock you see to the right end of the Bay. Please clean with fresh water after each use, dry in the sun and store in the closet when you leave. We also have three bikes for your use. **Pump up the tires to around 40 lbs. of pressure.** They are great for cruising all the paved paths of Loreto Bay. However, **DO NOT TAKE THE BIKES ON UNPAVED AREA.** The unpaved areas have small thorns that puncture the tires and you will end up with flat tires.

The combination to the bike lock is 1617. We store the bikes outside our front door when we are there, in the corner that seems like a perfect place for a bike rack. You should too. Just lock at night.

We love biking all over the Village - the gardens, pools and plazas throughout the

community are all worth seeing, either by walking or biking.

8. Swimming: There are three pools in our Village. One is at the Hotel. Great for lounging and having all the amenities right at your fingertips, including food and drink and very good wi-fi service, as well as beach access with palapas.

The other pool is our community pool, located right behind The Wine Bar. Ask anyone in the Village where the Wine Bar is located. Everyone knows and it is very close to our house. This pool is very pretty. If you hang there a while you are bound to meet a lot of nice folks.

The third and newest pool is the lap pool, located on the beach side of the Paseo about a two minute bike ride- five minutes walking, heading due north from our house. Ask the locals for directions, or explore by bike until you find it. It is tucked away so it will take some effort to find, but it is worth the effort. This pool is also a great place to meet the locals (mostly white locals).

**Beach towels are located under the sinks in main floor bathroom.  
Community pool is great for night swimming.**

9. General Questions: The Community Center, located on the Paseo near the General Store and across the street from the two large four story buildings (the Posadas). The Hotel has concierge services as well, and they can help you arrange rental cars, fishing trips, kayak rentals etc. You can also take adventure excursions with the outfitter located on the Paseo-beach side near El Corazon coffee shop. **Last but not least, the Wine Bar is a great resource for all kinds of info, and also a great place to get a stiff drink and a nice small meal, while you sit by the pool. Check it out as soon as you arrive. See Par. 15 below.**

10. Wireless Internet: We have it at the house. Downstairs is **INFINITUM0573** and the access code is **on the label on the front of the router**, located in the livingroom on the shelf behind the sofa. The second level network is called Casa Maria Upstairs and the access code is **55655651**.

There is also internet access at El Corazon coffee house, at the Community Center on the Paseo, and at the Hotel.

11. Air Conditioners: Each bedroom and the living room have wall mounted air conditioners. These are operated by remote controls found in night stand drawers and the second kitchen drawer facing you as you walk in the house. These houses are designed to be cool without using A/C-open doors and windows for fresh air. We have discovered that the best setting for the AC units is between 22 and 23 on the remote control. If bugs are bugging you, you can close up the place at night, set the A/C to 22 or 23 and turn on ceiling fan. That works for us. If bugs are not an issue, then open the windows, turn on ceiling fans and that should do it.

12. Follow the Sun: Best place for coffee and sunshine in the morning-the upper viewing tower. Best place for afternoon sun-the mid level deck, with hammock. Best place for evening sun-the lower garden. Reverse for shade.

### **Village Amenities:**

13. General Store and Fresh Market: There are two general stores in our Village which sell a little bit of everything, some fresh produce, meats, eggs and cheese, beans and rice, tortillas, ice, beer, snacks etc. One, **LA CHOLLA**, is located on the Paseo near the Community Center. The other, PEDRO'S, which is really good for gourmet items, is located on the Paseo near the Agua Viva Community, just a short bike ride away. If you want to eat FRESH seafood and cook it yourself, buy the local fillets, lobster and shrimp each SATURDAY MORNING AROUND 10AM at the Community Center. Look for the line of people. We encourage you to patronize these stores-they are a great community resource.
14. Loreto Bay Inn: It is a full service hotel, with great food, drinks, hotel pool (with swim up bar) and lounge furniture, beach palapas and rental services for just about all non-motorized water sports. The hotel's amenities are at your disposal (but bring your own towels from the house).
- 15. Wine Bar: located right on the corner as you drive into our Village. Great for an immediate introduction to Loreto social life, with excellent Margaritas, very tasty small meals, live music, and watching sports. Our neighbors Will and Cynthia, who live in the blue house close to ours, are the owners and operators of the Wine Bar.**
17. Spa Services: Located on the Paseo-I think a one hour massage is 400 pesos, around \$35. Also, local resident Sharon Dean has massage and other treatment's for aches and pains in her studio in Agua Viva.
18. The Sunday "Farmer's Market": Located in the town of Loreto. This is fun. Everything from fresh beef (some cut from the hanging cow), fruit and vegetables, to new and used sneakers, tools, etc. You are going to need help finding it in town, but it is worth it. This weekend event draws hundreds of people.
19. The Golf Course: Play a beautiful and challenging golf course which is never crowded. You can rent clubs and carts. Green fees are about \$70 for 18, \$40 for 9 holes. We recommend playing the "Back nine" only. The front nine is still a bit ragged. Restaurant here as well. You can also buy a weekly or monthly pass at the Pro Shop

**Restaurants:** Here is a list of our favorites, so far.

In the Village:

1. **Wine Bar:** On the Paseo and close to our house They serve great margaritas as well as the best wine on the Baja. They also serve small plates which are very good, including quesadillas, salads, enchiladas etc. **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.**

2. **AZUL:** Located in the Agua Viva section of Loreto Bay, this new restaurant has raised the bar for fine dining on the Baja. Excellent fresh seafood, homemade pasta, steak frites, all done with perfect taste and style. Sit at the bar and watch Mario and his amazing staff create fine cuisine at very reasonable prices (under \$20 USD for most entrees)

3. **El Corazon: This is the local version of Starbucks!** On the Paseo, beach side toward the community center, serving breakfast and lunch fare. Good coffee drinks, healthy fruit smoothies and juices, muffins etc. The waffles are just mediocre.

4. **Pedro's Place:** Located in Agua Viva, this local spot is famous for their Tuesday night Margarita party, starting any time you get there. They also serve very good food at fair prices.

5. **Loreto Bay Hotel:** Indoor dining for breakfast and outdoor poolside dining and drinking in the afternoon. Typical hotel fare, which generally hits the spot.

Loreto town:

1. For Seafood.. **Islas** Moderately priced, but the seafood is really good. Always the freshest catch and prepared simply, but deliciously. Good choice of beers and wines.

This place is located on the Malecon (the oceanfront boardwalk) in downtown Loreto.

Just drive all the way through town on Benito Juarez, one of two main streets.. When you reach the sea and can't go much further, turn right and go just a few blocks.

Restaurant is on your right on a corner.

2. For General Fare... **Giggling Dolphin and La Palapa:** Inexpensive and good food, including seafood, but also including more general fare for all tastes. The Dolphin also has a unique bicycle mixer to make your own margaritas. Fun places. Located on the two main roads in town, several blocks from the Malecon (the Waterfront).

3. **Super Burro: Highly recommended.** For a taste of how the locals eat. Hours of operation vary, but evenings are the best. One order is enough to normally feed 2 people but it is cheap enough to splurge. Pig out! Each table is given a huge platter of salsas and other goodies to adorn whatever basic dish you order. A great place for

serious carnivores but for vegetarians, Dave recommends the stuffed potato. They must import these taters.

Located on a small dirt road just to the right of the first (and currently only) stop light in Loreto. You may need help spotting it, but don't give up-it's worth it.

4. For a great burger **Del Borracho** This "saloon" owned by biker Mike has a good selection of burgers, salads and steaks. No frills here. The Sunday Brunch with a couple of Bloody Mary's is the best there is. Lunch on most any day has specials. Great for eating the day you fly, in either direction.

Located near the airport, between Loreto Bay and the town of Loreto, take the San Javier turnoff to the mountain side of Highway 1 and go about a quarter mile west.

5. Vista Del Mar Café, (known locally as **The Clam Shack**) and located approx. 5 KM South of Loreto Bay-just head down the Highway (away from town) and look for the small building right on the beach. Very affordable fish tacos, clams and cerveza.

**GREAT FISH TACOS. Yummy clams. HIGHLY RECOMMENDED IF YOU HAVE A CAR.**

**Buying Groceries:** You can get provisioned with a trip to El Pescador, located at the only stop light in Loreto, El Gavilan across the street from El Pescador, and Super Ley, down the side street from El Pescador. From there, you can get more specialized fare at the local tortillerias, the BBQ chicken stores (painted yellow) (starting around 4 pm).

**BE BOLD-ASK FOR HELP.** They sell the best local fresh chicken and the best Salsa's, by far. Ask for the burnt chile salsa-they sell it by gross weight. Totally delicious.