



# AOPA Summit Fly-Out Magic of Baja

7 days / 6 nights

**Departs from:** Palm Springs/Thermal, CA on Sunday, October 14, 2012

**Returns to:** San Diego, CA on Saturday, October 20, 2012

## Overview

Enjoy autumn flying down the Baja Peninsula: Perfect weather, beautiful scenery and a wonderful selection of activities and destinations, as well as lodging in first class hotels. We will leave the day after AOPA-Summit and fly to San Felipe, Baja California, where we will clear customs and immigration, have lunch and continue on to our first destination.

### Loreto:

The Mission of our Lady of Loreto, which this destination is named after, was founded by Jesuits in 1697; it is considered to be the "Head and Mother" of all missions founded along a trail stretching through the Upper and Lower Californias ending in Sonoma. Tourism in Loreto has developed slowly which has allowed the town to preserve its peaceful atmosphere and captivating charm. We will also visit Coronado Island located in the Loreto Bay National Marine Park. Loreto has recently obtained the status of "Magic Village".

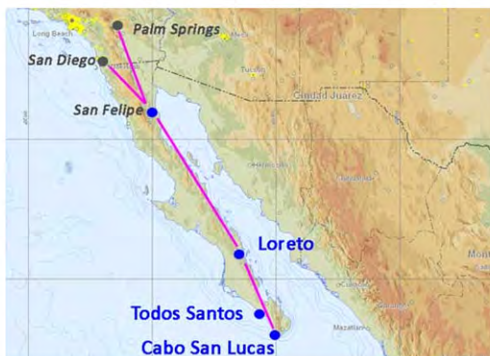
### Todos Santos:

This wonderful oasis located in the Baja desert was distinguished as a "Magic Village" by the Mexican Tourism Secretary in 2006. Todos Santos was first established as a Jesuit outpost in 1723 and by 1733 officially became the Mission of Santa Rosa del Pilar de Todos Santos. Traditionally a prosperous agricultural area, today Todos Santos is surrounded by fruit orchards and vegetable farms. A surfers paradise, some of the great beaches are safe for swimming. Todos Santos is also well known for its many art galleries. Because of its uniqueness and beauty, this magic village has become home to many artists.

### Cabo San Lucas:

After two relaxing magic village experiences we will change pace and head to lively Cabo San Lucas which has much to offer in terms of shopping, gastronomy and golden sand beaches. Here we will have the opportunity to enjoy the beach, stroll around the picturesque marina and take a boat ride to the famous Arch and other rock formations that mark land's end on the Baja Peninsula.

## Navigation Information



Palm Springs/Thermal to San Felipe	202 NM
San Felipe to Loreto	348 NM
Loreto to Cabo San Lucas	198 NM
Cabo San Lucas to Loreto	198 NM
Loreto to San Diego	493 NM
<b>Total distance:</b>	<b>1,439 NM</b>

Airports of landing	Identifier	Runway length
Thermal	KTRM	8,500 FT
San Felipe	MMSF	4,921 FT
Loreto	MMLT	7,218 FT
Cabo San Lucas	MMSL	7,000 FT
San Diego	KSDM	7,972 FT

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## Itinerary

### Day 1, Sunday, October 14

Leave from Thermal/Jacqueline Cochran Regional Airport (KTRM) to San Felipe International Airport. Clear customs and immigration, process entry permits and refuel. Lunch will be served before continuing on to Loreto. Upon arriving in Loreto, we will transfer to the elegant Hotel La Mision Loreto, check in and freshen up before meeting for dinner in the hotel.



### Day 2 Monday, October 15

After breakfast, meet in the lobby to embark on a half day tour to Isla Coronado, one of 5 islands inside the National Marine Park, where you can enjoy the wildlife and spend some time on a beautiful beach. A light lunch will be provided on the tour. Upon returning to the hotel you may want to take the opportunity to stroll around downtown Loreto, visit the Mission of Our Lady of Loreto, the Mission's Museum or just take a break at the hotel's pool or Spa. Take the opportunity to try one of the local restaurants for dinner. In the evening we will reconvene at the hotel for the pre-flight briefing of our next flight.



### Day 3 Tuesday, October 16

After breakfast we will transfer to the Loreto International Airport and enjoy another wonderful flight along the Baja coastline to Cabo San Lucas. Upon arriving in CSL, we will transfer to the Magical Village of Todos Santos located 45 miles north of CSL on the Pacific Coast. We will check into Hotel California. Urban legend has it that this was the place that inspired the Eagles 1977 hit song by the same name.



### Day 4 Wednesday, October 17

Enjoy the quiet village, its restaurants and cafés, art galleries and local crafts. A guided walking tour will be offered in the morning. Spend the rest of the day at one of the nearby pristine long stretches of beach or exploring the town. We will meet at the hotel for dinner.



### Day 5 Thursday, October 18

The group will depart Todos Santos after breakfast and transfer back to Cabo San Lucas where we will change pace and style. We will head to the elegant beachfront all inclusive RIU Palace hotel where you can spend the rest of the day on your own.



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## Day 6 Friday, October 19

You may choose to relax on the beautifully groomed resort grounds and pamper yourself at the hotel pools, beach or SPA. Optional activities we can recommend are a boat ride to the famous Arch and to Lover's beach or a tour to a local glass factory where you can watch authentic pieces of art take shape right in front of your eyes. A stroll around the lively CSL Marina and sipping a refreshing drink at one of the many restaurants, as well as some shopping may also be a perfect way to spend the day. We will meet for dinner at one of the hotel's restaurants and have a pre-flight briefing to review the following day's flight.



## Day 7 Saturday, October 20

After breakfast we will check out and transfer to the CSL Airport and start our journey back to the U.S. We will have a refueling stop in Loreto and continue on to San Diego.



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