



## **Villa del Palmar Beach Resort & Spa at the Islands of Loreto's Restaurant Honored by Wine Spectator Magazine**

*Dining Award Places Baja Peninsula Destination in Prestigious Company*

**LORETO, Baja California South, Mexico (September 7, 2017)** — For the second consecutive year, the luxurious Villa del Palmar Beach Resort & Spa at The Islands of Loreto has been awarded *Wine Spectator* magazine's prestigious "Award of Excellence."

With an inventory of 400 bottles of wine, Villa del Palmar Beach Resort & Spa at the Islands of Loreto's Danzante Fine Dining restaurant earned the *Wine Spectator* recognition for its impressive selection of 132 different wines at moderate prices that provide the perfect amount of flare and flavor when paired with the restaurant's fresh, authentic cuisine.

As part of its "2017 Restaurant Wine List Awards," *Wine Spectator* noted Villa del Palmar Beach Resort & Spa at the Islands of Loreto's signature dining establishment was singled out for its "large selection of quality wines from around the globe, including exciting choices from Baja." In addition to local varietals from Baja, Danzante carries some of the finest wines from the United States, France, Italy, Chile, and Argentina. The carefully selected wine list includes labels such as Santo Tomas, Monte Xanic, Vino de Piedra, and Valle de Guadalupe.

"It is very exciting to be honored by *Wine Spectator* for our outstanding cuisine," said Sixto Navarro, general manager, Villa del Palmar Beach Resort & Spa at the Islands of Loreto. "We are dedicated to giving our guests world-class dining experiences at all three of our restaurant settings. Our menus and service reflect that dedication."

The *Wine Spectator* honor comes on the heels of the resort recently earning "Mexico & Central America's Leading Resort for 2016" from World Travel Awards.

Danzante offers a classic atmosphere and a memorable culinary experience. Devoted to fusion cuisine made with seafood, fresh fish and fine cuts of meat, Navarro said the flavors of the world mix together in a dazzling array. In addition, the resort also features:

- The Market, a casual, open-air buffet. The Mediterranean meets America meets Mexico at an eatery where visitors can choose from a range of menu options. International a la carte items are also featured. The restaurant offers both inside air-conditioned and al fresco seating.
- Casa Mia, the scenic poolside dining venue. With stunning views of the Sea of Cortez and Sierra de la Giganta mountains, Casa Mia offers everything from brick oven pizzas, tacos, sandwiches, salads and more. Enjoy the Italian Corner menu from 6:00 – 10:30 nightly.

Villa del Palmar takes full advantage of the region's unique beauty, authentic culture, quiet beaches, scenic vistas, rich history, and natural habitats. Besides Villa del Palmar's three outstanding restaurants, guests can roam the resort's 4,447 acres of unspoiled beauty, which showcases stretches of exquisite shoreline, with stunning ocean and mountain views. The resort features five swimming pools, the 39,000-square-foot Sabila Spa, tennis courts, and miles of hiking trails.

Unforgettable recreation experiences at the resort include sport fishing in an area known for its marine wildlife, which includes 900 species of fish in an area that has been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site, plus Danzante Bay Golf Club, the eye-popping new Rees Jones-designed course on the Baja Peninsula's eastern coastline.

Only a two-hour flight from Los Angeles International Airport (LAX), Loreto International Airport (LTO) also is accessible with direct WestJet flights from Calgary and from Tijuana via Calafia Airlines (three times a week year-round).

For more information, visit [www.villadelpalmarloreto.com](http://www.villadelpalmarloreto.com), call (800) 790-4187, or email [reservaciones.vdpl@vgloreto.com](mailto:reservaciones.vdpl@vgloreto.com).

For additional information on the golf course, visit [www.danzantebay.com](http://www.danzantebay.com)

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#### **About Villa del Palmar at the Islands of Loreto: Baja's First Million Star Resort**

Villa del Palmar at The Islands of Loreto is a luxury destination resort on the Sea of Cortez, off the eastern coast of the Baja peninsula overlooking Danzante Island (one of five in the region). Flanked by the rugged Sierra de la Giganta range, the Villa del Palmar is the first and only resort to occupy one of the Gulf of California's last virgin coastlines. The resort features 181 new, spacious, beautifully appointed Deluxe Ocean View, one, two and three bedroom Suites with terraces and stunning ocean and mountain views, timeshare options, three restaurants offering gourmet dining, an attentive English-speaking staff, five swimming pools, a 39,000 square-foot Sabila Spa and Wellness Center, two tennis courts, beautiful beaches, a private beachfront Danzante Bungalow and a mild and warm climate year-round.

Guests can enjoy PADI-certified SCUBA diving lessons and snorkeling tours in the protected indigo waters that explorer Jacques Cousteau once dubbed the "Aquarium of the World." Outdoor adventurers can also experience tours of the nearby Coronado, Danzante and Del Carmen Islands atop an inflatable APEX boat, as well as swimming, world-class fishing aboard the "Mad Dash" tournament boat, paddle boarding, kayaking, whale watching and mountain biking. With shuttle service priced at \$10 USD per person round trip, guests can explore the historic town at the Islands of Loreto and visit the 1697 mission that made the town famous. The area is also known for its wildlife, including the 900 species of fish off the coast and in an area that has been designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the second largest National Marine Park. Hotel perks include a spa and fitness center, massages, salsa dance lessons and movie nights for children. Travelers can take a short flight from LAX on Alaska Airlines or from Calgary, Canada aboard WestJet, Canada's most-preferred airline, to the Islands of Loreto.

The resort was named the 16th best resort in Mexico by Trip Advisor. In 2015, Travel Weekly magazine recognized the Islands of Loreto with a 2015 Silver Magellan Award in the Adventure Destination category. Villa del Palmar at the Islands of Loreto was also recognized as Mexico's Leading Beach Resort in the 22nd and 23rd annual World Travel Awards. It also earned recognition as Mexico and Central America's Leading Resort by the same prestigious organization.

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