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EXCURSIONS : TODOS SANTOS AND CERRITOS



Mountain Potters

[1 HOUR]

Southern Baja has plenty of magic. Much of it is evident in Los Cabos, and some you'll find a little off the beaten path. The area around Todos Santos is one of those hidden gems, and it makes a perfect day trip destination, because it's just a short drive up Highway 19 along the Pacific Coast.

And while Todos itself is a fun and colorful excursion, the mountains outside of town reveal a world nearly lost to modernity, where local outfitter Todos Santos Eco Adventures lets you see first-hand the lifestyle of the mountain potters who live very simply on small, self-sustaining mountain ranchitos.

After a short drive into the hills, you're greeted by local matron Doña Ramona (pictured above) and invited to join the pottery class she offers to guests of Todos Santos Eco Adventures. She explains how the artisans source clay from nearby sites, and she shares stories of life in the mountains as she helps you create your own sculpture from raw materials.



After the pottery lesson, Doña Ramona demonstrates traditional tortilla making over her outdoor stone grill. With a supply of warm handmade tortillas in hand, she cooks lunch for the group, using macheco from local beef; homemade refried beans; tomato salsa made with produce from her own gardens; and proffers a sweet and tangy agua de tamarindo to wash it all down with. This unique, mayan aesthetic dining experience and genuine display of hospitality is the perfect ending to a transporting visit.

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Cerritos Beach

[45 MINUTES]



Just south of Todos Santos on the Pacific side of the Baja is Cerritos Beach, popular for its long, uncrowded beaches and array of water sports. While the Baja's best surfing spots will always be open to debate, Cerritos Beach and Todos Santos boast some of the best point breaks in Baja Sur.

Popular beaches in the area include Playa Las Palmas and Playa San Pedro, located a few miles south of Todos. Both are favored by surfers and local residents, and Playa Los Cerritos (about 8 miles south of Todos Santos, at km 66.5 on the highway) is one of the best family recreation areas in all of Baja — it's a draw for its wide, shallow swimming beach and a popular surf break along a rocky point at its north end.

Cerritos Beach caters to both active and relaxation-minded visitors. For surfing and boogie boarding, a nearby mobile Costa Azul shop can provide all the gear and lessons you'll need (as will the Pescadero Surf Camp located at km 64).

Wind down, find friends, and connect at the Cerritos Beach Club's popular open-air palapa bar and restaurant, which has a pool table, flat screens, and free wireless Internet. Indulge in their variety of tostadas, daiquiris, and margaritas, and great local fare like ceviche-stuffed avocados and chipotle shrimp.

