

todos santos, mexico

A new highway connects this artsy surfers' spot with the dense Baja resort towns in a mere half hour, making it easier than ever for Todos Santos' bohemian-leaning devotees to reach its galleries, boutique hotels and legendary surf breaks.

SPLURGE Six miles south of town, the 27-suite Rancho Pescadero is an adults-only oasis, with two miles of beachfront, free daily yoga and surfboards, a top-notch restaurant and a serious pool. Rooms are stocked with sunscreen, sarongs and binoculars for whale-watching (from \$200, **RanchoPescadero.com**).



Catch a wave (or some rays) at Todos Santos' uncrowded beaches.

STEAL From any of the colorful suites at Los Colibris, you'll enjoy a series of superb water views: first the hot tub, then the infinity pool and, beyond that, a freshwater estuary (home to pelicans, herons and egrets)—and finally, the Pacific. Free Wi-Fi, eat-in kitchens (stocked with blenders—hello, margaritas!) and iPod docks make up for the hotel's lack of an on-site restaurant and bar (from \$115, **LosColibris.com**).

MUST-DOS

- Seek out the still-under-the-radar La Casita Tapas and Wine Bar, opened in late 2010, known for its generous portions of yellowtail sashimi, panfried grouper and chipotle-raspberry-molasses pork ribs.
- Learn to surf at a beginner-friendly beach like Los Cerritos, Old Man's or Nine Palms.
- For a more festive experience, book your trip during one of the town's annual cultural events: Choose from the Todos Santos Music Festival (organized by R.E.M. guitarist Peter Buck and held three weekends in January), the Todos Santos Art Festival (February 2-9, 2013) or the Todos Santos Film Festival (February 21-28, 2013). **[n]**

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View the sunset from Rancho Pescadero's oceanfront suites.