

New & Noteworthy

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Down by the Sea

The Mexican government has invested \$200 million over the past 30 years in the city of Loreto, improving the roads,



electricity, water, and even building an international airport. Despite these improvements, Loreto remains a sleepy fishing village along the Sea of Cortez, and an ideal location for JW Marriott's first real estate venture, the **JW Marriott Residences Loreto**, featuring 201 whole-ownership condominiums along beachfront shoreline. Set to open in spring 2010, two-, three- and four-bedroom condominiums comprise the majority of the residences, which include 24 rooftop penthouses at 4,300 square feet each. According to property developer Neil Ginsberg, more than 800 species of fish and 7 species of whales pass through the Sea of Cortez annually, making the area's best activities fishing and whale watching, both of which can be done from within a half mile of the residences' private beaches. Resort amenities include four pools•one with a lazy river and swim-up bar•full-service spa and fitness center with movement studio for yoga and Pilates, and an 18-hole beachside putting course. Prices start in the mid-\$700,000s. (www.LiveLoreto.com)

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