

Attention All Villagers

Many of you missed the Monthly Meeting on April 3 This E-Blast serves to remind everyone of the need to make reservations with Barbara Dobson at World View Travel 858-459-0681 x1423 Barbara@worldviewtravel.com

A deposit of 350.00 per person is due by May 1. Barbara needs exact names as on passport and date of birth for each, along with any Mariner number for Holland America

Final payment will be due by July 9.



Cabo San Lucas

The timeless image of that natural archway spilling into the sea evokes all the right ingredients for vacation time: Maritime desert climates, beaches galore, crystal-blue surf, and big game fish along the southern coast of rugged Baja California. This ideal resort and entertainment hub thrives at the end of the road, literally where the long Mexican peninsula meets the surf. Find classic Mexico in San Jose del Cabo, the old town, and a resort-fringed coast nearly always slathered in sunshine. Cabo's divine shopping bargains can't be beat, and wear sunglasses on Lover's Beach (great views of that arch at Land's End), as well as on forays to Las Playitas — a series of mini-beaches tucked into weathered coves.

Mazatlan

Your first impression may be of a cosmopolitan western-Mexico beach city serving up great weather, venerable iglesias, and an array of beaches. But immerse yourself a little bit and the city gets ever more remarkable. Cliff divers wait at the top of a rocky outcrop for the right wave then plummet 45 feet into the sea. Sunlight filters in through myriad panels of stained glass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Waves crash on the esplanade along Olas Altas beach, providing a soundtrack for an evening stroll. And, mmm, the shrimp. Mazatlan serves it up fresh: Try some al mojo de ajo (with garlic) or in the shell with a tangy squeeze of lime.

Puerto Vallarta

Puerto Vallarta squeezed into the thin space between Banderas Bay and the verdant folds of the Sierra Madre. It's no longer the well-kept secret of the artists, writers and Hollywood stars who first "discovered" it in the 1960s, but "PV" (as it is affectionately known) still retains the essence of the fishing village it once was. Viejo Vallarta, the old town, is a mix of red-tiled buildings, cobbled streets, chic shops and busy open markets. Other highlights include Mismaloya Beach, Gringo Gulch, and Conchas Chinas, the Beverly Hills of Vallarta. Head inland for more adventure, up into the rugged canyons and luxuriant jungles of the mountains.