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The landscape surrounding the Loreto Bay National Marine Park on the Southern end of Mexico’s Baja peninsula magically combines a spaghetti western’s melancholy beauty with the delights of a tropical paradise. Which may be why developers, not the native coyotes, are circling its every square inch. You need to get here before it’s too late. Absorb its otherworldly charms at the homey 10-acre Danzante eco resort, where the cordon-cactus-studded desert rushes to meet the pristine Sea of Cortez.

Comfy rooms, with quilts handmade by a 71-year-old local, look onto the Sierra Gigante range in front and a bay out back. You can scuba, kayak, swim, or meet the migrating gray whales from a boat. But beware: The “Loreto cots,” a kind of hammock bed, on each porch have an opiate effect ($165–$245 per night; includes daily meals, beer, snacks, and margarita happy hour. Suite No. 9 has the best deck—danzante.com).—KAREN CATCHPOLE