

*Timeless Journeys & The Word Nerd present:*

## The “Travel Into Your Imagination” Writer’s Workshop

### **Sunday, November 29:**

- Arrive in Cabo and transfer to Todos Santos (90 minute drive)
- Move into your lovely casita with fantastic ocean views: [www.loscolibris.com](http://www.loscolibris.com)
- Welcome gourmet taco dinner and briefing at Los Colibris

### **Monday, November 30:**

9:00 AM: **Breakfast**

10:00 AM: **Todos Santos Historical Town Tour**

Todos Santos has a rich and varied history, from the early missionaries, through the booming sugar years, through its current incarnation as an artists’ colony, agricultural center and surfing hotspot. On this guided tour we will visit many of the historic homes and buildings throughout town, learning fascinating stories of the global forces and colorful personalities that brought these buildings into existence and shaped Todos Santos over the years. We will also visit the studios of working artists who make their homes in – and gain their inspiration from – Todos Santos.

**Lunch at the Hotel California.**

Afternoon: **Writing Workshop**

6:30 PM: **Cooking class with Iker at Los Colibris**

### **Tuesday, December 1:**

8:00 AM: **Breakfast**

9:00 AM: **Visit to El Triunfo and the Cactus Sanctuary**

After a hearty breakfast we’ll transfer to the eastern side of the Baja peninsula where we’ll have a fantastic stroll through the history of Baja. Our destination is the historic mining town of El Triunfo, once the region’s largest city teeming with gold and silver prospectors. While it is now a sleepy village, we’ll visit the fascinating remnants of the town’s glory days, including a chimney built by Gustave Eiffel, the architect of the Eiffel Tower in Paris. We’ll also visit the English and Chinese cemeteries, mine ruins, and an incredible museum that houses a collection of rare pianos from around the world – you’ll learn why on your visit! We’ll have a terrific lunch at Caffe El Triunfo, then finish our trip with a visit to the Cactus Sanctuary, where we’ll walk through a wonderful forest of cacti of every description and learn how these intrepid plants survive and prosper in the deserts of Baja.

Afternoon: **Writing Workshop**

Evening: **Dinner at Landi’s – great homestyle Mexican food**

## **Wednesday, December 2:**

8:00 AM: **Breakfast**

9:00 AM: **Mountain Potters**

Today we'll head into the Sierra de la Laguna Mountains to spend the day with Doña Ramona and her family on their working ranch. While Doña Ramona's family puts together an incredibly delicious lunch for us, Ramona puts on a pottery class for the group, imparting not only her tricks for working with the local clay, but stories from her life in the mountains as well. Once you've created your own Baja pottery masterpiece, Doña Ramona then takes the group into the kitchen to teach each person how to make tortillas in the traditional style – absolutely fantastic! Lunch is typically several wonderful dishes, each made with fresh ranch ingredients.

After lunch we tour Doña Ramona's ranch. We'll see her kiln and the little chapel that she has on her property for the visiting priest that comes to the village twice a month. Time and interest permitting, we wind up the trip by visiting some of Doña Ramona's potter neighbors before heading back to Todos Santos.

Afternoon: **Writing Workshop**

Evening: **Dinner at La Casita Tapas & Wine Bar**

## **Thursday, December 3:**

8:00 AM: **Breakfast**

9:00 AM: **Cliff Walk and Beach Picnic**

Glorious scenery and wildlife, including sea lions, birds, whales and cactus. Picnic lunch on a pristine, palm-ringed beach. Swimming at the beach. 3.5 hours of free time, including plenty of time for walking, a leisurely lunch and relaxing on the beach.

Afternoon: **Writing Workshop**

Evening: **Dinner at La Copa Cocina**

## **Friday, December 4:**

9:00 AM: **Breakfast**

10:00 AM: **Life stories with adventure travel guides Deb & Sergio & international businesswoman Bryan Juaregui**

**Deborah Stephens of Timeless Journeys** ([timelessjourneys.net](http://timelessjourneys.net)) is an adventure travel guide who enjoys taking groups of adventurous souls to Africa, the Baja peninsula and CopperCanyon in Mexico. She has traveled all over southern Africa, New Zealand, Thailand, Europe and Britain, and spent many years exploring remote parts of Baja with other off-the-beaten-path explorers. She has studied Huna in Hawaii and is one of the only white people to be allowed to go through traditional initiation as a Zulu healer in southern Africa. Deb will share fascinating stories from her travels, such as wildlife sightings on safari, kissing gray whales in San Ignacio Lagoon and being guided on burros by the Californios, the original cowboys and keepers of 14,000-year-old cave paintings deep in the mountains of Baja.

**Sergio and Bryan Juaregui** are the owners/operators of Los Colibris Casitas and Todos Santos Eco Adventures (TOSEA), the leading eco

adventure company in Baja California Sur. They met in Baja in 2000 when Bryan and her sisters took a trip to La Paz to go sea kayaking in the Sea of Cortez. Sergio was the guide on that trip; the wedding followed in 2002.

Sergio is originally from Mexico City, and has been a guide in Baja for over two decades. He has a degree in aquaculture, and is an expert in the flora and fauna of the peninsula. He has lead adventures from the peaks of the Sierras to the beaches of the Pacific. Formerly a professional clown, he's a great story teller and loves sharing the history, myths and legends that make Baja such a compelling place. He is a certified Wilderness First Responder.

Bryan is originally from Louisiana. She has a Master's degree in International Economics and China Studies from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), and ran her own China consulting firm for 17 years. She lead both her consulting practice and the business end of TOSEA/Los Colibris for 10 years, but in 2014 finally decided to give up the China work in favor of staying home and focusing on her and Sergio's business in Todos Santos.

Sergio and Bryan are avid travelers who love to spend their off-season exploring other parts of the world.

12:00 PM: **Lunch at Los Colibris**  
Afternoon: **Writing Workshop**  
Evening: **Farewell dinner at Santo Vino**

**Saturday December 5:**  
**Say adios but not good-bye!**  
**Transfer to airport**

**For questions, or to book your place at the workshop:**

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