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More than a million Americans own second homes in Mexico, reports the National Association of Realtors. Growing interest in the area has prompted the NAR to offer a course on doing business in Mexico.

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**PLACE/PRICE:** Loreto Bay, Mexico / \$380,000

**FEES\*:** \$2,100 per year

**THE PROPERTY:** 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 1,515 square feet

**DESCRIPTION:** This 2-story house with courtyard reflects the Spanish Colonial architecture of the region. There are tile floors and arched entry ways. The buyer can choose a furniture package for an additional cost.



**NOTABLE:** Loreto Bay has 3 miles of beaches and is located two-thirds of the way down the Baja peninsula. The Villages of Loreto Bay, an eco-friendly community, has a spa and a 5,000-acre natural preserve. Each of its neighborhoods has shops near the homes.

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**PLACE/PRICE:** Ixtapa, Mexico / \$800,000

**FEES\*:** \$2,319 per year

**THE PROPERTY:** 6 bedrooms, 7 baths, 5,875 square feet

**DESCRIPTION:** The master suite has a wet bar, sitting room, laundry chute and a bidet. There is a covered patio with a grill area and a pool with a Jacuzzi. There are maids' quarters and central air conditioning.

**NOTABLE:** This furnished home in a government-planned tourist resort, overlooks the Palma Real

Golf course. Sister city to fishing town Zihuatanejo, Ixtapa forms part of Guerrero's Sun Triangle, together with Acapulco and Taxco. It is along the Mexican Riviera.

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**PLACE/PRICE:** Punta Mita, Mexico/ \$1.3 million

**FEES\*:** \$18,500 per year

**THE PROPERTY:** 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3,916 square feet

**DESCRIPTION:** The kitchen has granite slab countertops with backsplash. Off the living room is a covered patio with a wet bar, stainless steel grill and an infinity-edge heated pool. The master has a sitting area and terrace.

**NOTABLE:** Punta Mita is a 1,500-acre peninsula with 9 1/2 miles of beaches. The Las Palmas resort sits adjacent to two Jack Nicklaus golf courses and buyers receive membership in the Four Seasons Golf Club and its tennis club and a fitness center.

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