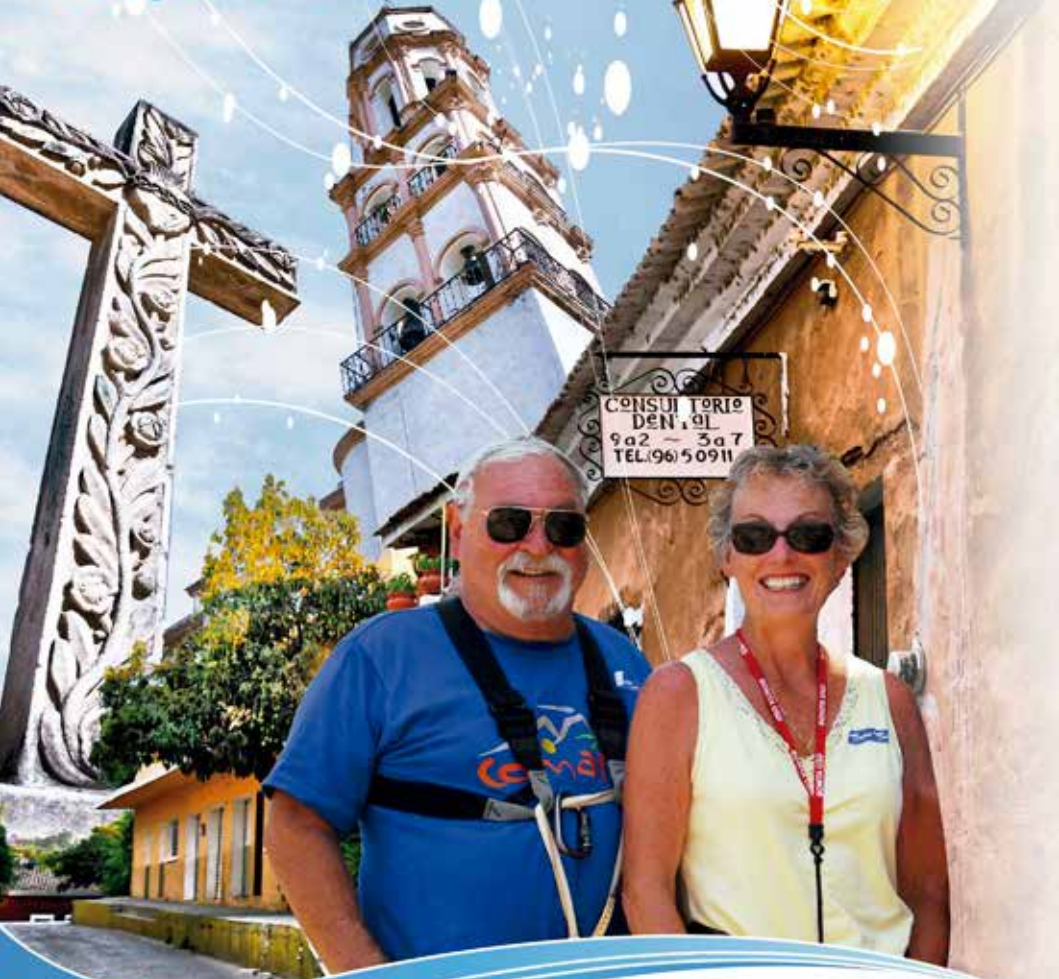




COSA La

PUEBLO MÁGICO

Magical Town



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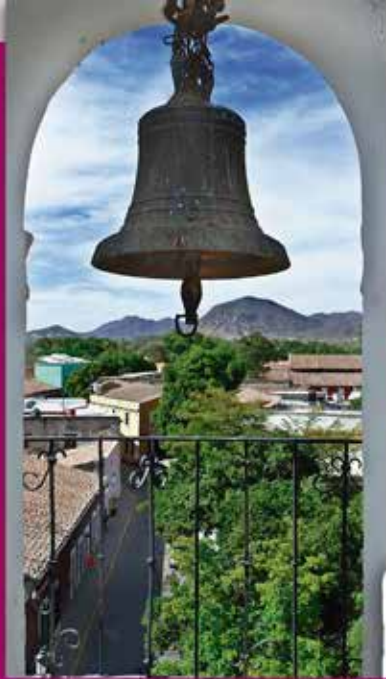
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WILL TAKE YOUR BREATH AWAY

COSALÁ

Located almost exactly midway between Culiacán and Mazatlán, this Pueblo Mágico that originated as a mining town is truly impressive with its historical buildings and colonial facades, all painted in lively colors. Due to its privileged location at the foot of the Sierra Madre Mountains, Cosalá is always surrounded by greenery.

Cosalá was born out of the generosity and wealth of its soil, a mineral treasure so exuberant that it became the wealthiest city in northwestern Mexico in the early 19th Century. Thanks to this prosperity, it was made State Capital of the West, comprising of the States of Sonora and Sinaloa, in 1820.



HISTORY AWAITS AT EVERY CORNER



MINING AND HISTORY MUSEUM

The best way to learn about Cosalá's history is to visit its Mining and History Museum.

This 18th Century mansion exhibits the historical origins and development of this Municipality throughout 5 of its rooms, showcasing archaeological and paleontological objects as well as an interesting art collection and antiques.

SANTA ÚRSULA CHURCH

The Parroquia de Santa Úrsula is located at the Main Square. It is a sober and elegant building that dates back to the 17th Century, and which still bears an interesting 200-year-old sun clock on the north corner of its sacristy.

All those that wanted to save their souls from hell or the purgatory helped build the Santa Úrsula Church.

CAPILLA DE GUADALUPE

The oldest church in this Municipality is the Capilla de Guadalupe, built by Franciscan monks, made almost entirely of adobe except for its corner finishes and its quarry bases; its façade was originally covered in stone veneers, but this fact was unknown until the year 1974, when it was discovered that the plastered façade hid the stone veneer underneath. The original stone façade was then recovered as they removed the plaster.

EXPERIENCE ITS HISTORICAL CENTER

Discover Cosalá's magic as you stroll through its picturesque streets and public squares that harmonize beautifully with their natural surroundings.

Its vernacular architecture, centennial history, traditions, local cuisine, and the diversity of its tourist attractions are all ways to enjoy a different, alternative tourist experience and feel the marvels of this Pueblo Mágico.

Cosalá offers an array of historic, cultural and natural attractions, to name the most important: its Main

Square's gazebo, the Mining and History Museum, the Plaza de Armas Public Square and the Templo de Santa Úrsula Church, the Capilla de la Virgen de Guadalupe Chapel, the Jesuit and Franciscan Convents, the Casa del Palacio Federal Federal Palace Building that dates from the Mexican Reform Era, La Chinche, the Callejón Luis Pérez Meza, a colonial public area, La Quinta Minera, a building that represents the utmost luxury of its time, and City Hall.



DELIGHT IN EXQUISITE FLAVORS



DIVERSITY IN ITS REGIONAL CUISINE

The Spaniards' arrival in 1542 marked the beginning of Cosalá's authentic cuisine.

You can try a wide variety of local dishes and desserts made with some ingredients dating back to pre-Hispanic times, making succulent combinations with ingredients found in Spanish food.

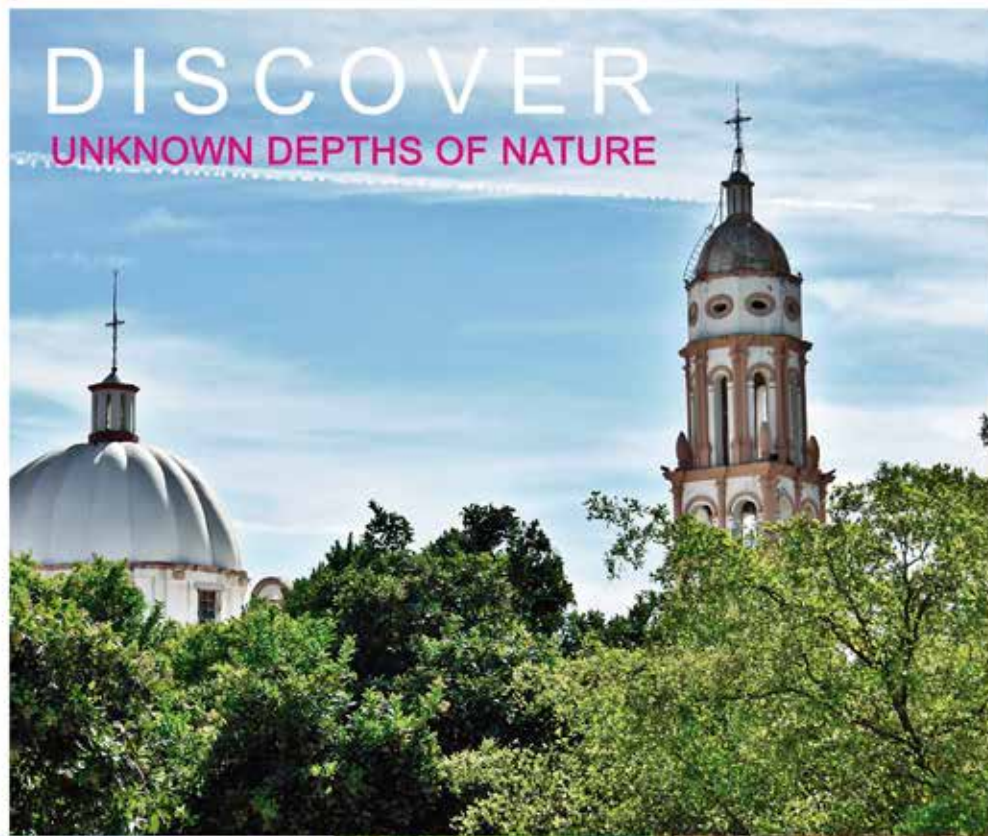
In Cosalá you'll find a wide array of options from Sinaloa's cuisine. How about a tasty dish of Machacabeef, beginning with some Gorditas de Asiento (pork drippings on a corn tortilla)? You'll also find delicious dishes based

on freshly-caught Tilapia and Bass from the José López Portillo Dam. Don't forget to leave room for local desserts, including home-made candy, fruit preserves, breads, turnovers, Dulce de leche pudding, and locally-made Machaca, Chorizo, cheese, Tamales and regional dishes, which are all a delight to the palate and are readily available in any local restaurant.

Cosalá's cuisine is rich and varied, highlighting ground sugar cane and all its sub-products.



DISCOVER UNKNOWN DEPTHS OF NATURE



"El Comedero" JOSÉ LÓPEZ PORTILLO DAM

The José López Portillo Dam, better known as "El Comedero", is located 12.5 miles north of Cosalá.

It's on the State's border with the State of Durango, and was built between 1977 and 1983. Its curtain's maximum height is of 525 ft. and its length is of 820 ft. Many fishermen come to these waters to fish for Bass and Tilapia.

VADO HONDO

The Vado Hondo Cascades are only 7.5 miles from this Municipal Government's Seat.

Vado Hondo is a place of unique beauty and exuberant vegetation, where you'll find a series of cascades and natural waterholes that are the ideal place to swim, hike, admire the local flora and fauna, practice photography or go for a horseback ride.

EL CHARCO AZUL

El Charco Azul is a series of natural waterholes and cascades which, unlike other places, have water all year-long.

This site is known for its natural beauty, framing Cosalá's surrounding mountains with a huge variety of plant and animal species. The turquoise-blue color of its waters was the origin of its name: "El Charco Azul".

EXPERIENCE THE FESTIVITIES OF COSALÁ

March

Anniversary of its Foundation

June

Fiestas de San Juan (St. John's Festivities): with the highlight being the San Juan Races.

October

Día de Santa Úrsula (St. Ursula's Day)

November

Día de Muertos (Day of the Dead)

December

Guadalupeana Serenades:

Year after year, the night before Our lady of Guadalupe's Day, thousands of candles are lit and placed on sidewalks, doors and windows, to light the way for Our Lady of Guadalupe.



A DAY'S GLIMPSE OF A PUEBLO MÁGICO

If you arrive early in the morning, you can enjoy a delicious breakfast before you leave for the Ecological Reserve of Nuestra Señora, where you'll be able to enjoy an impressive tour through the second-highest zip-line in Mexico, and walk through the paths in Cosalá's surrounding mountains.

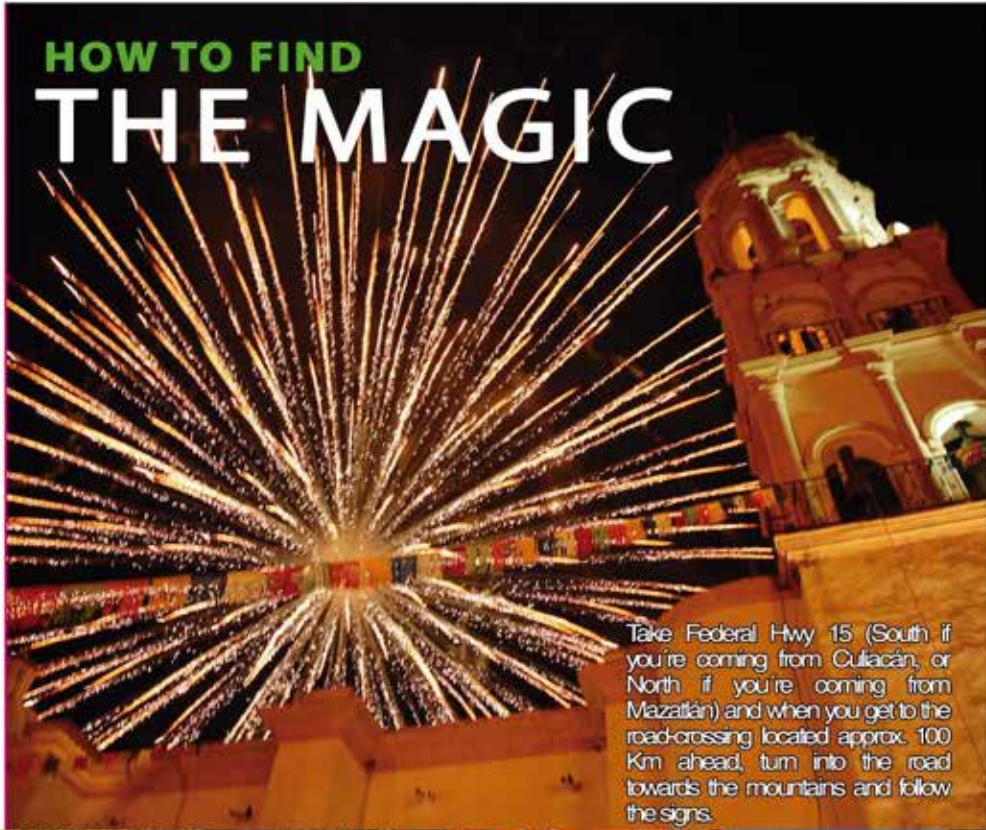
From here you can visit the Mining Museum, also located in the Reserve, and don't miss the Macaw Reserve, too.

Come on back to the village for an exquisite taste of its local cuisine. Go to Vado Hondo and swim under its cascade in the company of your friends and family.

Return to Cosalá and stroll through its streets and alleys, admire its adobe-finished architecture, and don't forget to visit its Main Square with its impressive gazebo and Historical Museum. Lastly, indulge in Cosalá's local food offerings, especially its traditional Machaca and home-made candies typical of this region, especially mango and papaya fruit preserves.



HOW TO FIND THE MAGIC



Take Federal Hwy 15 (South if you're coming from Culiacán, or North if you're coming from Mazatlán) and when you get to the road-crossing located approx. 100 Km ahead, turn into the road towards the mountains and follow the signs.



GRUTAS MÉXICO

The depths of the earth hide secrets that are forever cause for amazement and mysteries, and you'll get your opportunity to discover them at these grottos called GRUTAS MÉXICO.

These grottos are 10.5 miles from the village, by charming and scenic country roads. You'll be able to admire huge stalactites and multiple formations in these cold, enormous caves that reach a maximum depth of 820 ft.

EL RODEO TOWNSHIP

In some communities such as El Rodeo, artisans have become true experts in Saddlery and leather goods such as saddles, belts, shafts, sandals; they also make products out of vegetable or plant fibers, such as hammocks, satchels, cords, etc.

Don't miss taking a look at the beautiful, hand-made work by the people of Cosalá.

GENERAL INFORMATION

This Municipality is located at the extreme Southeastern region of the center of the State of Sinaloa.

To the North it borders with Culiacán and the State of Durango; to the South with the Municipalities of San Ignacio and Elota; to the East with the State of Durango and Municipality of San Ignacio, and to the West with the Municipalities of Culiacán and Elota.

VENTURE DEEP INTO NATURE



NUESTRA SEÑORA ECOLOGICAL RESERVE

The second-largest ecological reserve in our country is located only 7.5 miles from Cosalá, and is yet another tourist attraction of this Pueblo Mágico.

You'll find a great diversity of animal species in this ecological reserve, especially Green Macaws, Ocelots, Lilac-crowned Parrots, Onzas, Red-tailed Hawks, Grey Hawks, Owls, Iguanas, etc.

Once you're in the Reserve, after traveling for about 1.5 miles you'll run into La Colonia, where you'll be able to admire all the mining camp facilities that gave life to this Pueblo Mágico during

their peak, from 1949 to 1960.

And it doesn't end there. If you love learning about Indian cultures, walk another 1.5 miles down-river and you'll find a series of Petroglyphs, evidence of past civilizations that settled in this area.

This is the perfect place to camp, hike, and go down to the river to admire the Petroglyphs. The zip-line is a circuit with four lines, each measuring 147, 590, 1,640, and 2,460 feet, respectively; with depths that go from 820 to 1,312 feet. The last line is the second-longest in the entire country, second only to the Copper Canyon zip-line.

There are 5,000 hectares full of tropical deciduous forests, with 14 mammal species, 9 reptile and 108 bird species.

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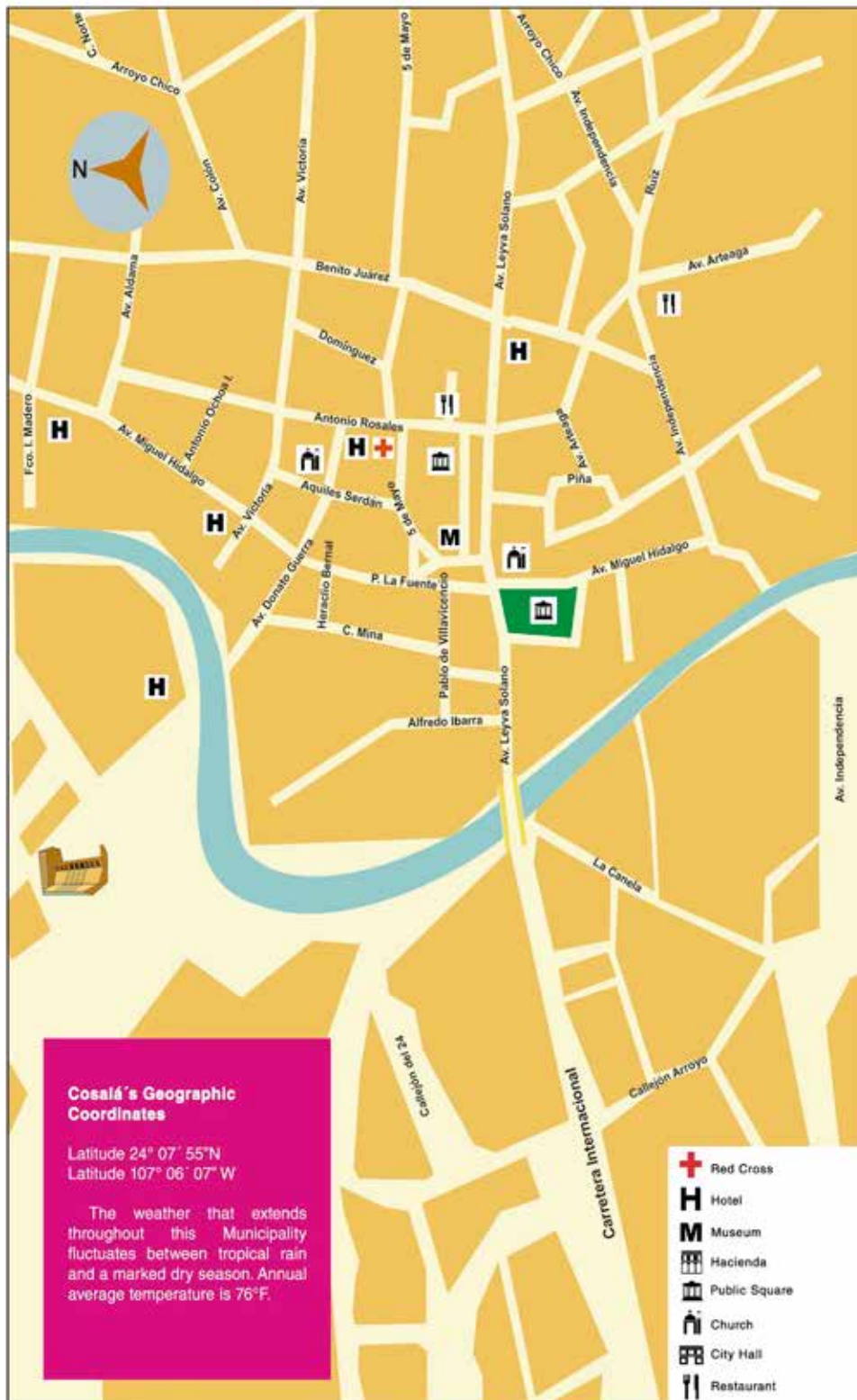
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Cosalá's Geographic Coordinates

Latitude 24° 07' 55"N
Latitude 107° 06' 07" W

The weather that extends throughout this Municipality fluctuates between tropical rain and a marked dry season. Annual average temperature is 76°F.

-  Red Cross
-  Hotel
-  Museum
-  Hacienda
-  Public Square
-  Church
-  City Hall
-  Restaurant

GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION




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