



Hotel Los Arcos de Sonora is your headquarters to Dream, Discover and Explore.

Viva Mexico!

Beat the snow up north with a visit to Mexico.

May, 2011

Hola de Banámichi!

The desert waits...

for the summer rains to come. The cottonwoods along the river are green, the mesquite trees leafed out. The cactus are blooming. Time to Dream, Discover and Explore the wonders of Northern Sonora.

Call now to book your Banámichi break-away.

Hotel Los Arcos is just five hours from Tucson and 3 hours from Bisbee.

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Banámichi means cowboys. This is where the cowboy culture and traditions still thrive. And it thrives with a uniquely Mexican flair. The Mexican cowboy is called a vaquero, from vaca for cow or, literally cowman. Since the Spanish colonization, Sonora was engaged in cattle ranching and cattle and cowboys still flourish here.



Photographer Kendall Nelson, author of *Gathering Remnants: A Tribute to the Working Cowboy*, (<http://www.gatheringremnants.com>) says this about cowboy culture: "All of the skills, traditions, and ways of working with cattle are very much rooted in the Mexican vaquero. If you are a cowboy in the U.S. today, you have developed what you know from the vaquero." In fact, one out of every three cowboys working in the US in the late 1800s was a Mexican vaquero. It's difficult to speak about cowboys or the work of cowboying without using Spanish words. Lariat comes from "la rieta," the vaqueros hand braided rawhide rope. Chaps are the Americanized form of chaparajos. More words include bronco, and conchos, (the round silver buttons that decorate saddles, bridles and other gear.)

Upcoming Events

May 7 and 8 - International Mountain Bike Races

June 24 -26 - Fiesta de San Juan in Arizpe

In Banámichi, the cowboy hat (sombbrero) and cowboy boots are

the dress of the day for many people. In the ranches that dot the hills surrounding the town, vaqueros spend their days on horseback working cattle. We will often see riders in town, on errands, visiting or just on a pleasure ride with their children and grand children. Rodeos are held here and in neighboring towns several times a year.

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We ride -Hotel Los Arcos is Motorcycle Friendly



We can arrange horseback rides for you or your group and visits to local ranches to see for yourself the vaquero lifestyle that still resonates along the Rio Sonora.

This newsletter, we talked about los vaqueros - the cowboys. Next time we will explore the indigenous roots of Banámichi.



Hotel Los Arcos de Sonora is owned and operated by Tom and Lynn Matthews who also own and operate [Turkey Creek Motorcycle Tours](#)

Bicycle rentals are available in town to see the sights or to take a ride to the warm springs. For you birders, more species are coming through the Rio Sonora riparian zone every day. So come on down. We promise there will be lots of warm, friendly people, good food, great weather and great things to do.

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All of our rooms have private baths, air conditioning/heat, ceiling fans, daily maid service. Private off street parking, intimate interior courtyard, wood burning fireplace, coffee shop, gift shop, second floor terraza, Wi-Fi.

www.BanamichiMexico.com, is the new web site designed to help you get to know Banámichi better. We've listed local businesses and are in the process of adding events and other information we think you will find interesting. Check for new photos.

Click on the link below to watch our video on Youtube. Please share it with your friends.
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