Alternate Directions to Ensenada via the Free Road Detour

Due to a collapse of part of the scenic toll road at Salsipuedes in December 2013, traffic between La Mision and Ensenada is currently being rerouted inland on the free road. The road is well-paved throughout but is two lanes and can be steep and windy at times with no shoulder. Have patience, drive alertly and only drive during daylight hours. They are now rerouting most trucks through Tecate on MEX 3, so there is no longer a problem with getting stuck behind slow-moving semi trucks. The free road detour is about 20 miles and will take about 30 minutes. If you need local access to Punta Piedra, Baja Seasons, La Salina or Bajamar, the authorities will grant you access on the toll road to those destinations.





1. Continue southbound on the toll road from Rosarito heading to Ensenada. Around km 59.5, at the Alisitos exit (for La Fonda), you will be directed off of the toll road on a ramp to the right.





2. At the stop sign getting off of the toll road, take a left to continue south on the free road to Ensenada.



3. After about 1 mile, the free road will cross inland at La Mision. You will continue inland on the free road down to Ensenada.



4. In about 13 miles, you will see signs for the turnoff to head east into Valle de Guadalupe. Continue straight to get to Ensenada.



5. You will be rerouted back to the toll road at San Miguel, just north of Ensenada. Follow the signs directing you to Ensenada, MEX 1.

