

BAJA NEWS

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Prepaid FMM Advance Notice

It's prime Baja season and prepaid FMM tourist permits from Discover Baja are in high demand. Immigration has changed their procedure for us to get the prepaid permits (don't worry, nothing has changed on your end). As we are going through this adjustment period, please try to give us two weeks advance notice so we can make sure to have your prepaid FMM ready for you before your trip! Call us at 800-727-2252, email us at ask@discoverbaja.com, or see www.discoverbaja.com/go/fmm-tourist-permits/

Baja California Sur Hurricane Odile Recovery

Baja Sur is in the process of recovering from Hurricane Odile. The Cabo airport is now open, the roads are drivable and most of the hotels are open and ready for business. All that's missing is you! We encourage you to help Baja recover by getting down there to travel. See our Odile Updates page (www.discoverbaja.com/baja-california-information/baja-news/hurricane-odile/) for current information on road reports, hotel reopening dates and more. Ann Hazard has written a beautiful personal account on traveling back down to BCS that you'll find on page 5. It's time to get back to Baja!

From the DBTC Office

It's officially Baja season as well as holiday season — our favorite time of year! We would like to encourage each and every one of you to get down to Baja Sur this season. In the aftermath of Hurricane Odile, the businesses are all open and ready for the tourists to return. The best way for you to help in the recovery of the area is to get down there and enjoy yourself!

As we head into holiday season this year, we are reminded of the many blessings that we have and would like to thank you all for your business and loyalty over the years.

The Discover Baja office will be closed Nov. 27-Nov.30 in observance of Thanksgiving.

We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and we hope to see you at the DBTC holiday fiesta on December 7th from 1pm-4pm at our office in San Diego. See page 3.

Happy Baja/Holiday Season! Hugh, Carol, Jen, Maythé & Monica

DBTC BAJA CAJA All of the Baja info you need in one box!

PESO EXCHANGE RATE: \$13.49 to \$1 U.S. dollar

PEMEX PRICES: Northern Baja: Magna: \$3.83/gal, Premium: \$4.04/gal, Diesel: \$3.93/gal

Southern Baja: Magna: \$3.90/gal, Premium: \$3.98/gal, Diesel: \$3.93/gal

FISHING LICENSES: Day: \$12.25, Week: \$31.20, Month: \$42.80, Year: \$54.40 for members.

www.discoverbaja.com/go/fishing-licenses

PREPAID FMMs: \$35 DBTC members only. www.discoverbaja.com/go/fmm-tourist-permits

BOAT TEMPORARY IMPORT PERMITS (TIPs): \$45 fee for DBTC to handle processing. Service

for DBTC members only. www.discoverbaja.com/go/temporary-boat-importation/

NAUTICAL FMMs: \$10 fee for DBTC to process. Service for DBTC members only.

www.discoverbaja.com/go/nautical-sportfishing-fmm/

MEXICAN AUTO INSURANCE: www.discoverbajaonline.com

ON OUR RADAR FOR NOVEMBER

For more information about the events below and to keep up on all of the latest Baja events, see www.discoverbaja.com/events

Nov. 7-9
San Felipe Shrimp Festival
www.sanfelipeshrimpfestival.com



Nov. 8
Paradise Cove
Surf Open

www.paradisecovebaja.



Nov. 8-9 Rosarito Folk Art Fest

mexicanfolkartmark et@gmail.com



Nov. 12-16 SCORE Baja 1000

www.score-international.com



Nov. 12-16
Los Cabos Film Fest
www.cabosfilmfestival.com



Nov. 30 - Dec. 6 Sabor a Cabo saboracabo.mx



Happy Thanksgiving! Nov. 27 Thanksgiving

Year after year we are thankful for all of you, our members. Whether you're spending the holiday in Baja or stateside, we wish you a very Happy Thanksgiving from the Discover Baja family to yours.



To the Discover Baja Holiday Fiesta!

Sunday, December 7th, 2014 1pm – 4pm

At the Discover Baja offices: 3264 Governor Dr., San Diego, CA 92122

We wouldn't want to celebrate the holiday season without our members! Join us for food, drinks, music, Baja holiday shopping, great company and general holiday merriment.

This event is free for Discover Baja members. Please RSVP to ask@discoverbaja.com or 800-727-2252

For more information: www.discoverbaja.com/event/discover-baja-holiday-fiesta/

New to the DBTC Baja Book Store!



Off-Trail Adventures in Baja California

by Markes E. Johnson

Off-Trail Adventures in Baja California describes—and maps and illustrates—nine hikes along outcrops on islands and peninsular shores where geography, geology, and ecology meet in singular ways. Each spot tells a story about the nature of the place—the cumulative effects of millions of years of natural forces at work.



Baja California Adventures

by Froylan Tiscareño

The stories featured in Baja California Adventures take place during a span of almost sixty years of travel in the rugged, parched, yet hauntingly attractive peninsula. The author kept detailed notes on most of his trips, then fleshed out this skeleton in a narrative that places the reader in the role of participant in the adventure.

The official Discover
Baja Gift Guide will
be coming soon. If
you'd like to start
your Baja holiday
shopping early you
can go online to
squareup.com/
market/discoverbaja

to check out our selection of Baja books, maps, DVDs, t-shirts, and more!

Mexican Auto Insurance Updates

Remember that you need to have a printed copy of your Mexican auto insurance with you when traveling in Baja. This way you are able to show proof of insurance in the case of an emergency and have your policy number as well as the 800 number handy to call ACE or HDI to make a claim. If you need to reprint a copy of your insurance, you can do so online from your Discover Baja account. You can find step-by-step instructions with photos of how to do this at http://bit.ly/1umSZuB

Did you know that your Mexican auto insurance from Discover Baja offers all of the following features:

- •Claims are settled in U.S. dollars and repairs may be made to your vehicle in the U.S., Canada or Mexico
- •24/7 toll-free bilingual hotlines to call for roadside, legal and claims assistance
- Medical expenses for occupants in your vehicle
- •Roadside Assistance: towing, medical evacuation and plane tickets home if your car is not drivable
- •Legal Assistance (includes attorney fees, court costs and/or bail bond, with nothing out-of-pocket) is always provided with your policy at no additional cost
- •Towing service (up to \$300 on a reimbursement basis), to the nearest garage where repairs can be made.
- Partial theft and vandalism covered with ACE Platinum and HDI Premier policies
- •Liability coverage with both combined single limit for medical and property and split limits for excess death liability. This gives you more flexibility in how you're able to use your coverage.
- •The option of a fixed deductible
- •Any driver with a non-Mexican drivers license is covered while driving the vehicle

For more information on Discover Baja Mexican auto insurance, see: www.discoverbaja.com/mexican-auto-insurance/

Health Services

If you have a medical emergency while traveling in Baja, Sharp International Patient Services will help you get to a hospital and back to the U.S. even if you are not a Sharp patient. This service works for anywhere in Mexico.

There's a 24-hour hotline that is free to call from anywhere in the world. **888-265-1513**. Sharp will help you get an ambulance to take you to a nearby hospital and will then help with arrangements to get you back to the U.S.

You do not need to have Sharp insurance to use the service, but they will ask for your insurance information if you have it. They recommend that people get travelers insurance while traveling.

Please see the Discover Baja travel insurance page for more information on getting travel insurance while traveling in Baja.

www.discoverbaja.com/ mexican-auto-insurance/ travel-insurance/

If you're headed to BCS, make sure to take plenty of bug repellant. After rains from Hurricane Odile, the greenery is lush and the presence of mosquitos is at an all-time high.

WRITERS WANTED! Are you an avid Baja adventurer with a talent for writing? Do you like to see your name in print? Discover Baja is looking for Baja writers to submit articles for possible publication in our blog or newsletter. Please email jen@discoverbaja.com

51 year old male diver looking for ride/friends to go to a place 30 miles south of Loreto around December 7. 530-249-4009

Do you have a Baja-related business with a website? Discover Baja is looking for other Baja-related businesses to partner with. Please contact jen@discoverbaja.com for more information



By Ann Hazard

In the late hours of September 15, 2014, Hurricane Odile—a Category 3 Hurricane with winds in excess of 100 mph-roared ashore in Los Cabos. Windows were blown out of luxury hotels. Roofs flew off, buildings flooded. The airport and everything around it looked like it had been bombed. Cars, power lines and trees all toppled over. Entire neighborhoods were leveled. In the major tourist areas, the hardest hit were Cabo San Lucas, San Jose del Cabo and Todos Santos. La Paz suffered damages, but not as severe. Loreto and the East Cape—where I live—were the least impacted. Further north, there was flooding and wind damage in San Ignacio and Mulege. I watched the devastation from my safe vantage point in San Diego, but having lived in Baja Sur off and on since 2003, I have many, many friends there. I was personally involved and desperate to get back.

Over the next couple of weeks, information coming out of Baja was sketchy. The power and fiber optic grids had been annihilated. There was no power, water, phone or internet. Thirty thousand tourists had to be evacuated.

Thousands of homeless needed shelter. There was (widely reported) looting. But something amazing was happening down here at the southern end of the Baja peninsula. The government stepped up. Big time. People began banding together and the cleanup and rebuilding commenced at an alarming rate. I saw a joke on Facebook that went something like this: "How many Mexicans does it take to.... Oh wait, they're done already!" That's how it's been. Herculean efforts by everyone. Incredible, upbeat attitudes. An ongoing celebration of life, the beauty and strength of the people of Baja Sur.

CFE (Mexico's national electric company) workers poured in from all over Mexico and worked 18 hour days to get electricity back. A new fiber optic line was installed. I know a few people in more remote areas who still don't have phone and internet, but they will, soon. The airport was originally scheduled to reopen November 2. It opened October 11, with limited international flghts. Things should be back to normal, with a full flight schedule, before Thanksgiving. Relief efforts began along with the rebuilding. I did what I could; all of us who love BCS did what we could to help.

My friend Debbie and I had plane tickets to fly into Los Cabos on October 8. It became obvious early on that we would not be flying if we wanted to arrive anywhere near that date. We decided that having a second car down here would be a huge plus, so we opted to drive. As we readied for departure, Tropical Storm Simon was working his way up Baja. We were minute to minute as to whether we should leave on time or wait. Being two over 60 women with three small dogs and a non-four-wheel-drive vehicle, we wanted to stay safe. But conditions looked favorable, so off we went on the eighth.

The drive was basically a breeze. The scariest moment was working our way into San Quintin the first evening. Simon had dumped some seriously needed rain there and the town was flooded. I followed another vehicle across a field, down a half-submerged dirt road, stopped a carload of locals to clarify directions, and made it. Deb's car was officially broken in. No longer white, it was brown, splashed all over with mud! But I did not get stuck and the lovely Hotel Jardines de Baja was worth the exciting entry.

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Next day, as we worked our way south, we saw at least 35 CFE trucks, emergency lights spinning in celebration as satisfied, exhausted workers headed north, toward home. It gave us chills and we waved as each convoy passed us by. As we neared Catavina, the green became more and more pronounced, until it was a vivid, emerald green. I've driven Baja numerous times, but I've never seen green like this. We dubbed it the "Emerald Peninsula" and took lots of photos out the car window.

We took four days to make the drive and arrived in Buena Vista on schedule Saturday. Overall, the road conditions were good. There were washed out vados, the usual potholes and a few minor detours. Signs were crooked from the winds, but everywhere was evidence of the infrastructure being rebuilt. Crews were working in earnest on the highway.

Once I arrived, I began to look up friends. I saw Vicente, formerly my dad's boat captain. I got the opportunity to speak to Felipe Valdez—manager of Hotel Buena Vista Beach Resort—at length.

They, and others, confirmed what I had suspected. The economic impact of Odile has had a far greater effect on the local people and businesses than the actual hurricane itself. The economy here was just rebounding after a several year slump caused by the US recession. They were finally getting their feet back under themselves. The large fishing tournament with over 100 guests that was scheduled for the third

week of October at the hotel was canceled due to lack of flights. The revenue lost is in excess of \$75,000 to the resort. Many employees have been laid off. Those remaining are splitting shifts and going without pay at times. Vicente, who is an independent contractor, hasn't had any clients on his boat in over six weeks. This is typical. Thankfully the Los Cabos Bisbee Tournament was not canceled.

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I also spoke with Hortencia, for whom I had set up a fundraiser on gofundme.com. Thanks to the generosity of long-time hotel patrons, we were able to raise \$15,000 to repair her home and replace the contents. She lives in Cabo San Lucas but handles reservations for the hotel. She finally got water that Friday and her windows were due to be replaced the following week. Deb had her household goods shipped down here. We didn't need all of them, so she gave the rest to Hortencia and others.

Things are slowly improving now as flights are being added and tourists are returning. We all know that BCS would not exist without tourism, so getting the planes back is of paramount importance. It has been more than six weeks without income for the BCS area. Most hotels in Los Cabos are planning to be open by November 2. However, airlines are adding back flights slowly. The tourists just aren't coming back quickly enough.

The working people of this area are suffering the most. The mega resorts and the airlines have the deep pockets to make it through this tough time. The smaller resorts and the workers do not. But truly, overall, the spirit of the people is inspirational. And whether your heart lives in the East Cape, Los Cabos, La Paz, Todos Santos, Loreto or

elsewhere in Baja Sur—come back!

Bottom line. We need flights back to normal at SJD and we need tourists. Please consider booking a trip down here to BCS. If the flight you normally take hasn't been reinstated yet, please speak up! Ask that airline to reinstate it ASAP. Please show your support for this magical place we all love so well. Please tell your friends and family.

As we settle into the house we just bought, Debbie and I are overwhelmed with gratitude, joy and wonder. The sunrises are inspirational. The water in the Sea of Cortez is turquoise edged with dark blue. It's perfect; clear, calm and warm. We swim in it every day with the dogs. The sky is a brilliant periwinkle and the mountains march up behind us, carpeted in green and overflowing with water. Waterfalls and hot springs await our discovery. The desert is alive with pink, yellow, white, red and pale blue wildflowers. And, as always, the people are the friendliest here. Everyone waves as I drive down the road. Everyone is smiling. "Welcome back," is the commonest phrase....

I'm constantly reminded of a slogan Axel Valdez and I came up with years ago. It is: "The East Cape welcomes you with open arms and open hearts." They still do. All the people of Baja Sur do...



"Whether your heart lives in the East Cape, Los Cabos, La Paz, Todos Santos, Loreto or elsewhere in Baja Sur—come back!"



BUEN PROVECHO:

Claudius Viña y Bodega, Rosarito

By Jennifer Kramer bajatheothercalifornia.com

While the Valle de Guadalupe takes all the fame and glory for being Baja's wine region, some of the best wines I've ever tasted come from a winery in Rosarito (the *only* winery on Rosarito), called Claudius Viña y Bodega.

Owner and winemaker, Julio Benito is a sixth generation winemaker whose family hails from Segovia, Spain. He's been making wine in Rosarito since 2010 and finds that the conditions in Rosarito are prime for making wine due to the atmospheric pressure and the cooler temperatures on the coast.

Benito currently sources his grapes from various vineyards in northern Baja (he just recently purchased land south of Santo Tomas which will be used for growing grapes and building a hotel), and his winemaking technique varies from other wineries in the region because of this. Many of the other Baja wineries produce blends, because the wine region is new and winemakers are experimenting

with different flavors and dealing with lower-quality grapes. Claudius, on the other hand, focuses on varietals, but a blend of the same grape from different vineyards. This helps Benito to create wine from only the best grapes, producing high-quality 100% varietal wines. Merlot, Nebbiolo, Cabernet, Tempranillo. All authentic and all delicious.

When I visited Claudius winery, we met with Ernesto Diaz Perez, the sales manager, who showed us around on a personal tour. We learned about the winemaking process for Claudius, got to see the barrels and the tanks and got to try a number of wines directly from the taps. All of the wines were complex, smooth and delicious.

For true oenophiles, the best part about Julio Benito and Claudius winery is that they're sharing their knowledge and passion through their wine classes. People can sign up to attend wine school on the weekend for two months. At the end of it, you'll have 25 cases (that's 300 bottles) of wine that you made yourself.

Claudius has a very nice tasting room and they have a restaurant that will be coming soon. They do accept credit cards. Call a few hours ahead of time for a tasting and they'll be able to accommodate you any day of the week. It's authentic Spanish wines with Mexican soul. ¡Buen provecho!

Claudius Viña y Bodega claudiusvino.com 661-100-0232 Bulevar Sharp 3722, 22710 Rosarito, B.C., Mexico (across the street from the SHARP factory) Entrance to the tasting room on Jose Maria Iglesias





Baja Peninsula Mileage Guide

www.discoverbaja.com/go/baja-california-mileage-guide/





Otay Mesa Border Directions for regular car crossing

If you're in Mexico and heading back up to the U.S. on Highway 1 from south of Rosarito, you can bypass the crowds and traffic of Tijuana by taking the Boulevard 2000 off of Highway 1 (just south of Rosarito) and cutting over to the Otay Mesa border crossing. At Otay you'll generally find shorter wait times to cross the border and many people find that circumventing downtown Tijuana is a less-stressful route home. For step-by-step driving directions with photos:

www.discoverbaja.com/go/driving-directions/ otay-mesa-regular-car-border/



Discover Baja Video Driving Directions!

We're working on bringing you a whole Youtube channel full of videos of Baja driving directions and other Baja experiences. First up is a video showing you how to cross the San Ysidro border into Mexico and make your way to the toll road. Enjoy!

www.youtube.com/user/discoverbaja



While we're generally biased toward anything related to Baja, when you throw in surfing, supporting the local culture and empowering women, we just can't resist. So it's no surprise that we were immediately drawn to the making of, and fundraising efforts for, Baja surf documentary "La Maestra (The Teacher)."

"La Maestra" profiles a young Mexican teacher, Mayra Aguilar, in a tiny rural fishing village in Baja, who becomes the first Mexican woman surfer in her area. Told in Spanish (with English subtitles) using mainly Mayra's voice, the film shows how she has gone on to inspire both her students and other local women to take up the sport and follow their dreams. Through her deep connection to the ocean, Mayra has also become an environmentalist, teaching her students the importance of land and sea stewardship through hands on learning.

The half-hour documentary is a project by surf photographer and teacher, Paul Ferraris, and Emmy award-winning public television filmmaker, Elizabeth Pepin Silva (a Discover Baja member!). Elizabeth and Paul took a few moments to answer some questions about the film, the filmmaking process and why telling Mayra's story is so important.

DBTC: How did you meet and part of their family lives in Baja. But he didn't meet Mayra in

Elizabeth: I started going to Baja in 1992, and to Mayra's hometown in 2000. I recall seeing her over the years, but I didn't actually meet her until May, 2012. I was shooting surf photos from the cliff and she pulled up to check the surf. A mutual friend introduced us, but Mayra and I only spoke for a few minutes and that was it. I watched her paddle out and was really impressed by how good her surfing had become. As we watched, my friend told me a little of Mayra's story, and I was inspired by her courage to do something different from her peers. It's not easy to go against what is expected in your community, especially in a very small town such as hers. Paul has been going to Baja his entire life because his mother is Mexican

and part of their family lives in Baja. But he didn't meet Mayra in person until we filmed in June, although Paul, Mayra, and I emailed back and forth for several months before our trip.

DBTC: What compelled you to want to tell her story?

Elizabeth: "La Maestra" is a continuation of my efforts through my films and photography to change the way all women are portrayed in the media and create an alternative voice in surfing by pointing my video and photo lenses at women surfers of all ethnicities and backgrounds, ages, and sizes and shapes. Many surf movies are filmed in Mexico, but it's rare they feature a Mexican surfer, and I've never seen one highlighting a Mexican woman surfer. I felt it was time that a local Mexican woman at one of Baja's many surf spots had a chance to

tell her own story, but I was limited by my poor Spanish. When Paul called and said he wanted to make a documentary in Baja, I knew I finally had my chance since part of his family is from Baja and he speaks Spanish. I told him about Mayra and he agreed she was the perfect person to portray.

DBTC: How long did you spend filming?

Elizabeth: We were in Mayra's town for two weeks filming, and then in August we had a friend who lives in Mayra's town get a few shots that we discovered during the editing process that we needed. We also were really lucky that this same friend connected us with a guy who has been going to Mayra's town since the 1960s. He is generously allowing us to use some of his home movies that he shot there over the years.

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Great waves have brought many tourists to the small village where Mayra Aguilar lives, forever changing her community. Photo: Elizabeth Pepin Silva

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DBTC: Did you discover anything unexpected during the filming process?

Elizabeth: I was surprised at how comfortable Mayra was on camera, especially since she had never done anything like this, and I had only met her for two minutes several years before. She and the entire Aguilar family were very warm and welcoming. They really opened their home and their lives to us, and we felt honored that they liked us enough to let us tell Mayra's story!

DBTC: The fact that Mayra is a female and Mexican is not something you often see in a typical surf film. Why is this important? How do you think it will be received?

Paul: Mexican women are very strong. Like the Juchiteca women of Oaxaca, the women in rural Baja are extraordinarily resilient, and the environment is so harsh. But the rural women don't surf, that is still reserved for the more urban Mexican women. That was one aspect that really attracted us to Mayra, she was the first in her town, and because of her, more girls will follow. They already are.

DBTC: How is Mexico as a setting a significant aspect of

the film?

Elizabeth: I think it's really significant because I don't think most people outside of Baja really have an understanding of what everyday life in a small Baja village is like. Discover Baja members get it, but your average person only knows Baja by what they see on TV. and that's usually a one-minute news story that inevitably negative. It's such a shame because Baja is a beautiful place with lovely people who live and work there. I also think visually Mexico sets a tone for the film that is different from a film you'd see made in the US.

DBTC: What's the message you are hoping that people will take away from seeing the film?

Paul: We really want people, all people, to see themselves in Mayra. We want people to see a Mexico and a people that are rarely portrayed, especially on the big screen, we want people to see Mexico and it's people as they would see their own family or their friends because we really are so Mayra doesn't live in similar. poverty or deal drugs and she is not clambering to get over the border, she is actually like most Mexicans, just living her life and contributing to society. Oh and she surfs really well!



Mayra Aguilar, whose life is profiled in the new documentary film "La Maestra," works with a student in her 2nd Grade classroom. Photo: Elizabeth Pepin Silva

DBTC: Anything else you want people to know:

Elizabeth: Don't worry surfers, we purposely don't reveal where Mayra lives except to say that she's in Baja, Mexico, but if you've ever been to Mayra's town, you'll know exactly where she surfs!

Paul: Thank you so much for taking your time to talk to us!

You can help bring this film to the big screen by donating to the "La Maestra (The Teacher)" fundraising campaign at: www.otwfront.com

La Maestra Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/ pages/La-Maestra/ 936805436334311



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If hearing from us once a month just isn't enough, we're all Baja all the time on the following platforms. Follow along for all of the news, photos, information, adventure and inspiration you need for your next trip to Baja.



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YOUTUBE

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Videos of helpful Baja driving directions so that you know where you're going before you go.



Explore the Peninsula with Baja Author Graham Mackintosh!



Join famous Baja author Graham
Mackintosh ("Into a Desert Place,"
"Journey with a Baja Burro," "Marooned
with Very Little Beer," Nearer My Dog to
Thee") on this special Baja Custom Tours
trip to see the whales, the Sea of Cortez,
and the mountains of San Pedro de Mártir.
Share close encounters with the Gray
Whales in Scammon's Lagoon, stories and
locations in Graham's Baja books, and a
great time with friends in this all-inclusive 7
day/6 night tour.

There are three dates for this trip: January 28 – February 3, 2015 February 10 – February 16, 2015 March 18 – March 24, 2015

7 days, 6 nights \$1,395 all-inclusive, double occupancy.

For questions, or to reserve your spot, contact Discover Baja at 800-727-2252 or ask@discoverbaja.com

For more info: bit.ly/WhRazN



TRIP ITINERARY:

Day 1: Departure from San Diego 6am, lunch at Desert Inn Cataviña, visit local cave paintings, dinner Cataviña

Day 2: 7am breakfast in Cataviña, depart 8am for Guerrero Negro, stop at Baja berrendo (prong horn antelope) sanctuary, check in at motel, visit light house and marshlands, dinner at Mario's Palapa

Day 3: 7am breakfast, drive to Ojo de Liebre lagoon for 2 hour whale tour – inner lagoon, lunch at Tony's Tacos, break, visit Guerrero Negro lagoon beach, special dinner at Mario's

Day 4: Check out of rooms, 7am breakfast, bus tour to outer lagoon with Mario's through salt plant, 3 hour whale tour outer lagoon with sack lunch, drive to Bahia de Los Angeles, check in Costa del Sol motel, visit Bahia Natural History Museo, Seafood extravaganza dinner!

Day 5: 8am breakfast, boat tour of bay and islands, lunch on beach, dinner at Casa Essary

Day 6: Depart Bahia de Los Angeles at 7am after breakfast, tacos in Vincente Guerrero, drive to Meling Ranch, tour to top of mountains, family style dinner Day 7: Depart Meling Ranch at 8am after breakfast, torta lunch in El Sauzal, wine tasting in Valle de Guadalupe (Las Nubes), cross border in Tecate.





PARADISE FOR SALE IN MULEGE!

Paradise is for sale by owner located in Mulege on the Sea of Cortez at the mouth of Conception Bay, 8 miles south of Mulege. Approximately 1/3 of acre with a fediocomiso (ownership). Dwelling for camping, 3500 gallon pils for water, extra large propane tank, solar. Asking US \$185,000 or best offer. Contact 760-889-4888 or sherylkaonis@sbcglobal.net or slgordinier@sbcglobal.net

PROPERTY FOR SALE IN SAN MIGUEL DE COMONDÚ:

A lot with a producing avocado orchard, equipped with asequias (irrigation channels), approximately 1700 square meters in size. San Miguel de Comondú is located two hours on paved road from the port of Loreto. It is a quiet little town for vacationing and relaxing. The listing price is \$65,000 U.S., the first payment being \$30,000 U.S. and the remainder in two payments. Call or text Alberto Cota Murillo, 011-52-613-114-7751.

