

BAJA NEWS

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Hurricane Patricia

Hurricane Patricia, a category 5 hurricane being called the strongest storm to make landfall in the western hemisphere, hit mainland Mexico on October 23. Patricia made landfall in Quixmala, Jalisco and quickly downgraded to a tropical depression hitting mostly rural areas—avoiding a large-scale disaster.

New DBTC FMM FAQ Page

The rules regarding FMM tourist permits changed in September 2015. We've put together a new FMM FAQ page to answer any questions. Discover Baja is the only source in the U.S. for prepaid FMM tourist permits – a benefit reserved only for Discover Baja members. www.discoverbaja.com/fmm-faqs



Delayed Approval for New SENTRI Vehicles

While the CBP had allocated additional resources earlier in 2015 to rapidly approve new vehicles for existing SENTRI owners, delays are now back to three to four months. If you have SENTRI and are planning on getting a new vehicle SENTRI-approved, you should submit the information to SENTRI as soon as you have your registration and plates.

From the DBTC Office

You may encounter a new voice or two when calling Discover Baja. One belongs to Anna, our intern from Met High in San Diego. Anna will be with us until December and has proven to be adept at everything from decorating to filing. Federico hails from Medellin, Colombia where he is a university student majoring in psychology. He is in San Diego for four months doing an internship with Border Angels. He works with DBTC nine hours a week besides and has become an invaluable assist with computers and new members.

We wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving. The DBTC offices will be closed Thur. Nov. 26- Sun. Nov. 29 in observance of the holiday.

If you send us an important email and don't hear a response within one business day, please give us a call at 800-727-2252 so that we can help you.

See you in Baja! Hugh, Carol, Jen, Maythé & Monica

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

PESO EXCHANGE RATE: \$16.4 to \$1 U.S. dollar

PEMEX PRICES: Northern Baja: Magna: \$3.13/gal, Premium: \$3.32/gal, Diesel: \$3.28/gal

Southern Baja: Magna: \$3.13/gal, Premium: \$3.32/gal, Diesel: \$3.28/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: \$33 DBTC members only. Please allow two weeks for processing.

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/person fee for DBTC to process. Service for DBTC members only.

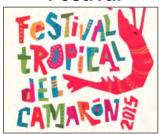
www.discoverbaja.com/go/nautical-sportfishing-fmm

MEXICAN AUTO INSURANCE: Special yearly rates for members. 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

NOVEMBER 6-8 San Felipe Shrimp Festival



This popular festival will feature food, drinks, and entertainment along San Felipe's malecón. www.sanfelipe.com.mx

NOVEMBER 6-8 Tijuana Salsa Festival



Watch international artists, world champions and professional competitions at this dance fest.

www.tijuanasalsafestival.com

NOVEMBER 11-15 Los Cabos International Film Festival



The Los Cabos International Film Festival will feature film screenings, events and parties bringing together Mexico, the USA and Canada.

www.cabosfilmfestival.com

NOVEMBER 13 Baja Beer Craft



Join us for this incredible opportunity to try Baja craft beers north of the border! DBTC members save \$10 when they purchase tickets in advance.

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NOVEMBER 17-21 SCORE International Baja 1000



Baja's most popular off-road race will be a loop race starting and ending in Ensenada. www.score-international.com

NOVEMBER 21 Rosarito Underwater Park Opens



The sinking of an old Mexican naval vessel will officially mark the opening of the new Rosarito Underwater Park for divers. rosaritounderwaterpark.com

NOVEMBER 26 Thanksgiving



Happy Thanksgiving from the DBTC family to yours! The Discover Baja office will be closed Thursday Nov. 26-Sunday, Nov. 29 in observance of the holiday.

NOVEMBER 27-29 Todos Santos Int'l Guitar Festival



Listen to over 100 amazing guitarists from all over the world gathered in Todos Santos.

www.facebook.com/

www.facebook.com/ TodosSantosInternationalGui tarFestival

NOV 29-DEC 5 "Travel into your Imagination" Writing Workshop



Closet writers welcome!
Presented by author and writing coach, Milli Thornton at Los
Colibris Casitas, Todos Santos.
funwritingworkshops.com



Saturday, December 12th 3 – 5 p.m. Discover Baja Travel Club Office 3264 Governor Dr. San Diego, CA 92122

Join us on Saturday, December 12th from 3-5pm at the Discover Baja office in San Diego for a holiday drop-by. We'll have some drinks, snacks, holiday shopping (you don't want to miss out on perusing our rare vintage Baja collectors items!) and a bunch of free giveaways. Please RSVP by emailing ask@discoverbaja.com or calling 800-727-2252.

SCORE International Announces 2016 Schedule

The SCORE Baja 1000, Baja's most-famous off-road race, is coming up this month. SCORE also announced their 2016 schedule which will include the SCORE Desert Challenge, presented by Rosarito in September for the first time. For more information: www.score-international.com



2016 SCHEDULE

Launching the 2016 SCORE World Desert Championship series schedule will be the first of the three original SCORE Baja races:

Round 1 will be the **30th Bud Light SCORE San Felipe 250, Feb. 25-28** in San Felipe, Baja California. Mexico.

Round 2 will be the **2nd Bud Light SCORE Baja Sur 500 on April 14-17**. Marking the second time a SCORE Baja race has been held entirely in Baja California Sur, it will start and finish in 2016 in La Paz, near the southern tip of Baja on the east side of the peninsula along the Sea of Cortez. Round 3 will be the **48th Bud Light SCORE Baja 500, June 1-5**, in Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico.

Round 4 will be the **Bud Light SCORE Desert Challenge**, **presented by Rosarito Beach**, **Sept**. **14-18** in Rosarito Beach, Baja California Norte. It will be the first SCORE race in Rosarito with classes split into groups running multiple laps on a 15-16—mile course, split into two parts. Racing will be held under the lights on Friday, morning and evening on Saturday and morning on Sunday, with each class running its race split evenly over two days.

Round 5 will be the **49th Bud Light SCORE Baja 1000, Nov. 16-20**. The most recognized name of all desert races, it will start and finish in Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico.



The Discover Baja 2016 Gift Guide is here! We've got books, maps, field guides, DVDs, t-shirts, vintage collectible items and more! We have you covered for every Baja lover on your list — and while you're at it, go ahead and get something for yourself, too!

Three easy ways to shop:

- Download the full Gift Guide PDF at: www.discoverbaja.com/ wp-content/uploads/DBTC-Gift-Guide-2016.pdf and send us the completed order form
- 2. Go to www.squareup.com/market/discover-baja to shop our selection online
- 3. Come into the office in San Diego and shop the complete collection in person.



DBTC STAFF PICKS: 2016 HOLIDAY GIFT GUIDE

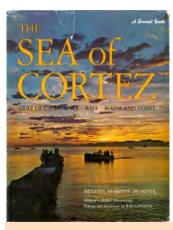
It's time to start your holiday shopping for all of the Baja lovers in your life! The DBTC staff tells you what's on our own wish lists this year. For more information on how to shop the full Discover Baja gift guide selection, see page 4



"With four koozies and two keychain bottle openers included, the Discover Baja Cerveza pack is just what you need for any trip down the peninsula. It's not only good to have for yourself but it also makes a great gift for any beer lover in your life!" -Monica



"The 'I Heart Baja' t-shirt is unique, simple, and fun to wear. What better way to show your love of that unique and fun peninsula?" —Carol



"We have a truly incredible collection of rare, vintage Baja collectors books in stock right now and my favorite is always "The Sea of Cortez." The beautiful photos throughout the book capture the true essence of what's so unique about Baja. I love collecting books and this is a particularly special item for anyone who loves the peninsula." -Jen



"The vivid and bold McMahan Baja California map is an incredible gift for any Baja enthusiast. We have the last stock of them in print and they are sure to go fast with the holidays right around the corner!"—Maythé



"The Upper Sea of Cortez 2016 Tide Calendar has beautiful pictures of Jacques Cousteau's "world's aquarium" along with valuable tide charts make this a great gift for a Baja friend...or yourself." -Hugh

DONATION Orphanage Pequeños Hermanos REQUEST: Orphanage Pequeños Hermanos

Discover Baja is pleased to announce our partnership with the orphanage Casa Hogar Pequeños Hermanos in Ensenada. Pequeños Hermanos is home to 32 children who range in age from 3-18 with most of the children between the ages of 8-18. Discover Baja will be collecting items to donate to the orphanage as well as Christmas gifts for the children to take down in December. We are partnering with Pequeños Hermanos through Corazón de Vida, a U.S. 501c3 nonprofit organization that supports a network of orphanages in northern Baja, helping some of the 6,000 children in the region who are living on the streets. You can read more about Corazón de Vida below.

Please visit the Pequeños Hermanos page on our website (www.discoverbaja.com/pequenos-hermanos) that will be updated on a regular basis with needed donation items as well as Christmas wish lists from the children. There is also an option for making a tax-deductible monetary donation to the orphanage through Corazón de Vida. All physical donations can be dropped off at the Discover Baja office in San Diego. We will take the items down to the children in December.

This collaboration between Discover Baja and Pequeños Hermanos will be ongoing. When there are opportunities to visit and volunteer at the orphanage, we will let you all know. We hope you'll join us in this worthy cause.

www.discoverbaja.com/pequenos-hermanos

About Corazón de Vida: Corazón de Vida was founded by Hilda Pacheco Taylor who herself grew up in an orphanage in northern Baja. The organization has been in operation for over 20 years providing lifechanging support for orphaned and abandoned children in Baja, Mexico by funding local orphanages, providing quality of life improvement services and investing in the children's future by funding higher education. In Northern Baja, over 6,000 children live on the streets or under dangerous/abusive situations, and thousands more live in extreme poverty. Mexico currently does not have the social programs that we have in the U.S., no foster care programs, no welfare system, so the only way to care and support children in need is through a network of private orphanages, funded entirely through individual and corporate donations. **www.corazondevida.org**



What to do When You're Pulled Over by the Police in Baja

We've heard a number of stories from members recently about being pulled over by cops (specifically in Tecate). We wanted to rerun the story below to remind you of some dos and don'ts when it comes to being pulled over. Don't forget to have the letter at the link below printed to keep in your glove box to show to the cop:

www.discoverbaja.com/wp-content/uploads/TRAFFIC-VIOLATIONS.pdf



If you have a story of being pulled over and treated unfairly, please email us the story at ask@discoverbaja.com and we'll make sure to submit the story to the state tourism department and the regional head of police.

We know that being pulled over by a police officer while driving in a foreign country can be a scary experience. The most important thing is to remain calm, be respectful and know your rights. You may have heard stories about people being pulled over and having to give a "mordida" (bribe) to the cop because they were worried they were going to be thrown into jail if they didn't. Giving them money for a bribe is both unnecessary and illegal. The Baja Secretary of Tourism and the Mexican government are on your side and want the police to stop this behavior, but they rely on help from tourists to report the problem and to stop feeding into it by offering the cops bribes.

We've partnered with the Baja Secretary of Tourism to answer some of your questions about what to do if you're pulled over, and we've put together a document (*www.discoverbaja.com/wp-content/uploads/TRAFFIC-VIOLATIONS.pdf*) for you to print out and keep in your car while driving in Baja. The printout outlines procedures for you to follow and also doubles as a document that you can show to the officer (there's a section in Spanish) to let them know that you're aware of your rights and will be reporting any misconduct to the Board of Tourism.

- -If you are stopped by a police officer for a traffic violation, you should request a written citation from the officer. Traffic citations are written in both English and Spanish and will contain instruction on how to pay the fee. You can mail your fine to Mexico from the U.S.
- -Never attempt to bribe or give money to the officer. It is both corrupt for them to ask for money and illegal for you to bribe a police officer. You can be fined and thrown in jail.
- -In some cases, the officer will ask you to follow them to the police station. If you are being pulled over for a minor infraction, you are not required to go to the police station. Ask for the written citation and you can pay it by mail from the U.S.
- -If you feel like you've been fined unfairly, take note of the time, location, vehicle identification number and badge number of the officer. You can contact the State Secretary of Tourism 24/7 by dialing 078 to report the information. If you're a Discover Baja member, you can also email us at ask@discoverbaja.com with the above information and we will contact the Secretary of Tourism directly for you.

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While it's very likely that you've heard about the growing craft brewery scene in northern Baja, it's equally likely that you haven't had the chance to actually experience it. Even though there are a large number of microbreweries in Baja making high-quality beers that rival those being made in San Diego, tasting rooms are scarce, productions are small, distribution (even in Mexico) is limited, and there's almost no way to get your hands on the beer north of the border. We've been working hard to change that and to bring some of these awesome breweries together in San Diego for a rare opportunity to try some of Baja's best craft beers.

Discover Baja, along with Baja Test Kitchen, has put together BAJA BEER CRAFT, a tasting event that will be held at Mingei International Museum on Friday, November 13th from 6-9pm. This is a large event that will be open to the public, but Discover Baja members receive \$10 off of the door price by getting tickets in advance.

This is your chance to try some of Baja's best craft beer and to enjoy food by the famous Chef Chad White (of Común and Craft Pizza Co in San Diego, La Justina in Tijuana, and soon to be on "Top Chef California" starting in December!). Beer and food are included in price of ticket. Participating breweries include: Border Psycho, Agua Mala, Wendlandt, Big Bad Brewing Co. (Tres B), Muñeca Prieta, Silenus, Fauna, Peninsula, Legion and more!

Live music for the event will be by Quino from the reggae/pop group Big Mountain. There will be a Día de los Muertos altar, installed by CECUT and dedicated to Gabriel García Márquez. All attendees of BAJA BEER CRAFT will get free admission to the after party at Chad White's Común restaurant downtown. You don't want to miss out on this epic evening!

Discover Baja members should call 800-727-2252 or email ask@discoverbaja.com for tickets.

See www.discoverbaja.com/baja-beer-craft-2015 for more information

BAJA **FISHING REPOR**1

with Gary Graham

While the media bandies about "El Niño," its affects both present and future, Baja anglers smugly shrug their shoulders, smile, nod and announce, "It is what it is!" Looking backward so far it has been a "WOW!" And looking forward to November? It seems it will be more of the same.

Before I jump into the fishing, some good news is that an old Mexican, 220-foot patrol boat, the Uribe, will be sunk in 90 feet of water off the coast of Rosarito Beach on Nov. 21



Roy McDennon, Sr. caught a blue marlin a mere mile from the 240 Rock



Julio Meza and Carter Andrews, star of "The Obsession of Carter Andrews" at Juanchys Aguilar in La Bocana

creating an artificial reef for the fishing and diving community.

With the exception of Coronado Islands, Baja Norte is going off like firecrackers -- wahoo. dorado, yellowfin tuna and marlin (of all kinds) are being reported all the way down the West Coast.

Underlining the strangeness of it all was Čaptain Kelly Catian's comment, "Recently we have been seeing manta rays in the San Quintin Bay."

Roy McDennon, Sr. caught a blue marlin a mere mile from the 240 Rock last weekend.

Similar reports are echoed all the way down to Magdalena Bay. Juanchys Aguliar in La Bocana has reported remarkable wahoo catches for several months.

Julio Meza and Carter Andrews. star of The Obsession of Carter Andrews, found wahoo action just as Juanchys had described it.

Although lots of folks are trolling for wahoo these days, bites are relatively infrequent: therefore. you really want to make the most of your opportunities when you do have one. Many anglers are having short bites or are losing lures -here are several tips to increase your success ratio:

Sharpen your hooks to sticky-

sharp.

- •Use 175- or 275-pound wire on all lures, especially marlin lures.
- •Use heavy 80-pound gear and button down your drag. You need tight drag pressure to drive the hook home in their incredibly tough, bony mouths.
- •Keep the boat moving at trolling speed for about 10 seconds after a strike! The forward motion. combined with the fish running against a tight drag, helps set the hook. Other rods may also load up as wahoo often cruise in small packs of 2 to 6 fish, turning singles into doubles or triples.
- Keep the rod tip down and just wind, wind, wind. Don't pump the fish as each release of pressure gives it an opportunity to shake the hook, especially with heavy lures similar to Marauders.
- Fight the fish with the boat idling forward. This keeps the head of the fish pointed toward the boat with steady pressure. A 45-degree angle off the stern corner is ideal. keeping the fish controlled and away from the prop.
- •If the line goes slack suddenly, keep winding! Wahoo like to turn and run right at the boat; you must pick up this slack quickly or the fish can shake the hook or bite through the belly of slack line. even with a wire leader. Leaving the boat in gear helps, too.





LEFT: Dave O'Donnell caught three huge tuna while fishing on Minerva II. RIGHT: The Tranquilo team at the Bisbee's Black & Blue Tournament

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Bouncing over to the Sea of Cortez side, Bahia de Los Angeles is hanging in there in spite of some rain and wind. The yellowtail continued biting throughout the summer with a few dorado and an occasional billfish to keep it interesting.

From there all the way to La Paz, although dorado have been sketchy, yellowtail continues to be caught along with cabrilla, grouper, other bottom fish plus a few roosters.

North of La Paz, small dorado which have been the bread and butter fish most of the season, are winding down forcing anglers to head for Las Arenas for their fishing fix -- yellowfin tuna,

roosterfish, sailfish and striped marlin.

At East Cape, billfish are at the top of the catch board with few tuna or dorado to add. After a lengthy absence the roosterfish have returned.

From San Jose to Cabo and around the tip into the Pacific, billfish action has been slow. Recent tournaments produced few notable catches.

While not the *largest fish*, the team aboard the "*Tranquilo*" snagged the *third largest payout* in the Bisbee's Black & Blue Tournament' thirty-five year history.

In the tuna department, there were a few larger ones to add to the

more common football-sized.

Dave O'Donnell from Anchorage caught three huge tuna while fishing on *Minerva II*.

By any yardstick, this has been one of the most unusual seasons I personally can remember ... particularly in the northern portion of the state. Unprecedented, seldom-seen catches of many species of historical significance were taken from Turtle Bay to the border. With that in mind, November may be another one for the record books!

Good Luck and Tight Lines...

Questions or comments are w e l c o m e . garyg@garycgraham.com



Bringing the Funk to Northern Baja: Baja Calypso and Quino

By Jennifer Kramer

It's Friday night at Baja Calypso and there's a calm but buzzing energy pulsating through the restaurant. The soft glow of warm light comes from colorful Moroccan lanterns hanging from the ceiling and the candles perched in wine bottles on the tabletops. There's some quiet conversation, but for the most part, the crowd hangs on the music coming from one man in the corner who sings along with his guitar. His voice is raw and emotive. His reggae music has the crowd entranced.

The man with the guitar is Joaquin McWhinney, known as Quino, and he has one of the most-recognized voices in reggae music. Quino has toured hundreds of cities in more than 30 countries and sold more than two million albums and six million singles as lead singer for the group Big Mountain. In 1994 Big Mountain released a reggae version of Peter Frampton's song "Baby I Love Your Way." The song reached the U.S. Top 40, and over the course of the past two decades has continued to be the mostplayed, non-current hit song on radio worldwide.





The story of how an accomplished musician like Quino ended up playing here at a restaurant at K38 is a typically serendipitous Baja story.

The story starts with the owner of Baja Calypso, Gilles Knafo. Gilles was born in Casablanca, Morocco where his dad had a very popular restaurant named Calypso. Because his dad was a restaurateur, Gilles grew up in the kitchen. "I have a love for food. For me, it's like a religion."

Gilles lived in Spain and then France where he spent most of his formative years in Paris. When he was 29, he came to the U.S. He settled in Leucadia, California, which at the time was a small surf community that no one took much interest in.

It was in Leucadia that Gilles found an old wooden building that had been constructed in 1908 that would become the home of his own restaurant named Calypso. On December 7, 1995, Calypso first opened its doors. The restaurant featured live music, great food and Gilles' personal touch.

For nearly two decades Gilles and

Calypso were a fixture in Leucadia. Gilles was there all the time, engaging with his customers and creating the full Calypso experience. "I threw a party for hundreds of people every night for 20 years," says Gilles. "I brought the funk to Leucadia."

In 2009 there was a fire and Calypso burned down. After a bit of hardship, Gilles eventually rebuilt Calypso and reopened in 2011. But it wasn't the same. "The soul of Calypso burned down with the fire." He closed his doors for good on New Years Eve, 2013.

It was when Gilles was on a vacation in Baja California that he saw a vacant space near the famous surf spot, K38 that would eventually become Baja Calypso. Gilles had to build out nearly everything in the space - the kitchen, the outside palapa area. and the bar. He opened up Baja Calypso in April 2014. Remnants of the old Leucadia Calypso are around. Some décor followed the Moroccan lantern and colorful. funky artwork. Faded articles hang on the wall about how Gilles had "brought the Funk to Leucadia" with the old Calypso.

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Like a version of its former self, Baja Calypso is another vivid and funky space in a small surf community. But this time, Calypso finds itself south of the border with epic views of the ocean and a lot of Baja soul. Which brings us back to Quino and his music.

On a Sunday afternoon a few months after Gilles opened Baja Calypso, a man showed up at the restaurant with a guitar and started playing music out on the back patio. "I was upstairs taking a nap with my wife and kids and I thought – who is this guy waking me up?" says Gilles.

The man with the guitar was Quino. He was living in Ensenada and at the time had taken a whole year off of work. "Everything was on a backspin." Big Mountain was supposed to have come out with an album the year before, but had been behind schedule. He needed work. "So I googled live music in

Rosarito and Calypso popped up. So I hopped on the bus with my guitar."

"I was lucky enough that he did it here" says Gilles. "People recognize him. He's a legend." Gilles and Quino immediately worked out a deal for Quino to play live music at Calypso on a regular basis.

"It was a match made in heaven. Just look at this place," says Quino gesturing toward the views of the ocean. "Who would want to play anywhere else?"

The space at Baja Calypso is truly unique. The indoor area is still very open to the outdoors with open doors and windows that look out onto the Pacific. The décor inside is colorful and comfortable with funky paintings of musicians, wooden surfboards as decoration and Moroccan lanterns hanging from the ceilings. Out the back

door, the restaurant opens up to a huge patio area. Succulents lead down to a giant palapa with another bar area, pool table, couches, tables and chairs and a bar with seats looking right out onto the expansive ocean and the famous waves of K38.

The food at Calypso is on par with the agreeable setting and atmosphere. The menu offers escargot, homemade hummus, lobster bisque and ceviches to start. Crab and lobster ravioli, cog au vin, seafood linguini and duck a I'orange are among the extensive choices for entrees. Creme brulee and tarte tartin to finish for dessert. It's a mix of the Baja California region, and Gilles' French and Moroccan background. The result is exquisite. Baja Calypso has also been voted the best breakfast in all of Rosarito.

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TOP LEFT: the outside area at Baja Calypso overlooking the ocean. TOP RIGHT: Gilles and Quino. BOTTOM RIGHT: The escargot, a favorite on the menu. BOTTOM LEFT: The interior space at Baja Calypso.





Quino singing and on guitar and Gilles on keyboard

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"It's all about senses - all of them – sight, taste, sound. That's the key to a successful restaurant. All of your senses should be aware of what's going on," says Gilles

Gilles brings the same genuine attitude and work ethic from the Leucadia Calypso to Baja Calypso. He spends his time going around talking to people, checking on the food and making sure that customers are enjoying their time. He's the perfect host. Everyone who has been to his restaurant

feels like they have a personal connection with him. And as much as Gilles is synonymous with Baja Calypso, Quino has become so as well.

Quino plays at Baja Calypso on a regular basis and the nights that he plays, he packs a full house. He never disappoints. He sings in both English and in Spanish and in between songs he talks with customers and interacts with the crowd. A night at Calypso with Quino is one of the best nights out

in northern Baja.

"You have no idea how much I love this man" says Gilles. "This guy means so much to me." The feeling is clearly mutual. The connection and admiration between Quino and Gilles is palatable. They exchange information with a knowing glance. They finish each other's sentences.

"Every once in a while you find yourself in a place that makes you feel comfortable. For me, Baja Calypso is one of those places you can breath a breath of fresh air. A place you feel relaxed." Says Quino. And that attitude and feeling translates over to the patrons who visit Calypso as well.

Around midnight, the crowds are thinning with patrons heading home to sleep off their tequila and cerveza buzz. Quino is still crooning away informally – playing some requests and talking with the customers who are left. Suddenly Gilles starts to set up a keyboard. With the unexpected skills of a trained pianist, he accompanies Quino on a bluesy rendition of "Kansas City." The crowd is thrilled. The night is officially complete with a duet from the duo now bringing the funk to Baja.









Baja California Missions Trip

Come explore Baja's missions, architecture, historical sites, rock art, nature and more!

April 19-28, 2016







Join famous Baja author and Baja Missions expert, David Kier, on this Discover Baja and Baja Custom Tours special trip to see many of the famous Baja Spanish Missions, other historical sites, and loads of natural/eco sites! This 10-day/9-night, all-inclusive trip will feature the best of Baja from Tecate to Loreto, highlighting many of the missions, ghost towns, rock art sites, museums and beautiful natural environment along the way!

This is a once-in-a-lifetime trip that will fill quickly, so call Discover Baja at 800-727-2252 or email ask@discoverbaja.com to book your spot today!

For full itinerary and more information: www.discoverbaja.com/ 2015/08/13/missions-trip

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Itineraries:

- **Day 1 -** Departure from San Diego 7am, El Marmol onyx quarry, lunch at Desert Inn Cataviña, free time, dinner Cataviña
- **Day 2** 7am breakfast in Cataviña, depart 8am for local cave paintings, drive to Guerrero Negro, stop at Baja berrendo (prong horn antelope) sanctuary, check in at motel, lunch, free time, dinner at Mario's Palapa
- **Day 3** 7am breakfast, drive to Ojo de Liebre lagoon for two-hour whale tour inner lagoon, lunch at Tony's Tacos, break, visit old town Guerrero Negro old lighthouse wetlands, 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, free time, Seafood extravaganza dinner!
- **Day 5 -** 8am breakfast, boat tour of bay and islands, lunch on a beach, visit Bahia Natural History Museo, dinner at Casa Essary
- **Day 6** Depart Bahía de Los Angeles at 8am after breakfast, tacos in Vincente Guerrero, drive to Meling Ranch, free time (hiking or horseback riding), family style dinner
- **Day 7** 8am breakfast, drive to Observatory for tour, picnic lunch at San Pedro Martir museum, return to Rancho Meling, free time, Special BBQ dinner with fireside S'mores
- **Day 8 –** Depart Meling Ranch at 8am after breakfast, torta lunch in El Sauzal, wine tasting in Valle de Guadalupe (Monte Xanic), cross border in Tecate.

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