



## New Process for Sportfishing and Nautical Tourism FMMs

If you are traveling by boat down to Baja, by law you need to have a nautical FMM tourist permit every time you enter Mexican waters. The officials have been cracking down on boats and you will be required to show your fishing license and nautical FMM. There is a new online process where you can apply and pay online for a nautical sportfishing tourist FMM. FMMs cost \$295 pesos per person. You can pay by Visa or MasterCard.

Go to [www.inm.gob.mx](http://www.inm.gob.mx). Click on "English" on the far right top hand corner. Scroll down

to the bottom of the page and click on the red "Sport Fishing And Nautical Tourism" icon (image above). This will take you to a page explaining the steps that you need to take to obtain your nautical FMM. FMMs are valid for 180 days but are not good for multiple entry – they are for single use only. If you are NOT going to be within 12 miles of land with the boat, you do not need to have a FMM.

For more information, please email [ask@discoverbaja.com](mailto:ask@discoverbaja.com) or call 800-727-2252.



### DBTC Insider Tip: FMM tourist permits for land

If you will be traveling by land in Baja for longer than 72 hours and/or will be traveling outside the limits of the border zone (generally 20-30 kilometers from the border), by law you need to have an FMM, tourist permit. Discover Baja is the ONLY place in the U.S. to get your prepaid FMM, saving you the time and hassle at the border.

**To get your FMM or for more information:**  
[www.discoverbaja.com/fmt.html](http://www.discoverbaja.com/fmt.html) or call  
**800.727.2252**

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

**PEMEX PRICES:**  
 Magna: \$3.62/gal  
 Premium: \$3.79/gal  
 Diesel: \$3.66/gal

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING from Discover Baja

This year, and every year, we're thankful for you, our members, for giving us over two decades of loyalty and business. Whether you're celebrating Thanksgiving this year in Baja by cooking a turkey in the ground, or at home with a traditional feast, we hope you enjoy the day eating, drinking and relaxing with friends and family.

Wishing you a happy holiday!  
 Hugh, Carol, Maythé, Monica & Jen

***We've decided to postpone the DBTC holiday party this year until 2014 and look forward to celebrating with a large Baja Bash in the new year.***



*Hugh, Carol and Jen in LA Bay for Thanksgiving in 1984.*

# ON OUR RADAR FOR NOVEMBER

## THE DISCOVER BAJA 2014 GIFT GUIDE IS HERE!

Download the gift guide [HERE](#)  
or shop online at [www.squareup.com/market/discover-baja](http://www.squareup.com/market/discover-baja)



Kick off the holiday shopping season by taking care of gifts for all the Baja lovers in your life in one place! We've gathered up the best Baja books, field guides, calendars, maps, DVDs, collector's items and Discover Baja essentials. And for the first time in DBTC history, we're offering lifetime memberships to Discover Baja. Don't miss out!



**NOV 9**

### Mexicali Beer Fest

- Pasaje Reforma Centro Histórico, Mexicali
- 4pm-2am
- \$100 pesos admission
- Calling all beer lovers for a night of live music, food and craft beer.



**NOV 13-16**

### Baja International Film Festival

- [bajafilmfest.com.mx/en/](http://bajafilmfest.com.mx/en/)
- Los Cabos
- Join filmmakers, film lovers and actors for screenings of movies and documentaries (Mexican and international) along with galas and cocktail parties.

**NOV 14-17**

### SCORE Baja 1000

- [score-international.com](http://score-international.com)
- One of the most exciting off-road desert races in the world, this loop race goes from Ensenada to Ensenada.



**NOV 16**

### Discover Baja Guadalupe Valley Wine Trip



- Another date added by popular demand! Join DBTC for a trip to Guadalupe Valley for a day of wine-tasting followed by a lobster dinner with margaritas in Puerto Nuevo.
- See article later in newsletter

**NOV 20**

### Dia de Revolucion

- The anniversary of the 1910 start of the popular movement which led to the overthrow of dictator José de la Cruz Porfirio Díaz Mori after 34 years of military rule.
- Banks, government offices and many businesses in Baja may be closed.



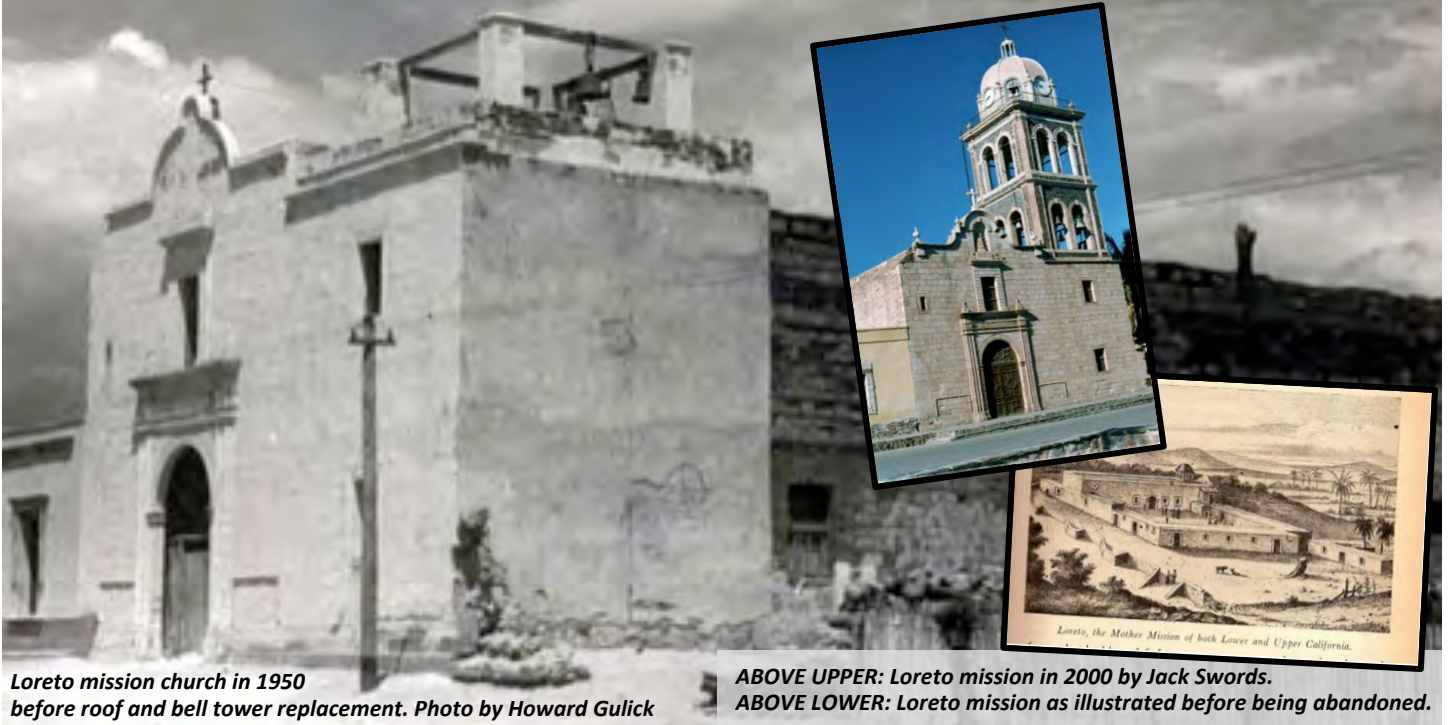
**NOV 28**

### Thanksgiving

- Take advantage of the long holiday weekend and head down to Baja! Dig a hole and cook a turkey in the sand on the beach or celebrate Baja-style with some fish tacos. Happy Thanksgiving!



# THE SPANISH MISSIONS ON THE CALIFORNIA PENINSULA: #1, *Nuestra Señora de Loreto Concho* (1697-1829)



Loreto mission church in 1950 before roof and bell tower replacement. Photo by Howard Gulick

ABOVE UPPER: Loreto mission in 2000 by Jack Swords.

ABOVE LOWER: Loreto mission as illustrated before being abandoned.

## By David Kier

The chain of Spanish missions in California began at Loreto, on the Gulf of California (Sea of Cortez). Previous to the founding of Loreto, there were many attempts to colonize the peninsula known today as Baja California.

In 1535, soon after the Spanish discovered California, Hernán Cortés attempted to build a colony at La Paz. It lasted less than two years because the land and its people were harsh and most of the colonist perished. 150 years later after many other attempts, Jesuit priests led by Padre Kino with soldiers commanded by Admiral Isidro de Atondo y Antillón had to abandon another two-year mission colony. It was first built at La Paz,

and then restarted at San Bruno, 15 miles north of Loreto. A dozen years would pass before the Jesuits could try again.

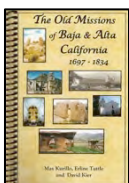
On October 25, 1697, Padre Juan María de Salvatierra founded the mission of Loreto at the native village of Conchó. The mission began as a simple structure inside the presidio (fort) until the natives accepted the Spanish on their land. In 1699 construction on a larger, adobe church was started outside the presidio and was completed on September 8, 1704.

Loreto would be the capital and religious center of California for many years. New missions would be built out from Loreto on a road network that would become known as El Camino Real, securing the

land for the king of Spain.

In 1740, Padre Jaime Bravo began construction on a larger church built of stone and mortar whose walls survive to this day. The mission was so damaged by floods from a hurricane in 1829, it was closed and the capital of California was moved to La Paz. A modern bell tower was added in 1955, which is not of the same style or scale of the original one that was destroyed in the earthquake of 1877.

The mission and museum on site are a highlight of any visit to Loreto, and its importance is inscribed over the doorway which (in English) reads: Head and Mother of the Missions of Lower and Upper California.



**David Kier** is co-author of 'The Old Missions of Baja & Alta California, 1697-1834'. The book is available for purchase at the DBTC offices (call 800-727-2252). You can follow along with the series to learn about the history of all of the Baja California missions on the DBTC blog and in future newsletters.

# DBTC STAFF PENINSULA PICKS: BAJA FOOD

When Thanksgiving comes around, we can't help but think about food all the time. Here are some of our favorite Baja foods that we can't get enough of when we're on the peninsula, and dream about when we're not. ¡Buen provecho!



*Chile rellenos. My favorites are the ones at Los Pelicanos in Rosarito. -Carol*



*Wherever I am in Baja I look forward to the homemade tortillas. They make any meal extraordinarily delicious. -Jen*



*My favorite place to eat in Baja is Punta Morro in Ensenada. The food is outstanding and view is breathtaking, especially during sunset. -Monica*

*Almejas Gratinadas de Cocteleria Mazatlán. Stuffed and grilled clams. Best enjoyed with a cerveza overlooking the ocean at La Bufadora. -Maythé*



*Not that I don't love langosta, carnitas, et al, but now I'm relishing (in my mind) the best shrimp tacos I've ever tasted--served at Ensenada's Tacos Chopipo where you might find owner Francisco Orosco cooking your savory food. Chopipos is easy to find on the north side of Calle Diamante, about two blocks east of the McDonalds at the corner of Diamante and Avenida Reforma. Flavor...crunch...ahhh! -Hugh*

**EXTRA DATE ADDED BY POPULAR DEMAND!**  
**Saturday, Nov. 16th**  
**Guadalupe Valley Wine Trip**  
*Come spend a day experiencing Mexico's Napa Valley  
 with Discover Baja and Baja Custom Tours!*




**Tour includes:**

- Wine tasting at two wineries  
 – L.A. Cetto and Las Nubes
- Behind-the-scenes tour at  
 L.A. Cetto, one of the oldest  
 and largest wineries in Baja
- Traditional homemade, sit-  
 down lunch in Guadalupe  
 Valley
- Guided tour of the new Wine  
 and Vine Museum
- Local wine expert
- Lobster dinner with  
 margaritas in Puerto Nuevo
- Round trip transportation  
 from Discover Baja offices in  
 San Diego

Our first trip to the Guadalupe Valley sold out so quickly that we added another trip! Enjoy a day with us in Baja's Guadalupe Valley as we explore some of the wineries and attractions that the region has to offer.

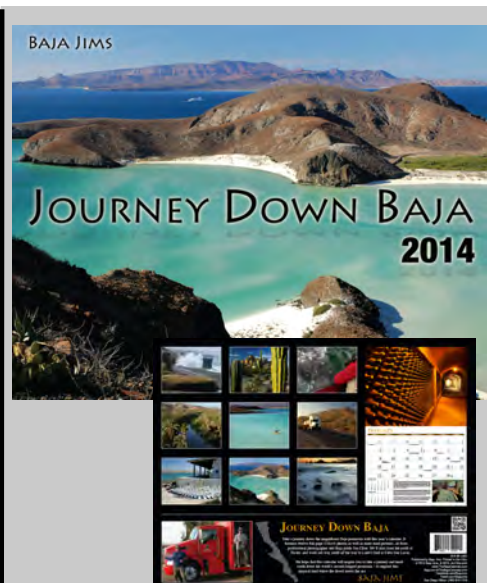
\$145 for Discover Baja members  
 (\$165 for non-members).

For more Information:

<http://bit.ly/15tV72I>

**Don't wait, only a few spots  
 left! Call or email today!**

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 800.727.2252**



**JOURNEY DOWN BAJA 2014  
 CALENDAR!**

The Baja Calendar is back and it is a treasure! The Baja Jims, Jim Hendricks and Jim Cline, have teamed up again to bring you a gorgeous, visual journey down the peninsula. Featuring twelve full page photographs and more inset photos, the calendar begins in Tecate and takes you all the way down the Baja peninsula to Land's End in Cabo. When you can't be traveling in Baja, this calendar will remind you of what you're missing. Perfect for your home or office and an absolute winner as a gift. *Softcover, 14" X 11", \$16.95*

**Call 800-727-2252 to order yours  
 today!**

**CASITA IN TRIPUI** - Beautiful, completely-furnished, turn-key house available in Tripui, south of Loreto. Space A-19, with parking and patio in front and cactus garden in the back. Living area has two-ton air conditioner and four ceiling fans. Includes TV-VCR, Telmex telephone, landline with internet connection.

Bedroom has walk-in closet, and full bathroom with tub. Lots of storage, drawers, bookcase, leather sofa with end tables. Kitchen area has two refrigerators, chest freezer and gas stove top. Dining area has tile table with six chairs. Mexican dishes and pots and pans included. Detached brick bodega with hot water heater, washer and dryer, sink, toilet and plenty of storage space. Just \$95,000 USD. Local phone 133-0504, or US phone 619 467-5958.



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