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Baja from stem to stern"

Auto-Tour 23 days / 22 nights proposed by Mexcapade all year long*

***Mid-April to Mid-January, the excursions of days 10 and 12 do not take place.**

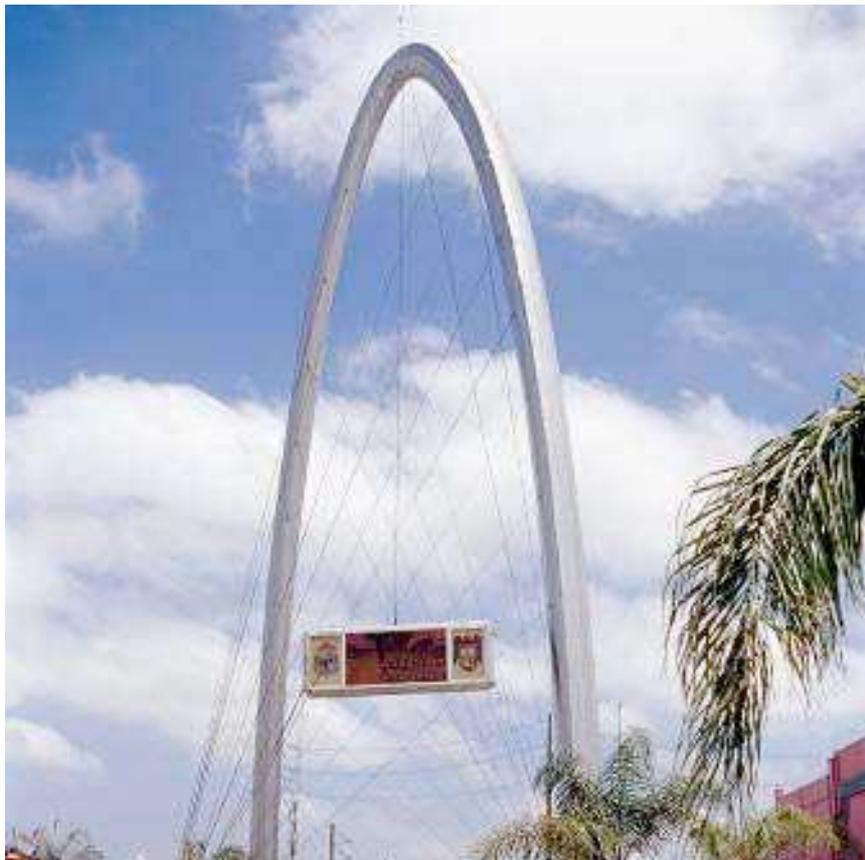
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During this tour, discover an original way to discover the multiple facets of our desert and our natural protected spaces. Immerse yourself in these landscapes and in the surprising contrasts and live completely the Baja adventure”



Day 1/ Tijuana

Arrival in Tijuana at the end of evening.

Pick up of your rented vehicle.

Road towards your hotel (30 minutes) .Night in base standard double room with breakfast.

Day 2/ Tijuana / Ensenada

In the morning, you take the freeway towards Ensenada (+/-2 hours of road), the most important port of the peninsula. The road is literally hanging on the cliffs at some places. And below, the aged Pacific Ocean comes to strike the rocky coast.

The road arrives then on an immense bay and in the distance flies a huge Mexican flag. Here is Ensenada.

You will find full of street life, shops and restaurants there of all kinds.

Do not miss the visit of the fish market if you arrive early enough.

Finally, a visit of the cultural center Riviera Del Pacifico and its southern Californian architecture is an option.

Night in a hotel in standard room with breakfast.

Day 3 / Ensenada / San Pedro

Mártir



Direction the south and the National park of San Pedro Mártir "The roof of Baja California"

Day 4 & Day 5 / National park San Pedro Mártir

Two whole days to take the most of the park by the best way: walking.

You will also have the opportunity to rise up to the observatory which peaks in more than 2 800 meters. There you will have an open view on the Pacific and the Sea of Cortez, but you can also admire El Picacho del Diablo (3 096m).

Nights in a Ranch in double standard room in full board.

Day 6/ San Pedro Mártir / Cataviña



Breakfast, and spare time around the swimming pool of the ranch.

In the morning, road towards San Quintin (+/-2:30 am of road)

Continuation towards Cataviña, (+/-2:30 am of road)

The region of Cataviña is interesting due to its very particular desert formed by enormous round rocks which we call collectively "boulders", but also of "cirios", endemic plant of the centre of Baja California.

Night in a hotel in a standard room with breakfast

Day 7/ Cataviña / Bahia Los Angeles

Breakfast then road towards Bahia Los Angeles (+/-3 hours of road).

The desert does not stop changing, passing from cactus forests to areas of rock and stone or even "arroyos" (dried up river bed).

You discover for the first time the Sea of Cortez by arriving in Bahia of Los Angeles. The deep blue color of the water seems as a mirage in the middle of this set of an extreme aridity.

Night at a hotel with breakfast included.



Day 8/ Bahia Los Angeles

Various possibilities are offered to you for this day:

Sport fishing in the bay of Los Angeles

The numerous beaches in pristine waters

Snorkeling

Hiking in the surrounding desert

Boat trip on the bay.

Night at a hotel in standard room with breakfast.

Day 9 / Bahía Los Ángeles - Guerrero Negro

After having taken a quiet morning, you take back the road for Guerrero Negro. Before arriving, you change state and pass in Baja California Sur (South).

Night in a hotel Desert Inn in standard room with breakfast.

Day 10 / Guerrero Negro / San Ignacio

Mid-January to Mid-April)

In the morning, where our partner is waiting for you and is going to take you for a second time to the meeting of the grey whales in Laguna Ojo de Liebre.

You will also have the occasion to visit the biggest salt works of the world to reach the lagoon.

In the afternoon, you get back on the road for San Ignacio.

Day 11/ San Ignacio / Sierra San Francisco / San Ignacio

Load to the sierra of San Francisco. You take the road northward and after some kilometers, you fork on the right. From there, the trail rises on the crest of the mountain between two canyons. It is during this day that you will have the opportunity to see the biggest variety of plants of your entire journey, notably the “cirio”, endemic plant with strange forms.

Points of view are spectacular on the plain, the canyons and the surrounding mountains. After approximately two hours, you reach San Francisco de la Sierra. Small village lost in the middle of the mountains, living essentially on the breeding and on the tourism.

If you wish it, you can visit the Cueva Del Raton (if you have bought before your ticket at THE INAH offices which are situated under the courtyard of the mission (Open at 8 am), and have retrieved your guide in San Francisco de la Sierra). The cave contains rock paintings dating from more than 4000 years testifying of the ethnological past of the peninsula.

Day 12/ San Ignacio

(Mid-January to Mid-April)

During this day, direction Laguna San Ignacio to meet, for a second time, the grey whales... approximately two hours of road until the Lagoon and then 1:30 hours or two with boat in the lagoon. In this period of the year, it is possible to see tens of whales and even petting them for the luckier!

Lunch in the ecological camp and then return to San Ignacio.

The trail between San Ignacio and the lagoon is very beautiful and offers changeable and contrasted landscapes). Night in a standard bungalow with breakfast.



The singular colonial French architecture gives this place a resemblance of a city of the Wild West.

The church conceived by Gustave Eiffel and the bakery are two curiosities which are worth being seen. The state and the municipality launched in 2006 a project of restoration of the ancient buildings to return to the city its atypical historic heritage.

Light in the hotel Frances, which is a symbol of the city in standard room with breakfast.

The hotel is a former wooden building very well preserved and maintained run with love by Irma the owner.

The place was formerly used for welcoming mines operators and their families.

[Day 14 / Santa Rosalía / Mulegé](#)

Continuation towards Mulegé, Small typical village rocked by the rhythm of the stream which cross it, we invite you to walk in the heart of the oasis, to visit the Mission and the ancient mission now a museum, and admire the very present and cheap crafts.

[Day 15 / Mulegé](#)

You will have all the time today to take the most of wonderful Bahía Concepción whose first beaches are only in about twenty kilometers more in the South...

Optional, possibility to do kayak or scuba diving.

Light in a hotel in standard room with breakfast.



Possibility of visiting islands Coronados, Danzante or Carmen who make part of 5 islands of the Marine National park of the Bay of Loreto, as named in 1966 by the president at that time, to protect one of the biggest underwater ecosystems of the northern hemisphere.

We can observe colonies of sea lions, dolphins, pelicans and other birds as the blue footed booby there, as well as many lizards and iguanas.

The fauna underwater of the region is exceptional because it is a place where tepid tropical waters meet colder subtropical waters, what explains the big variety of the species.

Night in a small charming hotel situated in the entry of the city.
Standard room with breakfast.

Day 17 / Loreto / San Javier / Loreto

Departure for San Javier situated to 36 km of trail of Loreto. The trail rises through the Sierra of Giganta and overhang green canyons. At the end of some hours, you reach the mission, in the hollow of mountains in the middle of an oasis.

Do not miss to go to see the hundred-years-old olive trees situated behind and which were planted by Jesuit missionaries in 18th century.

After the lunch in a local restaurant, you take back the dirt road in the other direction. The descent is also spectacular with in the background, the intense blue of the Sea of Cortez...
Return to Loreto.

Night in a small charming hotel with breakfast included.



Day 18 / Loreto / La Paz

Daying excursions: (Your choice must be determined at least 8 days before the excursion)

- Boat trip to Espiritu Santo Island (Sea lions, Dolphins, geologic formations).

(Half day).

- Sea kayak in the bay of La Paz / La Paz Bay (half day)

- Scuba driving

- Excursion on horseback (by horse) / Horse riding in a canyon and on the beach

(Half day)

- Quad on the beach and into dunes (3 hours)

Suggestions of visits:

- The city-center and its ancient memorials.

- Excursion in the sanctuary of cactus near El Triunfo

(Half-day) (Payable separately).

- Make the most of beautiful beaches of El Tesoro, of Balandra and Tecolote.

- Excursion to San Juan of Costa and San Evaristo (in the North of La Paz by following the coast). Very beautiful road which overhangs Gulf of California.

Mountains colored with green, pink, red and beige. Impressive geologic formations.

Possibility of exploring one of the canyons which open onto the road. (Just before arriving in San Juan de la Costa) (Half day), (the light is ideal in the morning). It is possible to continue 2 rough hours by following the coast until San Evaristo, small fishermen/anglers village, but the trail becomes more and more difficult. (Whole day).

Suggestion of restaurants in La Paz:

Sancho Viejo: Specialities of Tacos of Arrachera (grilled beef) and other authentic Mexican dishes.

Calle Marquez de Leon, at one block away from the seaside). Simple but tasty!

La Bohème (our restaurant): French, Mexican and international cuisine. An old colonial house built in 1850 with an interior patio, calm and shady, situated in the heart of La Paz (in Calle Esquerro, not far from, the sea). Offices of Mexcapade are situated in this setting.

Marino Marino : Restaurant with International cuisine with a Mexican touch (inside the Marina Costa Baja)

Rustico: Italian restaurant (Revolución at the corner with Bravo)

Envidia de Dali: Little coffee where you can find good express, teas and tisanes with a good pastries along with (Madero street inside Casa Parra Gallery).



21 / La Paz / Todos Santos

For two days in La Paz, you take back the wheel for Todos Santos.

The village is classified among the "magic villages of Mexico", the atmosphere is relaxed, walk in the streets where art galleries and shops of crafts succeed one another.

You are accommodated at the Posada La Poza, an boutique hotel situated in border of the mangrove in an exceptional set, in front of the beach of Poza.

A lagoon of "fresh" water lined with palm trees, huge and powerful waves coming to break kilometers of deserted beach and the numerous pelicans and the frigates birds shall seduce you at the sunset. (Impossible to swim).



Day 22 / Todos Santos / Cabo San Lucas

One more day, to get to the bottom of the peninsula...

Visiting the center of Cabo San Lucas. Optional you can take a boat up to the natural arch which marks the south end of the peninsula. It's here that the Sea of Cortez meets the Pacific Ocean, often in a deafening crash.

You go then to San Jose del Cabo and pass in front of "the corridor" where succeed one another villas and luxury hotels.

We planned to visit the historic center of San Jose del Cabo, the estuary and its palm grove and why not cacti Mundo, a botanical garden exclusively dedicated to cacti and succulent plants.

You will find numerous plants met during your stay there, and many of the others.

Light in a small hotel situated in the center of San Jose, not far from the palm grove.

Day 23: Departure.

You leave your vehicle at the international airport of Los Cabos situated in 30 minutes in the North of San Jose Del Cabo.

Flight for France via Mexico City or the USA.

End of our services

Our prices do not include:

*international flights,
meals others than those mentioned,
Tips and others personal expenses,
all other service which is not mentioned in this tour.*

Vehicle:

Mexcapade signed a partnership agreement with the firm National of La Paz which allows to apply good prices of rent and which allows a wide choice of all-roads vehicles or "sedan".

"Quoted with the total insurance (equivalent WSC), unlimited mileage, abandonment, hour of overtime, fuel, as well as quite other expenses concerning the vehicle "in the direct responsibility" of the customer.

In which season is better to travel?

We consider that this tour can be made all year long, but it is necessary to consider that in the South (from San Ignacio) the August and September is/are particularly warm (+/-40°C, 105°F) and very wet.

Furthermore, in September the risk of having hurricanes or big rains do not have to be underestimated.

All year long, Baja California enjoys a rather pleasant and warm climate generally speaking, with a little "cool" wind in winter, and sometimes cold nights (in the desert), and little rain.

In a general way, the North is cooler, with more rain in winter, and the South is warmer with