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"In-depth Adventure"

Auto-Tour with 4X4 of 18 days / 17 nights - All year long*

***Of/To/From mid-April to mid-January, days 8 and 10 disappear.**

“Options and circuits presented in this page constitute only some examples of tours. Mexcapade is able to study various personalized or customized propositions according to the budget, the tastes and to the typology of every traveller.

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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 / La Paz

- Arrival in La Paz - the flights from Europe (Air France), pass by Mexico City and arrive generally at 10:50 PM in La Paz
- Reception by a member(limb) of Mexcapade and transfer towards the hotel. Help(assistant) to the coverage(care) of your vehicle.
- Night in the charming El Angel Azul bed and breakfast in “full” city-centre very near the mission. (Standard room with breakfast).

www.elangelazul.com

This small B*B held/run by a Swiss, Esther (who speaks German, English, Spanish and little French) about ten (10) rooms, is a former/ancient colonial house built around an internal patio transformed into a very pleasant garden.

Day 2 / La Paz

Night in the Angel Azul in standard room with breakfast.

For this day, you can choose among the following options:

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

- Boat trip has to Espiritu Santo Island (Sea lions, Dauphins, geologic formations). (Half day).
- Sea kayak in the bay of La Paz. (half day)
- Scuba driving
- Horseback riding in a canyon and on the beach (Half day)
- ATV on the beach and into dunes (3 hours)

Suggestions of visits:

- The city-centre and its ancient memorials.
- Excursion in the cactus sanctuary near El Triunfo (Half-day) (Payable separately).
- Make the most of beautiful beaches of El Tesoro, of Balandra and Tecolote.
- Todos Santos, village of artiste and its beach in border of the Pacific. (Whole day)
- Crossing of the Sierra of Laguna from east to west by dirt road. (Crossing in 15 km in the South of Miraflores, and follow Los Naranjos) Caution, the trail is in bad condition(s) in some places (whole day).
- Excursion to San Juan de la Costa and San Evaristo (North of La Paz by following the coast). Very beautiful road which overhangs the Gulf of California. Mountains coloured with green, pink, red and beige. Impressive geologic formations. Possibility of exploring one of the canyons which opens 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 “good” hours by following the coast until San Evaristo, small fishermen village, but the road becomes more and more difficult. (Whole day).
- Excursion to Los Cabos. (Essentially San Jose del Cabo). Visits of the Historic-centre of San Jose del Cabo, the estuary and its palm grove, Cacti Mundo (botanical garden with exclusively cacti and succulent plants). To Cabo San Lucas Possibility of excursion to the natural arch which marks the south end of the peninsula. (Whole day).

Suggestion of restaurants in La Paz:

- Rancho Viejo: specialties of tacos of Arrachera (grilled beef) and the other Mexican authentic dishes. (In Calle Marquez de Leon, a street from the malecon). Simple but good!
- La Bohème (our restaurant): French, Mexican and international Cooking. Setting in a former colonial house dating from 1855 and a shaded and quiet internal patio in full city-centre. (In Calle Esquerro one block from Malecon) It is here that are installed) the offices of Mexcapade.
- Las Tres Virgenes: Restaurant of high Mexican gastronomy (In the Calle Madero in the angle/corner with the street Constitución).

Day 3 / La Paz / Loreto

- Departure for Loreto (+/-3:30 hours of road), the historic capital of California. Charming village where you can admire the oldest of all the missions of Baja California, as well as California, Nuestra Senora de Loreto.

- Night at hotel Hacienda Suites situated in the entrance/entry of the city.
- Base: standard room without breakfast.

Optional paying excursions:

- Boat trip in to Coronados Island. Snorkeling in the middle of the sea lions.

Picnic on the beach. (A half-day)

- Scuba diving in the marine national park of Loreto.

Suggestions of visits:

- The city centre and its ancient memorials. (Mission, museum).
- Excursion by to Mission San Javier located in the Sierra de la Giganta.
- Hike in the canyon El Tabor (to reach it, take the trail in the direction of the mountain situated just in front of the crossing for Puerto Escondido (15 km in the South of Loreto). (around 2 hours tour)



Day 4 / Loreto / San Javier / Loreto

Departure for San Javier situated at 36 km (20 miles) of dirt road from Loreto. The trail rises through the Sierra de la Giganta and overhangs 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 the 18th century.

After lunch in a local restaurant, you take back the trail 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 at Hotel Hacienda Suites in standard room without breakfast.

Day 5 / Loreto / Bahia Concepcion / Mulegé

Today direction Mulegé. The road is lined with immense Cardon cactus which exceed 15 meters (45 feet), then you open onto Bahia Concepcion. You follow the coast of the gulf on the road in ledge via the wonderful Bay, above the Sea of Cortez. Beaches succeed one another, lined with mangrove swamp.

The beaches of Buenaventura, Coyote and Santispac are options for lunch.

After Bahia Concepcion, you arrive in Mulegé, real oasis in the middle of the desert with its palm grove along the river and its mini peaceful and coloured central square.

To have dinner and sleep: Hotel Serenidad (standard room with breakfast).



Day 6 / Mulegé

Small village rocked by the rhythm of the stream which crosses it, we invite you to walk at the heart of the oasis, to visit the Mission and the former prison that has now become a museum, and admire the very present and cheap crafts.

You will have all the time to return to Bahia Concepcion to take completely the most of this sublime place.

Night at hotel Serenidad in standard room with breakfast.

Day 7/ Mulegé / Santa Rosalia / San Ignacio

Departure for San Ignacio. On the way you stop at Santa Rosalía, former mining city today reconverted into the fishing of the Squid of Humboldt.

The singular colonial French architecture give 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.

You continue then towards San Ignacio. On the road you can admire the majesty of Tres Virgenes and Azufre volcanoes, what allows you to observe very close the solidified lava flows.

The last eruption dates from the 18th century.

Arrival at San Ignacio. Night in Ignacio Springs in standard and fully equipped yurt!

This B&B is run by adorable Canadians (English speaking), she prepares excellent breakfasts, and as the river is very near, the customers benefit from kayaks or small boat to sail the watercourse up to the spring.

Day 8 / San Ignacio / Laguna San Ignacio / San Ignacio



(Mid-January to Mid-April)

During this day, direction Laguna San Ignacio for an encounter with the grey whales... Approximately two hours of road until you reach the Lagoon and then 1:30 hours or two by boat in the lagoon. In this period of the year, it is possible to see tens of whales and even pet them for the luckier!

Have lunch in the ecological camp Kuyima and then return to San Ignacio.

(The trail between San Ignacio and the lagoon is very beautiful and offers changeable and contrasted landscapes). Night at Ignacio Springs in standard yurt with breakfast.

[Day 9 / San Ignacio / San Francisco de la Sierra / San Ignacio.](#)

En route to the sierra of San Francisco. You take the road northward and after some kilometres, 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 before bought 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 10 / San Ignacio / Guerrero Negro \(215 km\)](#)

(Mid-January to Mid-April)

Departure to Guerrero Negro. 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. It is deeper and bigger than that of San Ignacio. Whales are there generally even more numerous than on the site of San Ignacio... Return in city and spend the night in the hotel Desert Inn in standard room without breakfast.

Day 11 / Guerrero Negro / Mission San Borja / Bahia of Los Angeles

Here you have reached Baja California norte, you cross the border between both states and continue northward. To come up to Rosarito, you take the dirt road which leads to the mission San Borja, one of the most isolated of the peninsula. You cross wonderful landscapes strewn with plants all as strange as the others. It is here that cirios can reach 20 meters high.

You visit the mission with the local guardian then you continue your road.

Finally, you arrive at Bahia of Los Angeles, kind of mirage which appears from the desert...

At sunset, mountains wear ochre and red colours, the whole being reflected on a glassy sea...

Night at hotel Costa del Sol in standard room with breakfast.



Day 12 / Bahia of 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 hotel Costa Del Sol in standard room with breakfast.

Day 13 / Bahia of Los Angeles / San Ignacio

Return to San Ignacio by the road.

Night to Ignacio Springs in standard yurt with breakfast.

Day 14 / San Ignacio / San Juanico

Way back towards Laguna San Ignacio and continue southward until San Juanico. This part of the circuit is exclusively constituted by trail in more or less good condition.

It is the occasion to be a little more adventurous while discovering one of the wildest and most virgin part of the peninsula, through the long dirt road that connects San Ignacio to San Juanico...

You cross varied desert landscapes and join finally the village of San Juanico, considered in the world of surfing to possess one of the longest waves of the planet. (This phenomenon arises mostly during summer months).

Night at Scorpio Bay Lodge in a bungalow overhanging the beach. (breakfast not included), (talk to the restaurant to obtain your key).



[Day 15 / San Juanico](#)

Free/Available Day to take advantage of the Pacific Ocean (for the first time). It will be possible for you to rent a surfboard and let you slide on the waves if you feel like it.
Night at Scorpion Bay Lodge in bungalow (breakfast not included).

[Day 16 / San Juanico / San Isidro / La Paz](#)

You resume the road southward. This one is soon transformed into a dirt road, and you continue until San Isidro. The village is situated in a wide valley dominated by "El Pilon", a very photogenic rocky cone. At its feet, a green palm grove lines the river.

After the break, you get back in the car, direction La Paz, with the head full of images...
Arrival at the end of the day.

At night to the Angel Azul in standard room(chamber) with breakfast.

[Day 17 / La Paz.](#)

Day to relax or go into one of the activities proposed at Day 1.

[Day 18 / La Paz. Departure..](#)

You leave your vehicle at the airport and take your flight back.
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 what season 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 more rain in summer.

Here are the average temperatures:

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Air (° C)	18	20	23	27	28	30	32	34	35	30	24	22
Water (° C)	19	19	19	19	18	18	22	27	27	27	25	20