

## **2019 – Baja Adventure**

Sunday (2/17) - Drive towards San Diego (520 Miles; 9.5 hours)

Stay at a Days Inn in Encinitas

Monday (2/18) - Explore San Diego (30 Miles; 1 hour)

Stop in Torrey Pines State Park and hike down to Black's Beach

Walk along the La Jolla waterfront to see the seals, sea lions, and pelicans

Have lunch at Sicilia Bella in La Jolla

Drive out to Point Loma

Hike down the road to explore the Point Loma tide pools

Stop at the Costco in Chule Vista to get pesos

Stay at Days Inn in Chule Vista

Tuesday (2/19) - Cross the border in Tijuana and drive to San Quintin (210 miles; 5 hours)

Drive our 4WD on the beach by the hotel

Sit in the sunny courtyard reading (too windy on beach)

Have dinner in the Hotel Dining Room

Stay in Hotel Mision Santa Maria San Quintin (\$66 per night)

Wednesday (2/20) - San Quintin (0 miles; 0 hours)

Take a 4-mile stroll along the beach

Sit in the sunny courtyard reading

Lolo goes for a 5-mile run on the beach

Have dinner in the Hotel Mision Santa Maria Dining Room

Stay in Hotel Mision Santa Maria San Quintin (\$66 per night)

Thursday (2/21) - Catavina (106 miles; 2.5 hours)

Drive 2 ½ hours to Catavina

Stop and gas up in El Rosario - Baja Cactus Pemex station (last gas for 225 miles)

Visit the Catavina Pinturas Rupestres( cave paintings)

Photograph the Catavina cacti/boulder field

Have dinner in the Hotel Mision Catavina dining room

Stay at Hotel Mision Catavina (\$85 per night)

Friday (2/22) - Ecotourism Kuyima (280 miles; 6.5 hours)

Drive 6.5 hours to Kuyima on Lan San Ignacio

Stop for gas at Ejido Villa Jesús María along the way

Camp at Kuyima Eco Tour Whale Watching Camp on the Laguna San Ignacio (\$7 per night)

Saturday (2/23) – Eco Tour Kuyima to Eco Tour Las Tres Virgenes (70 miles; 2.5 hours)

Wake up early to go out on a 3-hour whale tour in Laguna San Ignacio

See dozens of whales spouting, breaching, and spyhopping

Because of the strong winds, skip camping that night

Stop in town of San Ignacio (1 hour 30 minutes) to see the mission and the plaza

Continue driving another hour to Eco Tour Las Tres Virgenes  
Have dinner in the small dining room at the facility  
Photograph the volcanoes in the evening light  
Stay in one of the very rustic cabins Eco Tour Las Tres Virgenes (\$18 per night)

Sunday (2/24) – Mulege (63 miles; 1.5 hours)

Take photos of Las Tres Virgenes in the morning light before leaving  
Stop in Santa Rosalia to see the Iglesia de Santa Barbara de Santa Rosalia  
Designed by Alexandre-Gustave Eiffel  
Stop at a roadside cemetery with colorful mausoleums  
Continue driving to the town of Mulege  
Visit the Museo Historico de Mulege, a one-time prison turned into a museum  
Visit the Mision Santa Rosalia de Mulege  
beautiful stone structure with great views of the town and river  
Check into our hotel, Las Casa Granada on the mouth of the Rio Santa Rosalia de Mulege  
Drive down to Playa Santispac to check it out as a future camping destination  
Drive back to Mulege and explore the beach near our hotel – across from the lighthouse  
Have dinner at La Serenidad Hotel next door  
Stay at Casa Granada (\$55 per night)

Monday (2/25) – Loreto (130 miles; 3.5 hours)

Before going into town, we took a side trip to the remote Mision San Francisco Javier  
28 miles along a steep road through the scenic valley of the Sierra del la Giganta  
Crown jewel of the Baja mission system  
Impressive architecture and excellent state of preservation  
Have lunch at Betty's in San Javier (one of the two restaurants in town)  
Continue onto Loreto and check into Coco Cabanas and Casitas  
Explore Loreto  
Stroll to town along the Malecon waterfront promenade to the plaza and mission  
Walk back to Coco's and make dinner in our kitchenette  
Stay at Coco's Cabanas and Casitas (\$100 per night)

Tuesday (2/26) – Loreto (30 miles; 1 hour)

Take an early morning 3-mile stroll along the beach past beachfront motels and homes  
Take a brief hike (boulder scrambling) into Tabor Canyon  
Hang out by the pool for awhile  
Walk to town along the Malecon again  
Photograph California brown pelicans diving for dinner  
Have dinner at Mi Loreto by the mission  
Stay at Coco's Cabanas and Casitas (\$100 per night)

Wednesday (2/27) – Playa El Requeson (60 miles; 1.25 hours)

Drive to Playa El Requeson  
Walk along the sandbar out to the island  
Photograph the beautiful evening light and bioluminescence  
Camp on Playa El Requeson (\$7 per night)

Thursday (2/28) – Back to Catavina (344 miles; 7.5 hours)

Drive back to Catavina, retracing our route along Mexico 1

Take photographs of the cacti approaching Catavina

Stay at Hotel Mision Catavina (\$85 per night)

Friday (3/1) – Valle de Guadalupe and Crossing the Border (340 miles; 8.5 hours)

Continue drive towards the Tecate border

Drive La Ruta del Vino through the Valle de Guadalupe wine regions

Have lunch at Finca Altozano

Cross back into the U.S through the Tecate border

Drive another hour to a Days Inn outside of San Diego

Saturday (3/2) – Home (570 miles; 10.5 hours)

Drive, drive, drive

Home sweet home

Total Trip Mileage: 2,753 miles

Average Miles per Day: 196 miles