



Baja California

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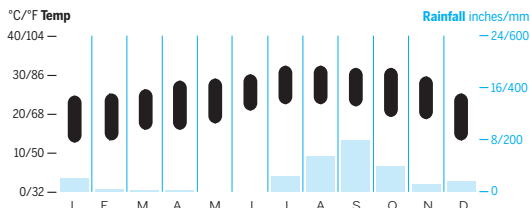
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Why Go?

Baja is the earth's second-longest peninsula – over 1200km of the mystical, ethereal, majestic and untamed. Those lucky enough to make the full Tijuana to Los Cabos trip will find that the Carretera Transpeninsular (Hwy 1) offers stunning vistas at every turn. The middle of nowhere is more beautiful than you ever imagined, and people are friendly, relaxed and helpful – even in the border towns. Side roads pass through tiny villages and wind drunkenly along the sides of mountains. Condors carve circles into an unblemished blue sky. Some people sip something special (alcoholic) while the sun plunges into the Pacific. Some feel the rush of adrenalin as they surf that perfect wave. Others walk through sherbet-colored canyons or stare up at the night's canopy of scattered-diamond stars. Enjoy it whatever way suits you best and you'll understand what Baja's all about.

When to Go

Cabo San Lucas



Jan–Mar Flowers bloom, cacti swell, things get green. Whales, whale sharks and big-wave surfing make it a happening time to visit.

Aug–Sep Beaches all but empty, tourists few and far between. You have Baja all to yourself, but it's hot – even in the shade.

Oct–Nov Party-goers, don't miss Sammy Hagar's birthday bash in early October, or the Día de Muertos fiesta at the end of the month.

Baja California Highlights

1 Kayak at **Espíritu Santo** (p719) as the big Baja sun drops into the bay

2 Get good and tipsy tasting the bucolic delights of the **Ruta del Vino** (boxed text p699)

3 Dive or snorkel at mystical **Las Sirenitas** (p724), in Cabo Pulmo National Marine Park, home to the Sea of Cortez's only living coral reef

4 Marvel at mice, deer, hunters and otherworldly creatures in the hundreds of ancient cave paintings at the **Sierra de San Francisco** (p711)

5 Cross the world's most crossed border in **Tijuana** (p693) to gawk, shop or party to your heart's content

6 Assist researchers as you snorkel with whale sharks in the quiet waters of **La Paz Bay** (p719)

7 Take a sunset cruise around Land's End and the Arch in **Cabo San Lucas** (p728) as the sun plunges into the Pacific

