Baja Tour

Jan 1		Tijuana - Rosarito	
Jan 2, Thur, Tecate - Ensenada	72 mi	Rosarito - Ensenada	
Jan 3 Ensenada - Colonet	77 mi		
Jan 4 Colonet - El Rosario	81 mi		
Jan 5 El Rosario - Catavina	75 mi		
Jan 6 Catavina - Rosarito	98 mi		
Jan 7 Rosarito - Vizcaino	94 mi		
Jan 8 Vizcaino - San Ignacio	44 mi		
Jan 9 San Ignacio	0	San Ignacio - Mulege	84 mi
Jan 10 San Ignacio - Santa Rosalia	45 mi	Mulege - Loreto	85 mi
Jan 11 Santa Rosalia - Rancho El Coyote	56 mi	Loreto	0
Jan 12 Ranch El Coyote - Loreto	67mi	Loreto - Constitution	92
Jan 13 Loreto (or San Javier) Jan 14 Loreto - Constitution Jan 15 Constitution - Rancho El Conejo Jan 16 Rancho El Conejo - La Paz Jan 17 La Paz Jan 18 La Paz - Todos Santos Jan 19 Todos Santos - Cabo San Lucas	0 (46 mi) 92 mi 84 mi 50 mi 0 50 mi 45 mi	Constitution - Rancho el Conejo/La Paz La Paz/Rancho el Conejo - La Paz La Paz	84/134 0/50 0

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BAJA CALIFORNIA SUR (E-2)

Mulege (moo-leh-HEH) is an old, traditional Mexican town and an oasis in the middle of the inhospitable Baja California desert. Perched on a terrace above the Rfo Mulege—one of the peninsula's few rivers—it has dirt streets and a laid- back air. Mulege also offers easy accessibility to the stunning beaches and tucked-away coves of Bahfa Conception, which begins 19 kilometers (12 miles) south of town.

Mulege's history dates back to 1705 with the founding of the Mission Santa Rosalia de Mulege (Mulege means "large creek"). Mulege thrived as a producer of subtropical fruits and as a regional market center long before the completion of Mex. 1 brought tourists from the United States.

The Mission Santa Rosalia de Mulege, just upstream from the Mex. 1 bridge over the river, is reached by a pathway shaded by broad-leafed banana plants. Sunday services are still held in the solid stone structure. A hilltop view takes in the town, the green-tinged, mangrove-edged waters of the river and date palm groves spreading

toward the mountains. About 3 kilometers (2 miles) northeast of town is the public beach, at the end of a dirt road

where the Rio Mulege empties into the Sea of Cortes. The beach has dark sand, a few waves and, in summer, jellyfish. Nearby El Sombrerito, at the mouth of the river, is a hat-shaped monolith with stone steps leading to a lighthouse at the summit. Mulege offers outstanding fishing and boating opportunities at the mouth of the river and on the bay. Game species include grouper, sea bass, red snapper and occasional billfish. Fishing arrangements can be made through most hotels or at one of the many RV parks along the river south of town. The area also attracts scuba divers and snorkelers; the underwater life in Bahi'a Concepci6n includes impressively large sea turtles. Mulege Divers, in town at Madero #45. can arrange scuba and snorkeling expeditions and rents equipment; phone (115) 3-0134. The beaches south off Mex. 1 along the shores of the bay are lauded by aficionados, and with good reason. The water is warm, clear and gloriously blue, and the beaches of coarse white sand are studded with shells. For a backdrop, there are mountains tinted shades of rose by the sun. All of the beaches are accessible from Mex. 1, with signs posted at each tumoff; however, the access roads are likely to be sandy,



rutted or both. For those who wish to hike from the highway (wear sturdy shoes), bus drivers will make drop-offs at the access roads; double-check the time the last northbound bus heads back to town. Expect to share these beaches with an army of RVers and campers.



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