



TAILHUNTER ANSWERS YOUR QUESTIONS

CHECKING OUT:

If you're taking a shuttle or taxi to the La Paz Airport, you'll need to be there at least 2 hours prior to departure. Allow enough time. Get your fish out of the freezers early to avoid the rush of other anglers also retrieving fish and taking the same flight. If you're headed to Cabo San Lucas Airport, you have a 3 hour ride plus allow another two hours security check-in.

PACKING:

Unless you are told otherwise, you are allowed two check-in bags of no more than 70 pound each. (Check with your airlines as things change all the time!) In terms of ice chests the airlines will often not accept ice chests over 70 quarts or will charge you exorbitant prices, especially for the huge marine coolers. Rods should be packed in rod tubes or strong PVC tubes. Bring duct tape. Lock all luggage. Don't forget to put your name on all luggage! For fish, it should be frozen in zip-lock style bags. Do NOT put ice in the cooler as it will melt and leak on other luggage. Pack it tight and put newspaper and/or dirty clothes around it for extra insulation. Duct tape it tightly and it will stay as long as two days like this.

CATCH AND RELEASE

You are welcome and encouraged to keep within the limits and what you can reasonably consume! However, we want to keep doing this for many years to come so we also encourage C.P. R. (Catch - Photo - Release). If you'd like a lifetime momento, take a good photo, release your fish and we can still make an incredible wall mount for you!

PHONE CALLS OUT OF MEXICO

It is usually very expensive to call from a hotel room unless you have a calling card, e.g, AT& T, MCI, etc. However, Ladatel cards are for sale all over the city and can be used very inexpensively at Ladatel phones located in many places. Cell phones work well. At this time, we know that AT&T, Verizon and Nextel phones usually work IF you have an international calling plan so check with your carrier. To dial to U.S. simply dial 001 + area code + number.

INTERNET

Many of the hotels currently have an internet terminal, but all over town high-speed internet cafes are fun and inexpensive.

MONEY:

Dollars are gladly accepted. Good idea to bring lots of smaller bills (under \$20 denominations). Try not to use your credit card except for emergencies or big purchases as you will lose on the exchange rates. There are ATM's in town dispensing pesos.

MEDICAL ATTENTION

La Paz actually has some excellent medical and dental facilities. The larger hotels all have a doctor on-call in case of dire needs. However, for minor first-aid things, upset tummies, etc., the hotel receptions usually have a well-stocked medicine chest. Don't forget plenty of your own personal medicines and insurance info.

KIDS

La Paz is extremely safe but use common sense. Keep an eye on your kids no matter what activities you participate in during the day. If your child has special medical needs make sure you have the medications or prescriptions. If only one parent is traveling with the child, bring a medical authorization from the other parent in case medical treatment is necessary.

RESTAURANTS AND STREET VENDORS :

The city is famous for its food! Ask for recommendations at your hotel. Street vendors are great. The "test" is to eat where you see the locals eating! Here are some of my favorite eateries. Any taxi can take you to them:

The Oasis - on the malecon - sidewalk cafe with great food and music at night

Buffalo Grill – Big fat steaks and ribs in a hidden courtyard cooked over mesquite and cedar

Tequilas Bar & Grill - Says it all. Great tequila and Pedro makes super steaks!

Rancho Viejo - Tacos and Potatoes in a charming courtyard

Super Burros - Famous Street tacos and giant burritos! (only at night)

Nuevo Pekin - Yes, Chinese food in Mexico that's pretty darned good!

Carlos & Charlie - The center of La Paz dining and nightlife on the waterfront

La Fuente - Some consider this the BEST ice cream in the world...A MUST!

La Pazta or Café Milano - Darned good Italian food!

Bismark (in town) or **Bismark Cito** (on the waterfront)- Famous Seafood

Bermejo – Restaurant at Los Arcos Hotel – Nice to get dressed up a bit with great food

Las Palmas – Restaurant at La Concha Beach Resort – overlooking the beach and palm trees

Pichilingue Restaurant – Well worth the 10 minute drive north of town to sand floors and a palapa roof with excellent seafood and the best sunset in La Paz. Have their own clam beds!

Seven Crown Restaurant – On the 5th floor of the Seven Crown Hotel overlooking the bay and the malecon. Best view in town. Continental cuisine.

TIPPING

Tipping is discretionary and much appreciated. Even a dollar is much appreciated so small bills are handy to carry. American coins don't work in Mexico! Here's an unofficial guideline:

Bellman – dollar a bag/ice chest/ etc.

Drivers – dollar extra for short trip

Waiters or bartenders – 10 percent

Divemaster – 10 dollars/day

Fishing guide/captain – \$15 to \$20 per person per day

Airport Driver – dollar per person or per bag

HOTEL EMERGENCY NUMBERS FOR FAMILY (calling from the U.S. to reach YOU!)

Hotel La Concha - 011-52-612-12-16161

Hotel Marina - 011-52-612-12-16254

Hotel Los Arcos - 011-52-612-12-22744

Cortez Club Diving - 011-52-612-12-16120

REACHING US

Tailhunter International – 877-825-8802 toll free U.S. number

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TRAVEL SAFE AND HAVE A GREAT VACATION!