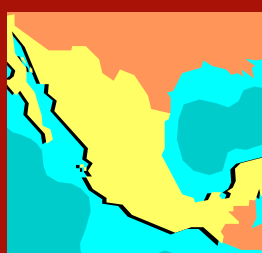


# Mexico Flyout Information

## March 12 - 19, 2010



### ITINERARY

(NOTE: trip cost includes all lodging, plus those meals indicated in red)

**Friday, March 12.** Arrive Tucson, Arizona. Please use Tucson International Airport (KTUS) and park at the Executive Terminal at the base of the control tower; transfer to the Radisson Suites Hotel near the airport for the afternoon Tour Briefing at 3:00 p.m. The CFC guides will present a trip overview and flight briefing at the hotel, and ensure that all transborder procedures, paperwork and formalities are met.

**Saturday, March 13.** In the morning we will depart Tucson and fly in to Mexico near Nogales, then continue southward through the Sonoran desert to one of Mexico's most important deep sea ports at Guaymas. After completing fueling and the Mexican customs and immigration formalities, we'll take off again for the flight over the Sea of Cortés to the airport near the beach at Mulegé. We'll walk to the Hotel Serenidad right next to the airstrip, check in, and enjoy an afternoon of shopping, planespotting, or just relaxing poolside. We've scheduled our stay so that we can enjoy their Saturday evening Pig Roast. **B/D**

**Sunday, March 14.** Today is a free day to explore the Baja and see the whales for those who wish. For whale watching, we'll make the short flight across the Baja Peninsula to Laguna San Ignacio, home of the biosphere preserve protecting the breeding grounds of the amazing grey whales. Each year, hundreds of grey whales migrate southward from Alaska in order to breed and give birth to their young. Laguna San Ignacio is one of 4 breeding grounds on the Baja, and the one least disturbed by human development. You will love the sand/shell airstrip and the 2-hour boat tour (approx. US\$40 pp) in the lagoon where you will see, photograph and touch these beautiful creatures. An optional lunch (approx. US\$10 pp) is served on the beach. We will return to Mulegé and Hotel Serenidad that afternoon.

**Monday, March 15.** Today we will journey further down the Baja Peninsula. After a fuel stop in La Paz, we will continue southward to Punta Pescadero, where we will check into our beautiful, 21-room hotel with spectacular ocean views all around. The hotel's owner and maintains a private, 3500' airstrip for the exclusive use of its customers.

**Tuesday, March 16.** You will have a free day to enjoy southern Baja as you wish. Options include fishing, sea kayaking, ATV touring, or even additional flying (Cabo San Lucas is a short, 60-nm hop from here). Of course, reading a book by the seaside pool is always a great option, too!

**Wednesday, March 17.** After breakfast, we will depart north for an unforgettable two nights in Alamos, Sonora. One of Mexico's *Pueblos Mágicos*, Alamos is a beautiful town of cultural significance open and eager to accept general aviation pilots. Our host, Jim Swickard, owns the Hacienda de los Santos Resort and Spa, where we will stay for two nights. You will enjoy strolling this clean, friendly town, perusing its galleries, and soaking up the sun and elegance inside the walls of the 6-acre resort. **L/D**

**Thursday, March 18.** You may enjoy Alamos in a variety of ways: by tourist train, bicycle, or on foot. Many opt simply for a day of rest and rejuvenation inside the resort walls—at the spa, beside the pool, or inside Zapata's Bar, marveling and sampling from what's been called the "second largest tequila selection" in all of Mexico. **B/L/D**

**Friday, March 19.** After breakfast, we'll return to the airport for departure back to the United States. A quick (Mexican time) stop in Ciudad Obregón for fueling and departure paperwork is followed by the international flight back to Tucson. *There will be another pilot briefing outlining all pertinent procedures prior to making this flight.* Following completion of the customs and immigration formalities with the US authorities, you can fly home, or feel free to spend an extra day or two in Tucson's Sonoran desert. **B**

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## WEATHER INFORMATION

The early spring weather on the Baja is usually breezy with sunny skies and temperatures in the 70s. Alamos is a desert climate, much like Grand Junction only warmer; the temperature there should be around 80 degrees with lots of sunshine.

## OVER-WATER FLIGHT INFORMATION

This flyout includes two flights over the Sea of Cortés which will be beyond gliding distance to shore. While not required, life rafts and/or personal flotation equipment for each occupant of your aircraft should be considered.

## PRICE

The price for this flyout is \$2895 per couple/aircraft. The price includes the following:

- Seven nights' hotel accommodation (double-occupancy)
- Breakfast at Tucson
- Don Johnson's popular "Pig Roast" at Hotel Serenidad
- All meals at Alamos
- All necessary charts and airport data
- Flight planning and weather data services
- Comprehensive flight briefings in Grand Junction and Tucson
- Guide services of two bilingual pilot/guides with a guide aircraft
- Travel binder for all international documentation requirements

You will be responsible for aircraft fuel, tie-down fees, Mexican aircraft insurance, and all miscellaneous aircraft registration fees, landing fees, immigration fees, and other taxes imposed by Mexican aviation authorities. Additionally, all activities, non-included meals and beverages are at your expense. Recently, the tie-down, taxes, licensing, and miscellaneous Mexican fees for a trip similar to this was about US\$150/aircraft. Mexican aircraft insurance must be obtained before we cross in to Mexico. For a high-performance single-engine aircraft, insurance will cost about \$85. Fuel should be estimated based on the fuel burn of your aircraft; current fuel cost (100LL) in Mexico is approximately US\$4.00 per gallon.

PLEASE NOTE: All fuel purchases, landing fees, aircraft registration, passenger fees, and miscellaneous taxes while in Mexico generally must be paid for in cash (U.S. dollars or Mexican pesos), although use of credit cards is becoming more acceptable. Please plan accordingly.

## FLYING IN MEXICO

Flying in Mexico is not much different than flying in the United States. The Mexican officials do, however, have some strict requirements regarding aircraft, pilots, and their passengers when crossing from the U.S. to Mexico. The U.S. officials have similar requirements when crossing back in to the United States.

Keep in mind that **each pilot and passenger will need a passport**. Everyone will also need a tourist visa, which we will obtain upon landing in Guaymas.

In addition to the US documentation requirements, you will need the following for your aircraft:

- Aircraft Radio Station License
- Mexican third-party liability insurance certificate
- Letter of Authorization from the owner, if you are borrowing or renting the aircraft. This is absolutely necessary if the aircraft is registered to a person or entity other than the pilot.
- Customs decal

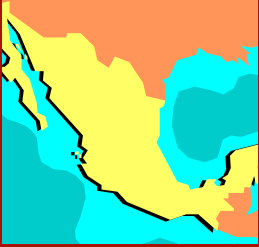
The pilot must also hold a Radiotelephone Operator Permit.

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Colorado Flight Center (CFC) will gladly assist you in obtaining the appropriate forms and documents in order to enter Mexico and return to the United States. We will also assist you in filing the required flight plans, customs reports, and communicating with the appropriate agencies prior to crossing the border, both ways. The CFC guides will verify that the paperwork is in order for all aircraft, pilots, and passengers prior to the trip.

## USEFUL LINKS

### Hotels

Radisson Suites Hotel, Tucson, Arizona, [www.radisson.com/tucsonaz](http://www.radisson.com/tucsonaz)

Hotel La Serenidad, Mulegé, Baja California Sur, [www.serenidad.com](http://www.serenidad.com)

Hotel Punta Pescadero, Baja California Sur, [www.puntapescadero.com](http://www.puntapescadero.com)

Hacienda de los Santos Resort and Spa, Alamos, Sonora, [www.haciendadelossantos.com](http://www.haciendadelossantos.com)

### Grey Whales

General Information, [www.kuyima.com/whales/greywhales.html](http://www.kuyima.com/whales/greywhales.html)

One Guy's Quasi-Expert Knowledge, [www.greywhale.com/interest.htm](http://www.greywhale.com/interest.htm)

Laguna San Ignacio, [www.mexonline.com/sanignacio.htm](http://www.mexonline.com/sanignacio.htm)

### Communities

Mulegé, Baja California Sur, [www.mulege.net](http://www.mulege.net)

Punta Pescadero, Baja California Sur, [www.bajaquest.com/losbarriles](http://www.bajaquest.com/losbarriles)

Alamos, Sonora, [www.alamosmexico.com](http://www.alamosmexico.com)



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