

Things to Do & See in La Paz

Following are a few of our favorite things to do in La Paz. Many we have personally tried and can recommend. This list is by no means complete, and businesses here come and go, so it's always best to check first to confirm hours and locations.

Exploring & Shopping:

- Walk the *malecon* in the morning and at sunset for great people watching and souvenir shopping. Try fish tacos or a street hot dog for a quick snack. Stop by [La Fuente](#) for an ice cream. Shop for souvenirs at the vendors near La Paz marina.
- Visit the farmer's market on Calle Madero on Tuesday or Saturday mornings 9:00am - noon.
- Stop in at [Doce Cuarenta](#) coffee shop on Calle Madero for organic fresh ground coffee and pastries, and browse the Got Baja shop for t-shirts and souvenirs. Free WiFi available and courtyard patio with tables for lounging in back.
- Walk around the public markets near Revolucion and Bravo.
- Rent bicycles at [TIM Rent-A-Bike](#) or Adso & Nara (just off the malecon) and tour the city.
- Visit the [Mercado Madero](#) (corner of Revolucion y Degollado) or [Mercado Bravo](#) (Nicolas Bravo and Guillermo Prieto) for fresh fish, steak, organic veggies and pottery.
- Browse the [Allende bookstore](#) for English language books about Baja California Sur.
- Visit the Produce Terminal (on Agustin Olachea near Tonatiu). Organic veggies, butcher shop, and lots of other food and household goods.
- Go bargain hunting at the *segundas* (second hand stores) in Chametla (on the Transpeninsular highway just past the La Paz airport).
- Shop at [Casa Parra](#) for local art (right across the street from the Cathedral).





Culture:

- Hunt for hand painted street murals in the side streets just off the *malecon*.
- Visit the Cathedral (Revolucion and Independencia).
- Tour the Anthropology Museum at Altimirano and Cinco de Mayo.
- Spend an hour at the [whale museum](#) to learn about the amazing marine life in the Sea of Cortez.
- Check out the [Serpentario](#) de La Paz, a local wildlife rehabilitation center (near Hotel La Posada).
- Visit [Ibarra's pottery shop](#) and (if you're lucky) watch them make pottery.
- Attend events at Teatro La Paz or Teatro IMSS.
- Take salsa or Zumba classes.
- Attend cultural presentations at Se Habla.
- Visit www.rozinlapaz.com for an event calendar.

Outdoor Adventures

- Swim with whale sharks or visit the sea lion colony at Isla Espiritu Santo. Tours available on the malecon or at Tecolote beach through www.espiritu-baja.com.mx and www.redtravelmexico.com. Day trips or longer camping and kayaking trips available.
- Go snorkeling or diving at Balandra, Saltito, Tecolote, and many other snorkel and dive spots. Ask a local dive shop for recommendations.
- Go hiking or mountain bike riding in the hills overlooking La Paz, or in El Centenario. La Paz trails can be found at <https://www.wikiloc.com/trails/hiking/mexico/baja-california-sur/misiones-de-la-paz>.
- Rent stand-up paddle boards (SUPs) or kayaks at [Harker Boards](#) on the malecon, or at Hotel La Posada, Hotel La Concha, or Balandra/Tesoro beaches.
- Take kite boarding or wind surfing [lessons](#) at La Ventana beach, a 30 minute drive from La Paz.
- Go surfing or boogie boarding at Cerritos beach (Pacific side just south of Todos Santos).
- Play golf at [Costa Baja](#) or [Paraiso del Mar](#).
- Rent an ATV and explore the beaches and desert terrain around La Paz.
- Go [horseback riding](#) on the beach or through mountain and desert terrain at Rancho El Cajon.



Beaches

- [Balandra](#): 25 minutes from downtown La Paz, rent a car or take the bus. Voted one of the top beaches in Mexico, Balandra has shallow, very clear water and white sand. You can wade the entire way across. Go early to get a free palapa, or bring your own umbrella for shade (especially in the summer). Sometimes SUP/kayak rentals, but no food/beverage, so bring your own. No restrooms or facilities here. Paddle or kayak around the corner to the right to the next beach for good snorkeling.
- [Ticolote](#): Just past Balandra, 30 minutes from downtown La Paz. Rent a car or take the bus. Full service restaurants (lunch starts around 1:00 p.m.) serve a variety of seafood and drinks. Get a table at Bar Ticolote (the big blue building) to sit on the beach right next to the water. Rent jet skis by the half-hour or hour. Live music on Sunday nights.
- [Pichilingue](#): Small beautiful beach near the ferry terminal on the way to Balandra. Two restaurants on site. SUP and kayak rentals available. Closer to the highway than Balandra so can be a bit noisier.
- [Tesoro](#): Small beach on the way to Balandra, with restaurant, restrooms and SUP/kayak rentals. Very nice beach. Close to the highway so there is more road noise here.
- [La Concha beach hotel](#): quick taxi or Uber ride from downtown. Beautiful private beach with food, kayak and SUP rentals, and bar. You can purchase a day pass to use the beach club.
- [La Posada](#): right in front of Hotel La Posada. Services at the hotel, including kayak and SUP rentals. Water is not great for swimming here.
- [El Mogote](#): The peninsula you can see from the downtown La Paz malecon. Very close to El Centenario, yet secluded with few beachgoers, especially during the week. Great place to bring your dogs or to kayak. You can often see dolphins and whale sharks from the shore, be sure to keep a safe distance from wildlife and do not disturb them. Need a 4WD to get over the dunes to the beach, or park up on the road and walk down. No services. Take the road out to the end of the peninsula to sit on the beach and look back at downtown La Paz.
- [El Saltito](#): a little further drive, but very beautiful and secluded. No services, so bring your own food, beverages, and shade. Good snorkeling over by the rocks on either side.
- [Cerritos Beach Club](#): a great surfing beach just South of Todos Santos and Pescadero. Park to the right of the Beach Club parking, just under the cliff with the big hotel above it. Bring food and drinks or order from the restaurant. Surfboard and boogie board rentals. Experienced swimmers only, this beach has strong currents and waves. Hit [Freesouls](#) restaurant and bar for great appetizers and a mar-



garita afterwards, or go just up the road to [Hierba Buena](#) in Pescadero for great cocktails and fresh organic meals served in the middle of the restaurant's own gardens.

- [Cabo Pulmo](#): one of the best diving/snorkeling areas around (approx. 2 hours from La Paz on the Sea of Cortez side). Stay at [Vidasoul](#) hotel and watch the horses drink from the pool in the afternoon, then stay for dinner.
- La Ventana: a neat little town 45 minutes from La Paz, great for kite boarding or wind surfing.

Day Trips:

- Go deep sea fishing for tuna, dorado and marlin with [Baja Pirates of La Paz Fishing Fleet](#) or one of many other fishing charters. All-day trip including lunch and drinks, departs from Pichilingue marina.
- Todos Santos (45 minute drive) for great shopping and art galleries. Stop for lunch at one of many excellent restaurants. Visit the [Hotel California](#) for lunch, excellent margaritas and souvenirs. During the winter season, hit Las Tunas beach before sunset to watch turtle hatchlings get released into the Pacific Ocean. Or drive a short way out of town to [El Mirador](#) for a cocktail and enjoy the sunset there overlooking the Pacific ocean.
- Los Barriles, a small beach town around 2 hours from La Paz. Go shopping in town, have lunch at one of the beachfront restaurants, and stop at the charming town of El Triunfo along the way for coffee and pastries at [El Triunfo Café](#). Drive a little further on highway 1 toward San Jose del Cabo, and stop at the Tropic of Cancer monument (the southern most point on the globe where the sun can still be directly overhead).
- Visit the [Baja Beans](#) farmers market in El Pescadero on Sunday morning to shop the local vendors for organic produce, fresh caught fish, handmade jewelry, artisan clothing, live music and coffee. Head to Cerritos Beach to catch the waves, or to [Rancho Pescadero](#) or [Hierba Buena](#) for lunch.

Entertainment:

- Watch a professional soccer game at a local sports bar with Mexican fans.
- Attend one of the music festivals during the winter season at [Marea La Paz](#) on the beach.
- Go to the movies at [Cinemex Platino](#) (English w/ Spanish subtitles), order food and drinks right from your massive lounge seats.
- Go to [Cava Sur Restaurant and Wine Bar](#) or [La Morante Art Bar](#) for dinner and live music. Get there before 8:00 p.m. or make a reservation.
- Watch a live band at the [Blue Marlin](#) in El Centenario, 20 minutes from downtown La Paz.
- Eat dinner downtown, and pay one of the wandering local musicians to play at your table.
- Go to [La Costa Restaurant](#) on Wednesday night, have dinner and enjoy music and dancing.
- Go to Tecolote Beach late afternoon and watch live music on Sundays.

