



!Baja Si!

2008 Escapees Chapter 8 Rally

March 1-16, 2008

Number of nights in parentheses

SAN DIEGO (2) We rendezvous in San Diego and during two days get our tourist visas, road logs, Spanish lessons and get to know each other. The 2008 Chapter 8 Rally to Baja California is a “progressive” rally with 6 stops in Baja. We finish up here with a BBQ hamburger dinner the night before we leave for....

ENSENADA (2) We'll be in this bustling and modern town for 2 nights, staying at a luxurious resort, doing our final shopping if necessary (yes, there is a Costco and a Walmart!) There's lots to do here! After a delicious Mexican buffet with Mariachis, we'll head south into the REAL Baja.

SAN QUINTIN (2) Dry camping on a gorgeous wide Pacific coast beach: birdwatching, hiking, beach-combing, maybe fishing with the local fishermen or horseback riding. We'll have a Margarita Party and a potluck highlighted by tamales made by the campground owner's daughter. Relax and enjoy the ocean!

CATAVIÑA (2) We're in the beautiful Cataviña boulder gardens. Cacti abound including the famous and weird looking Boojum tree which only grows in this part of Baja. We'll dry camp and relax in this paradise for 2 nights and have another Margarita Party and a great Mexican dinner! Wait till you see the sunsets!

GUERRERO NEGRO (2) Now we've reached the 28th parallel, the border between the states of Baja Norte and Baja Sur, delineated by the huge stylized “Eagle” monument. The salt marshes are a birdwatcher's paradise! We will tour the ESSA salt works, the largest in the world. This town has excellent facilities with restaurants, laundries, bank, email, gift shops, auto service/parts and fuel. Another super dinner at the campground restaurant awaits us here with a welcome margarita and great entertainment.

SAN IGNACIO (3) This beautiful palm oasis in the middle of Baja has an imposing 18th century stone mission on the zócalo, and the American-born Padre will tell us its history. Here we will experience one of the major highlights of our rally-- whale watching at Laguna San Ignacio! The “friendly” grey whale mothers and calves, will approach us and frequently come so close to our boats that we can touch them—an unforgettable experience! Bring your cameras! We're dry camping here 3 nights. There will be plenty of time to explore the village & nearby rock art sites. We'll eat well on our final night here too!

MULEGE (3) Our last stop, but certainly not the least! Three nights with semi-full hookups at a beautiful resort, on a tropical river running through the palm oasis. We're just 10 miles north of the fabled Bahía Concepción, the blue water of the Sea of Cortés and its beautiful beaches, which await you! Chapter 8's General Meeting and Election will be followed by a gala Farewell Fiesta Dinner with entertainers. After a special breakfast the next morning, you're free to head south in small groups for other exciting Baja destinations, explore on your own or back to the border as you choose.

Our Charity Committee has identified several good causes in Baja towns that we will visit. Please help fund our 2008 charity effort by contributing a few dollars at the bottom of your registration form. Many areas in Baja are poorer than the Mexican mainland and can really use some help. Please be generous!

As the camping facilities in Baja are not set up for very large groups, we unfortunately have to limit this rally to 50 rigs maximum. A lottery will be held in the first week of October from the registrations received.