



# BAJA

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO



## PASSPORT & VISA

All American and Canadian citizens must have a passport which is valid for at least 6 months after your return date. Upon arrival, you will need to obtain a tourist card (this is also known as an FM-T).



## ELECTRICITY

Baja's electrical system is compatible with that of North America, 110 volts, so you will not need a converter. Three-hole grounded plug-ins are uncommon in some hotels though.



## WATER

The tap water in Baja is untreated, so we recommend drinking only bottled water. Drink only bottled water or carbonated drinks in cans or bottles. Avoid tap water, fountain drinks and ice cubes. Tap water in Baja is fine for bathing and teeth brushing.



## CURRENCY

The local currency for Baja is called the peso. The best exchange rates are from ATMs which are readily available at airports and larger cities. Many places in Todos Santos will accept U.S. dollars. Credit cards are commonly accepted.



## TIME ZONE

Baja California Sur uses Mountain Standard Time (-7 GMT). The country does observe Daylight Saving Time.



## WiFi

Wifi is available at the hotels but may be slower than what you're accustomed to.



## SOUVENIRS

Todos Santos is an artists' colony where you will find very nice works of art and prints. Many of the stores feature handicrafts from all over Mexico, including pottery from the local mountain potters, woodcarvings of animals and fish, wooden bowls and cutting boards.



## IMMUNIZATIONS

While no immunizations are required, you should consult your medical provider for the most current advice. See Travelers Handbook for more information.



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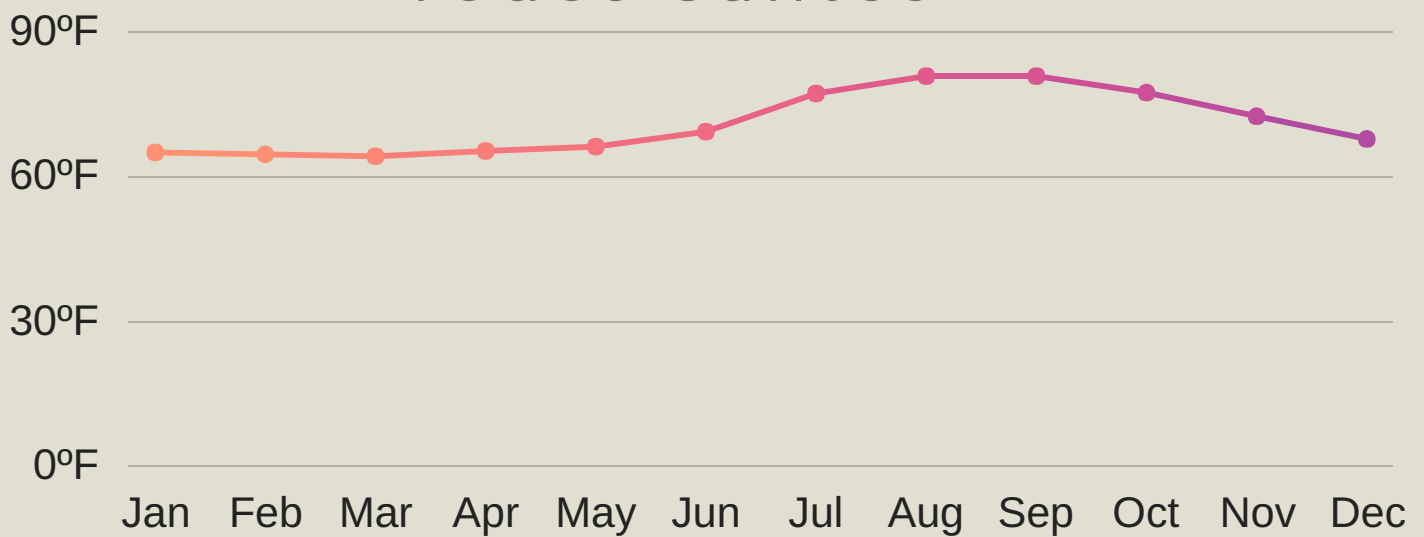


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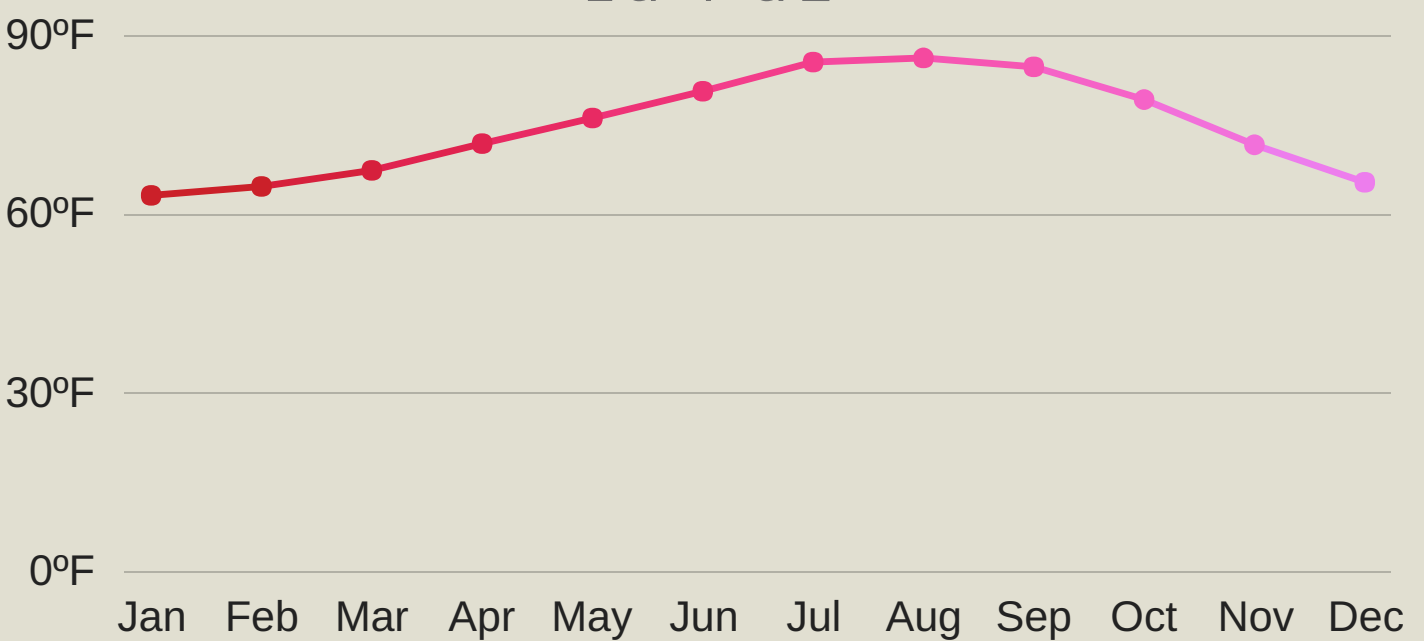
Baja has two seasons: a dry season and a green season. The dry season, runs from December to April, The rainy or “green” season, runs from May to November.

## AVERAGE TEMPERATURE

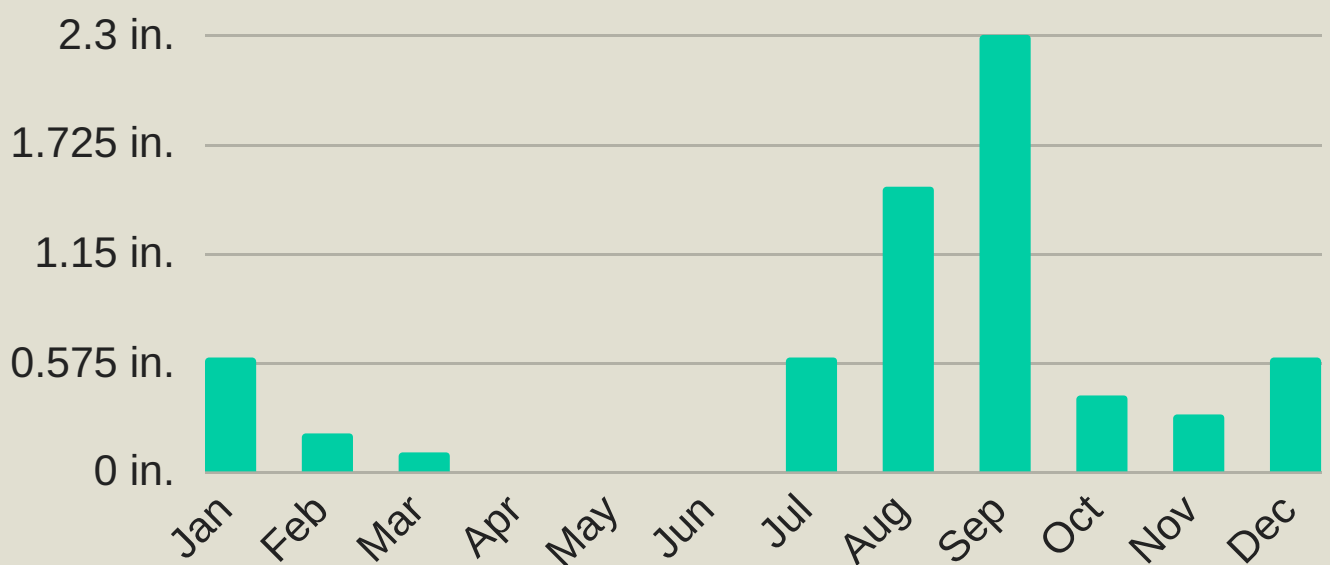
### Todos Santos



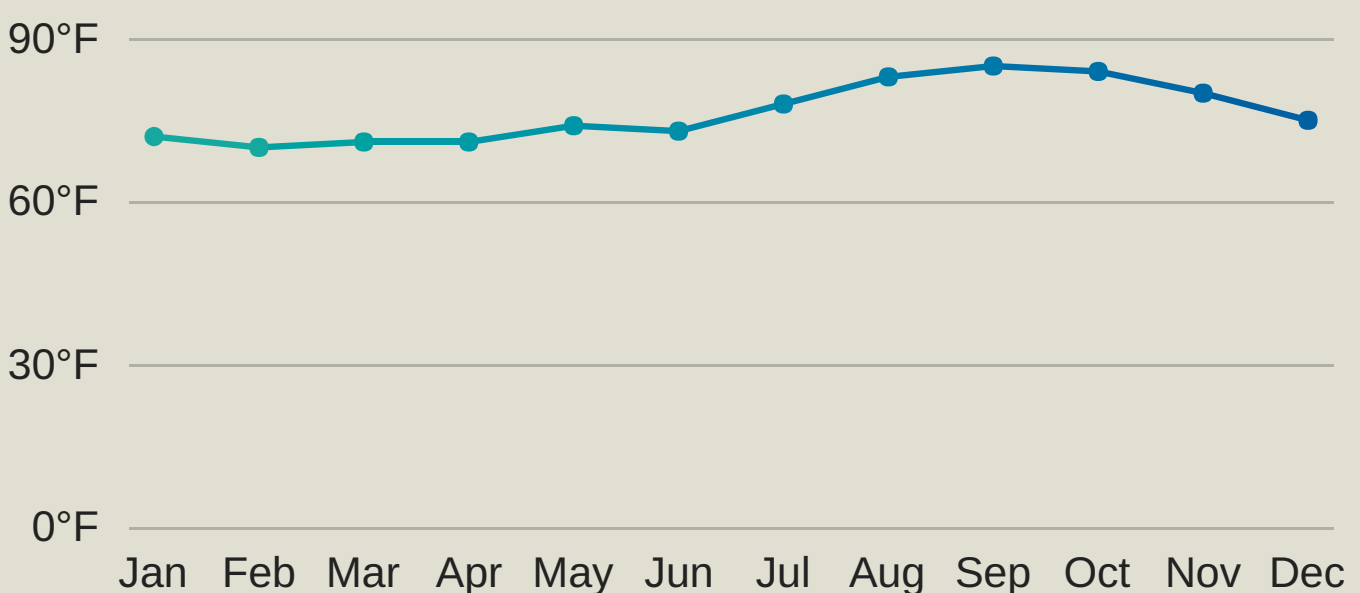
### La Paz



## AVERAGE RAINFALL



## AVERAGE WATER TEMP



# MUST HAVE

## Packing Essentials



### FOOTWEAR

- Walking boots with good ankle support
- and sturdy sole and broken in
- Casual walking shoes or sandals
- Water shoes (optional)

### OUTERWEAR

- Light-weight Fleece Jacket
- Wind & Waterproof Jacket
- Hats & gloves (February whales trip)



### ACCESSORIES

- Sunglasses & Wide Brimmed Hat
- Waterbottle
- Camera

### LUGGAGE

- Daypack/Backpack (waterproof recommended)
- Duffel bag or soft-sided suitcase



### APPAREL



- Lightweight Long Pants (convertible are best) or shorts
- Long-Sleeved Shirts
- Quick Dry T-Shirts/Athletic Wear
- Sleepwear
- Undergarments & Socks
- Sports Bras (for athletic activities)
- Swimsuit
- Skirt, dress or nice pants (optional for evenings)

### PERSONAL ITEMS

- Sunscreen
- Toiletry kit (shampoo, toothbrush, etc.)
- Insect repellent
- Hand sanitizer
- Tissues
- Medications / First Aid Kit
- Plastic bags, Zip-lock
- Anti-diarrheal (Pepto, Imodium)
- Aspirin, Ibuprofen. etc.
- Chargers (phone, camera)



# DON'T FORGET...



## REMOVE JEWELRY



Don't bring anything expensive or irreplaceable.

## TRAVEL DOCUMENTS



Passport  
Itinerary  
Emergency contact info

## CELL PHONE



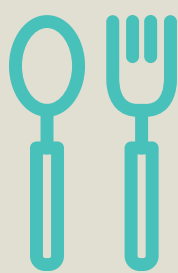
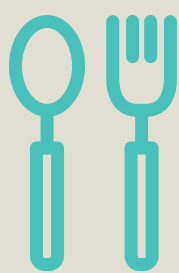
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Check for international rates/plans

## SPEAK UP



Don't wait until you get home. If you have any problems on the trip regarding accommodations, meals, activities, etc. speak to your guide or contact TFA.

## FOOD



If your child is not an adventurous eater, we recommend that you bring some of their favorite snacks from home, such as peanut butter or trail mix.

## CASH & CREDIT CARDS



Always contact your bank before traveling.

# LANGUAGE



Hey!

ENGLISH

Hello

Goodbye

Thank You

What's your name?

My name is...

Nice to meet you

How much is this?

Hola

Adios

Gracias

Cual es tu nombre

Mi nombre is...

Un placer conocerte

Cuánto cuesta este

SPANISH