

NORTHERN BAJA GETAWAY

This guide includes instructions from San Diego to our home in La Mision as well as tips following your arrival. If this is your first time staying with us, be sure to print this to bring with you.

Driving Directions



1. Once you cross the border, stay on the 2nd lane from the right hand side. (The 1st lane goes to Zona Rio--Airport -- don't take this one--)



2. Stay on the 2nd lane and watch out for the next small ramp on the right side --it has a small sign "Rosarito" --take this one. Be careful here, there will be traffic from an on-ramp located just before the "Rosarito" highway that will merge onto the lane you are in -- they are usually trying to cut across to the left lanes



3. Take the exit for Playas De Tijuana Rosarito exit. This is a toll road. There is a free road, but the toll road has mobile mechanics in the event of a mechanical problem, the road is well maintained and easier to navigate.



4. Travel along the highway which runs west-ward long the Mexico/USA border fence, keep going up the steep hill.



5. After the steep hill up, you'll start heading down the hill at which point the road will fork off & you'll need to take the road to the right to keep going westward.



6. Follow the signs to "Rosarito / Ensenada", immediately you'll go up the 2nd up hill. If you had stayed on the left lanes & continued straight at the fork, it would take you to Tecate & other towns far from La Mision.



7. When you reach the next highway division, you will need to follow the signs to "Ensenada" left lane on Hwy. 1-D (the main highway you are driving on). Soon you'll approach the first of two toll booths where you'll need to pay \$2.20 U.S. dollars. (ask for change in "pesos" coins --you'll need them in case you need a pay-phone)



8. Drive for about another 10-15 minutes & you'll pass downtown Rosarito (you'll see huge tall hotels at the ocean's edge. At the end of downtown Rosarito you'll pass the 2nd toll booth. Continue about another 20 minutes until you La Mision. On the way you'll pass the Calafia, Puerto Nuevo, Cantamar towns (once you pass Cantamar, you are now only about 8 miles from the exit.

9. Note (use white "Km" (kilometer) markers as distance guides - they're small white & about 2 ft. off the ground on the right side of Hwy. The farther south from the border you go the higher the Km # gets.) Exit for La Mision is just after marker K65. There are 2 signs at exit: La Mision, Plaza del Mar. Also look for "La Mision Hotel" sign on a big 3 story white Spanish stucco hotel on right side of highway overlooking the beach. If you miss the exit & start to see Km 66 & up, turn around further down the Hwy. heading back up north the exit will say Los Alisitos. Exit & make a left onto the free scenic road that the off ramp will put you at & follow the rest of the instructions (continue with instruction #10) below.

10. From highway exit ramp, make a left turn onto the old scenic road (this is the old road to Ensenada which in La Mision veers inland and continues through the mountains to Ensenada.)

11. Keep going south on the old scenic free road for about 1 mile along coast/ parallel to main toll road- Hwy, follow this road which will veer left and pass under the main highway.

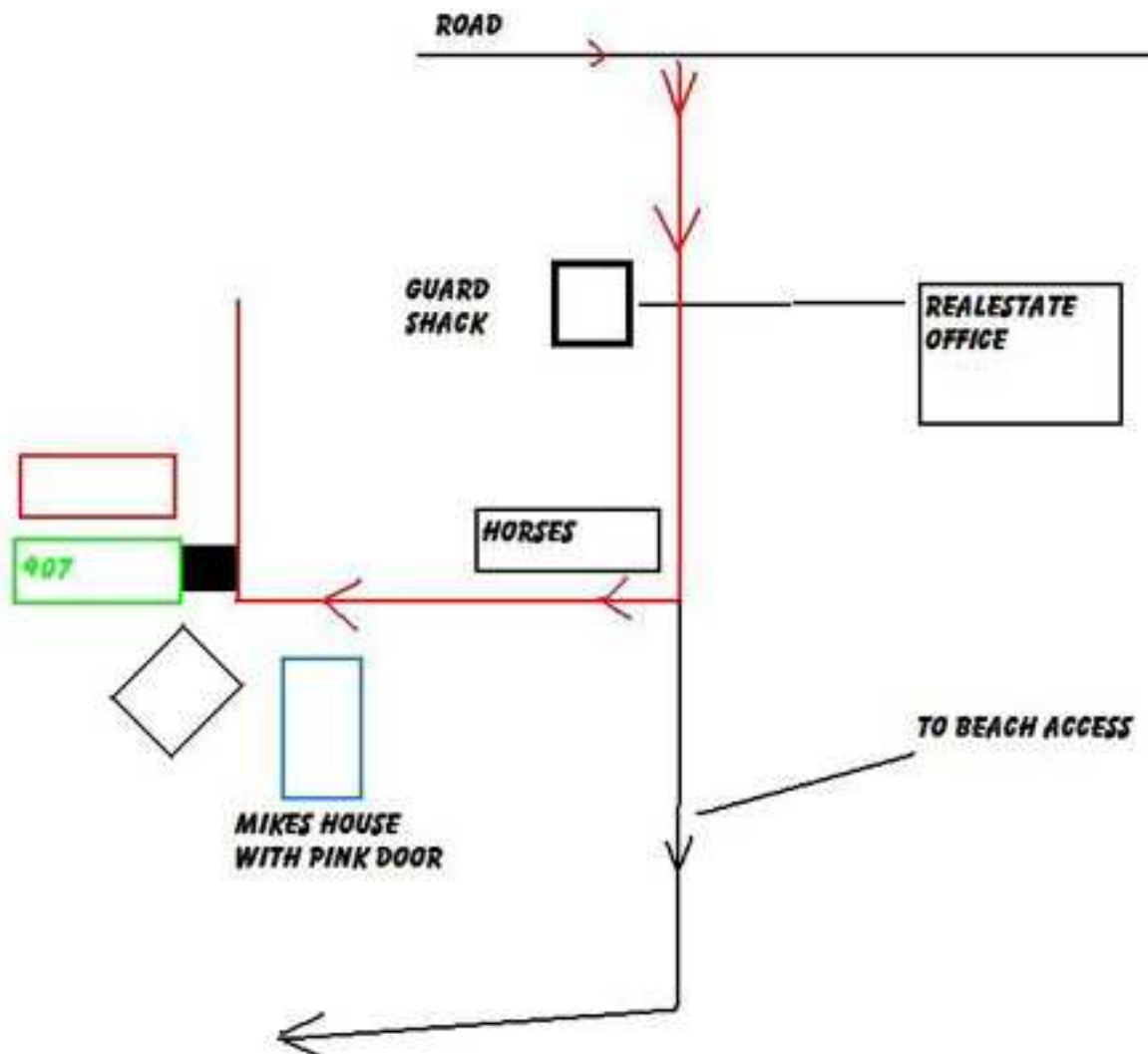
12. Once you pass under the main highway overpass, you will only need to travel a little less than a mile or about 50 seconds worth of driving at a normal speed.

13. There will be a small entrance just before a real estate sign "Lots for Sale"-- make a right just before the sign, go through the gate (if you arrive at night & it's closed, close it back after you enter).

14. Go in about 30 feet from gate & take the first right turn onto Padre Ugarte st.. Locate the green house at the end of the street. The address is 407 Padre Ugarte. You've now arrived.

Further instructions from La Mision

AFTER YOU TURN OFF THE TOLL ROAD AT LA FONDA EXIT, YOU WILL TURN LEFT AND JUST KEEP FOLLOWING THE ROAD. THIS WILL TAKE YOU BACK UNDERNEATH THE TOLL ROAD. KEEP GOING FOR ABOUT A MILE OR SO, THERE IS ONLY ONE EXIT ONCE YOU GO UNDER THE TOLL ROAD AND THIS IS WHERE YOU EXIT, IT IS TO THE RIGHT. YOU WILL TURN AT A SMALL REALESTATE OFFICE THIS IS WHERE THE SMALL GUARD SHACK IS LOCATED. ONCE THROUGH THE GATE TAKE FIRST RIGHT, IT IS BESIDE A HORSE KENNEL. GO STRAIGHT ALL THE WAY TO THE END, 407 PADRE UGARTE, GREEN HOUSE. SEE PIC OF HOUSE. HOUSE MANAGER MIKE LIVES JUST TWO HOUSES FROM 407 ON THE LEFT. MIKES PHONE NUMBER IS 800-227-8944. IF YOU NEED TO TALK TO HIM PRIOR TO VISIT CALL HIM OR EMAIL HIM AT WESTWOOD2004@YAHOO.COM. ASK MIKE HOW TO GET TO THE BEACH BY DRIVING WHERE WE HAVE PRIVATE PARKING IN THE LA MISSION COMMUNITY. HAVE FUN AND BE SAFE...



Tips

4) Once in Mexico (if your cell is not on an international plan it will not work to call out anymore). If you are lost, find a payphone and use the pesos coins you got at the toll booths to call Mike and Sherry: the house caretakers—they live on same street 2 houses down/right side from our house—if you're at their door, knock hard on the pink door, dogs will bark to let him know someone is at the door and mike will come out.

Once in Mexico you only need to dial their area code+telephone number (646) 155-0303
or if you are very close to La Mision dial only their telephone number: 155-0303
or if you call them while still in the USA, dial the "calling out of country code"+ country code + area code + telephone number: 011-52-(646) 155-0303

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Where to buy the Groceries and other necessities:

* There are a couple of small stores right around the area where you exited from the main highway when you arrived in La Mision: 1) pharmacy, 2) Paco's small market-basic produce, chips, beer, maybe wine, charcoa fire logs, women's stuff, milk, etc.

* when you exit the community gate make a right onto the highway that leads towards mountains—follow it through the small town and over the river bridge and follow it as it veers left, go about half way through this next portion of town and on your Left side is 3) Oscars' market. It is significantly better stocked than Paco's market. Note: if you start to go up a steep hill and no more house—you went too far.

*4) For a U.S.A style, big super market you'll need to drive up to Rosarito. The supermarkets will be located towards the north end of the strip (once there ask anyone for more detailed directions).

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Where to eat and have a pina colada or marguerite in La Mision or nearby towns:

(Note: all this places are accessible from the free road, if you take the Toll rd. & you miss the place you're looking for, just get off at the next exit & back track on the free road, which runs parallel to the toll road.)

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* Hotel, La Mission Inn—bar/restaurant w/satellite Tv for sport aficionados.

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Cantamar area: *Further up the free road: there is a big straw hut which is great for breakfast (coffee and egg: rancho style), Puerto Nuevo: and if you keep going north about 5 more mins/a few of miles you will get to Puerto Nuevo, where there are plenty of lobster places, and lots of trinkets, art, jewelry, candied foods, etc. shopping (is specially lively-busy on weekends). It is a very quaint/cute little town with cobblestone streets. There is one very famous *lobster place in the middle of the town area—I don't remember its name but just look for the line outside the door. *There are also a couple of fancy restaurants further in on the left side and right side of the main street that cuts through towards the oceans. To find them look up to the 2nd floors and you'll spot them.

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