



Agave Hotel and Cantina
Los Barriles B.C.S, KM108 – Hwy 1

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Directions: Leaving San Jose Del Cabo airport take the bridge crossing over Highway 1 and merge onto the highway heading **north** towards La Paz (or to your left from the airport). Cabo is 45 minutes to the south or right from airport. You will be on Highway 1 heading **north** (if you pass the big blue Corona / Pacifico building on your right, you are headed south towards Cabo and the WRONG WAY). Turn around and head **north**.

The Agave Hotel is about a 45 minute drive (~35 miles) from the airport. You will pass through a few small towns and twisty curves along the way. Don't speed (the federal police look for speeders on this highway). It's Mexico and you are on vacation, enjoy the view. Watch for horses, goats and cows crossing the highway (*FYI, oncoming cars will flash/ turn on their hazard lights to warn you of problems on the road).

The halfway point is the town of Mira Flores. There is a Pemex gas station on your left and it is also a great place to get gas, use the restroom or grab a water/soda.

Continuing on you will pass the Tropic of Cancer center/site and also go pass the turn off to Santiago (beautiful town with mango orchards, a zoo & hot springs). A little farther you will start to see the Sea of Cortez in the horizon on the right (few more miles still to go).

Continue through the little town of Buena Vista (you will see a blue sign on your right "Buena Vista"). When you enter the town of Buena Vista, count the speed bumps (topes) in the road you drive over (slow down for speed bumps in Mexico ☺). The school and fire station/ambulance/police buildings will be on your left.

At the **4th speed bump** (KM108) pull off to the right into the dirt/gravel area. Continue driving parallel along Highway 1 on the dirt path. Just pass the KM108 sign, about a 100 yards in front of you) the dirt road/path ends at the top floor (Margarita Suite) of the Agave Hotel. Congratulations and welcome, you made it, now it's time to start relax.



You should see a small Agave Hotel sign on Highway 1 off to the right and a bigger sign at the hotel. If you pass the Pemex gas station down the highway on your left, you just drove past the hotel. Turn around in their lot and look up the hill to your right, the hotel is yellow with green accents. You can park up top in front of the hotel or also take the road below the hotel across the street from the Pemex to access the casita/poolside level parking inside the gate.

If you continue on Highway 1 about a half mile you will come to the fountains of Los Barriles (“the barrels”) on Highway 1, turn right here. This will take you to downtown Los Barriles. The Bancomer Bank is on your right next to the OXXO convenience store. You can withdraw pesos from the ATM here to get your best exchange rate in Los Barriles.

US dollar to Mexican peso currency website: <http://themoneyconverter.com/>

The next plaza on your right is East Cape Health Center for an EMERGENCY call 624-141-0797 or look at this website <http://www.bajamary.com/LB-Emergency.php> for more help (I hope you don't have to visit but it is nice to know where 24 hour medical help is located). They have an American Nurse named Char and excellent doctors that can handle almost any situation.

Farther down on your left is the grocery store, Chapitos. This is a great grocery store and you will find most anything you need.

At the end of the street is the Palmas De Cortez Hotel, you can charter a fishing boat from here. You can also rent golf clubs and play 9 holes on a fun little par 3 course. This resort hotel has a couple of restaurants with gorgeous views of Los Barriles beaches and Sea of Cortez (we recommend their fish tacos or tres quesos).

If you make a left and continue down the street (i.e. Calle 20 de Noviembre) a restaurant called El Tio Pablos will be on your left. I recommend eating here, they offer every type of food and the prices are fair. I recommend the pizza or the arrachera steak, then a visit to their ice cream store that is located outside. Taco Viejo on the left farther down or Smokey's are both a great choice for authentic baja meals. Any of the restaurants in town will clean/cook fish you caught.

If you take a left off of Calle 20 de Noviembre at Tio Pablos restaurant, you will find another local grocery store (Tienda Popular) with a great meat market (it will be down the street on the left). If you prefer more organic/natural grocery items, there are two great stores on Calle 20 de Noviembre on the right down this main street. You can purchase fresh lettuce, vegetables, fruits, daily baked breads and cookies, Gluten Free products, etc.

There are a number of other great places to eat, but it takes a little exploring the town to find them. Other suggestions: Caleb's for breakfast or El Barlito for traditional Mexican food, fish, ceviche or sashimi. Another suggestion for one of the best places for



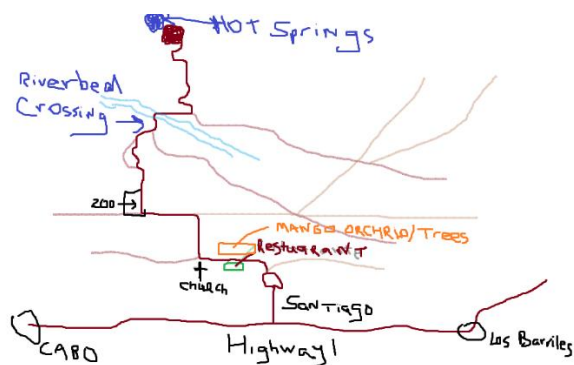
espresso/coffee is Caffe Encinalito right off of Calle 20 de Noviembre (just past the organic grocery stores on your right).

Restaurants in Los Barriles: https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurants-g1544261-Los_Barriles_Baja_California.html

There are many activities in Los Barriles if you want to locate any of them ask around. The locals are very friendly and appreciate your business. You can rent horses and ATVs to take a tour up to the nearby oasis and small water falls. Kite boarding, sea kayaking, paddle boarding, snorkeling, fishing, scuba, whale watching, hiking, sea glass scavenging, beach walks/jogs and site seeing are just a few things to do. If you meet Octavio from www.turispancho.com I recommend you book a tour with him, he is very knowledgeable about the surrounding areas, history and places to see and things to do.

Some favorite day excursions from Agave Hotel include:

Hot Springs in the mountains just outside of Santiago (start by driving to Santiago (back south towards San Jose/Cabo about 15 miles on Highway 1), explore the quaint little oasis town, eat at restaurant with fresh made guacamole (Palomar Restaurant-Bar) then drive up to the San Jorge hot springs (this is about a 7 mile drive that is a little remote but worth the adventure). Basically you follow the power lines up the river bed from Santiago up past a couple of tiny villages. Owners of hot springs charge ~\$7/person to soak.



Cabo Pulmo National Park (swimming, snorkeling and scuba around the 20,000 year old coral reef): https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cabo_Pulmo_National_Park

Mountain and art town loop: Explore the mountain towns of San Antonio and El Triunfo and then drive over to artsy/eclectic town of Todos Santos on the pacific side of Baja (long day of driving so you could make two days of this or one long day).

<http://www.pcas.org/documents/Busto.pdf>

Day of exploring and shopping in Old Town San Jose: At some point try to find Jazmin's restaurant for excellent Mexican food and margaritas in the Art District of downtown San Jose.



I hope this gives you some useful information and still leaves you with a lot of places to explore on your own. Baja is a true place of beauty and offers authentic culture that is hard to find in the U.S.

Have a great time and don't forget your camera!

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