

ROAD DIRECTIONS TO LA BUFADORA

Take I-5 or I-805 to the Tijuana border crossing. Your American auto insurance is no good down there. You can buy it by the day at a San Ysidro exit on 805 or 5. You should have bought it earlier on line. Mexicans are not unreasonable, but if you wreck something, your check or a promise to go home and get some money to pay for it is no good. If you are uninsured, they impound your car, and if you hurt somebody, they have to impound you. You need a passport or Military ID to cross back.

The distances used below are measured from the border crossing in Tijuana. Your odometer may be a bit different from the one used to measure these distances, so it may be helpful to watch the distances between the locations, as well as the total from the border.

0.0 BORDER... Stay toward the right, and follow signs that say ROSARITO ENSENADA. Your rightmost lane becomes the 2nd lane from the right, so get over rightmost again to follow the signs that say ROSARITO ENSENADA SCENIC ROUTE. Exit on the right.

7.0 First Toll Booth. The speed limit is posted in km/hr. If you decide to exit the road, then return following signs which read: ENSENADA CUOTA (toll), and ENSENADA SCENIC ROUTE.

22.9 2nd Toll Booth

60.8 3rd Toll Booth (63.3 Brand new stop signal. Danged progress)

66.0 Fork in the road. Don't go left, even though it says Ensenada Centro. Take the RIGHT hand fork (Turistica). The highway becomes divided by palm trees after a mile or so.

68.1 ENSENADA. At the traffic light at the end of the palm tree divider, bear right under a sign for SAN QUINTIN. Follow this road, After 7 traffic lights, across from a mustard brown building 2 left turn lanes appear. The turn left is in front of a huge sleazy night club.

69.4 Turn left. There will be a traffic light, a stop (ALTO) sign, and then a second traffic light, described next.

70.0 Intersection and traffic signal (at Avenida Reforma). How to recognize the intersection: on the left side - a PEMEX gas station, and on the right -a SORIANA supermarket. (Good place to buy anything you forgot) Take a right turn; this points you south out of Ensenada.

73.1 Military Hospital on the right, open to the public for emergencies.

74.5 Sign for ESTERO BEACH, keep on going, don't turn off yet!

78.4 Just at leaving Maneadero. Right branch at traffic light, sign reads LA BUFADORA. **Speed bump** (tope) right away. More to follow, warning is stripes across the road 6' apart. Just keep following this road as it winds past olive groves and the bay.

84.7 Sign with 2 humps on it indicates 2 speed bumps about ¼ mile apart. (topes)

86.1 Another pair of topes. Drive on to see the bay below and go past restaurants.

91.4 Ignore the 1st sign for DALE's dive shop. The second one is on the left in front of a huge wood gateway to the shopping area that says "Bien Venido a La Bufadora". Make a left onto the dirt road in front of the DALE's sign and Gordo's Cantina. A guard lets you pass into the Rancho Bufadora. See a big stone sign = parking \$10. Go past the dive shack and proceed to the end of a road divider.

91.6 Bear right through an open field to find a blue bunkhouse with a ditch in front of it. If you are camping, choose your spot overlooking the bay.

For Returning: Pretty much as you came. As you approach Tijuana, follow signs to I5 and San Diego. The road goes right down into a valley, but it makes you make a U turn to go back up the hill to resume going east along the border. There is usually a backup at a traffic light where the main road ends (Left to USA, Avenida Juarez = 3rd ave). Take one of the 2 left-turn lanes, and on a bridge will be a sign for San Diego. On the right will be a 2 lane exit for the border crossing, but stay to the left of concrete dividers. You will be about an hour from crossing. In high traffic times, the police may close it and wave you on. Stay to the right until you see a way to exit to the parallel frontage road, and take a right turn as soon as you can. The goal is to get back on the big main route crossing line on Paeso de los Heroes. There is no advantage to taking the alternate to Otay Mesa at this point. .