



**DREAM YACHT**  
WORLDWIDE

# Base Guide

EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW TO ENJOY YOUR NEXT DREAM DESTINATION



THE AMERICAS | LA PAZ, MEXICO

## BASE ADDRESS

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Marina Costa Baja

Carretera Pichilingue KM 6.1, Local 60

Colonia Pichilingue

La Paz

23010

GPS POSITION: 24°13,4'N - 110°18,22'E

OPENING HOURS: 8am – 6pm

## BASE MAP

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## BASE CONTACTS

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If you need support while on your charter, contact the base immediately using the contact details in this guide. Please contact your booking agent for all requests prior to your charter.

### **BASE MANAGER & CUSTOMER SERVICE:**

Base Manager: Ernesto Aragón Graff

Phone: +52 612 131 5985

### **CUSTOMER SERVICE MANAGER:**

Javier Sanchez Padilla

Phone: +52 612 141 7581

## BASE FACILITIES

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Electricity   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Luggage storage  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Restaurant       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Toilets       | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bar              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Showers       | <input type="checkbox"/> Supermarket / Grocery store |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry                  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ATM              |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Swimming pool | <input type="checkbox"/> Post Office                 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wi-Fi         |  |

## BASE INFORMATION

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### **LICENSE**

Sailing license required:  No  Yes

Mexican citizens must have a sailing license to sail in Mexico

### **PAYMENT**

The base can accept:  Visa  MasterCard  Amex  Cash

### **EMBARKATION TIME**

Boarding time is 5pm on the first day of the charter.



## **YACHT BRIEFING**

The skipper will receive a boat briefing for 90 minutes to review the navigation area, boat technical details, navigation instruments, communication channels, and rescue equipment.

The chart briefing will provide detailed information on safe and accurate navigation, navigational instruments, mooring, anchorages and help with itineraries.

The safety briefing will provide relevant information about safe and accurate navigation, including the yacht's navigational instruments, as well as mooring, anchorage and itinerary help. The safety briefing introduces the safety equipment and your yacht's general inventory.

## **STOP OVERS**

You are allowed to spend the first night at the marina. Whenever it is possible, especially during the summer, we suggest spending the first night out of the marina.

## **DISEMBARKATION TIME**

The disembarkation time is 10am. The team will inspect your yacht's equipment and a general visual check of its interior and exterior. A diver will check its hull, keel, rudder(s) propeller(s) and /or bow thruster. General inspection will take approximately one hour.

## **BAGGAGE**

Please only take soft bags and not suitcases, as they would be too cumbersome onboard.

## **BASE AND EMERGENCY CONTACTS**

- Base emergency telephone number: +52 612 131 5985
- Marina emergency telephone number: +52 612 121 6225
- Coastguard emergency telephone number: +52 612 122 2035
- Operation Manager – Julian Salazar Herrera +52 612 136 3663
- VHF marina channel: 16
- VHF emergency channel: 16



## HOW TO GET THERE?

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### ACCESS BY PLANE

To reach our base for your Mexico sailing vacation, it is the most convenient to fly into La Paz International Airport (LAP). AeroMexico has the most daily flights and there are several other domestic airlines via Los Angeles (LAX) or Mexico City. Please check the schedule on the [airport website](#).

### TRANSFERS FROM THE AIRPORT TO OUR BASE

We can arrange airport transfers on request and La Paz Airport is a 30-minute taxi ride away. You can also reach La Paz via Los Cabos International Airport (SJD), but the transfer time is 2.5-3 hours via a shuttle van or private taxi.

### ACCESS BY ROAD

Leave the airport and head for Carretera Transpeninsular/Cdad. Constitución-La Paz/México 1 – drive for 4km. Drive along México 11 for 15.2km and head to our base.

## PROVISIONING & RECOMMENDATIONS

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### BASE PROVISIONING SERVICE

This base provides a provisioning service:  Yes  No

### LOCAL SUPERMARKET

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Colima S/N entre Mariano Abasolo y Francisco I. Madero Col, Pueblo Nuevo, 23096 La Paz, B.C.S

Soriana

Mariano Abasolo, Pueblo Nuevo, 23060 La Paz, B.C.S.

Monday to Sunday. 7am to 11pm



Walmart Colla de Ballena  
Carretera Transpeninsular S/N El Zacatal,  
El Dorado, 23088 La Paz, B.C.S

Opening hours may differ during public holidays and are subject to change without notice.

## **FUEL AND WATER**

Fuel and water are conveniently located at the Marina Costa Baja entrance and at Puerto Escondido.

## **HOTEL SUGGESTIONS:**

- **Costabaja Resort & Spa:**  
- Carretera Pichilingue Km 7.5 Zona Industrial, La Paz 23010
- **Hyatt Place La Paz:**  
- Km 7.5 Carretera a Pichilingue | Lomas de Palmira, La Paz 23010

## **RESTAURANT SUGGESTIONS:**

- **Club de Playa at Costa Baja Resort**
- **Azul Marino**
- **Odayaka Sushi Bar**

# AREA GUIDE

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## **LOCAL AREA INTRODUCTION**

La Paz sits at the end of Mexico's Baja California Sur peninsula, which is the second longest peninsula in the world and separated from Mexico by the mesmerizing Sea of Cortez. The Sea of Cortez, also known as the Gulf of California, has over 900 islands to explore some of which of which some are UNESCO protected.

If you want a vacation with total relaxation and the chance to see whales, swim with sea lions and eat high quality, tangy seafood then sailing La Paz, Mexico, is ideal.



The Sea of Cortez is legendary among divers, sport fishers and those seeking an authentic, unspoiled sailing vacation among the stark contrasts of tranquil turquoise coves, pristine deserts and rugged mountain ranges.

Our base for your Mexico sailing vacation is located in beautiful Marina Costa Baja in La Paz, complete with a golf course and spa for post-charter pampering.

### **TOP THINGS TO DO IN LA PAZ:**

1. **Swim with sea lions:** One of the top things to do in La Paz is sail to stunning Espiritu Santo and join a tour for the opportunity to snorkel and swim with curious and playful sea lions. While there, you'll enjoy a stunning backdrop of rugged red rock islands, birds and sea life (highly regulated to protect the animals, so you must reserve with a licensed, local tour operator)
2. **Hiking at Isla San Francisco:** Hike the ridge that takes you to the top of the hills surrounding this picture-perfect crescent bay. Don't forget your camera to capture the dramatic contrasts of sky, sea, sand and rock.
3. **Malecon boardwalk:** Be sure to visit the scenic Paseo Alvaro Obregon waterfront while sailing La Paz and stroll through the Malecon boardwalk shops admiring the amazing statues along the way. In the evening, enjoy a stunning sunset and sample local treats from the food vendors.
4. **Snorkeling at Isla Espiritu Santo:** Don't miss exploring Cardonal and Candelero on Isla Espiritu Santo with high visibility underwater for snorkeling adventures. Enjoy a beachfront picnic here following your swim.
5. **See the migrating whale sharks:** The gentle giant whale sharks in La Paz are filter feeders and safe to swim with. This exhilarating, once-in-a-lifetime experience is highly regulated to protect the animals, so you must reserve with a licensed, local tour operator. As one of the top things to do in La Paz, we recommend you don't miss out!

**CURRENCY:** Mexican peso (MXN) but US dollars are accepted in main tourist areas.

**VOLTAGE:** 110V

**DIALING CODE:** +52

### **CUSTOMS CLEARANCE**

Make sure your documentation is in order to travel. US citizens must have a passport and a Forma Migratoria Multiple (FMM), temporary or permanent resident card or a tourist visa. There



are special document requirements for dual Mexican/American citizens, particularly minors. We advise you speak to the Mexican Consulate General's office in Los Angeles, CA, or visit your nearest Mexican embassy or consulate.

Talk to us to make sure you have the correct documents before you travel.

## **INTERNET**

Our marina has free Wi-Fi (not available to rent Wi-Fi for charter). The Wi-Fi in La Paz is good, and most cities and towns have Wi-Fi hotspots at bars and restaurants. There's no phone coverage in about 70% of our sailing area.

## **ENVIRONMENT**

- Respect your surroundings and leave only footprints in the sand
- Only use the engine or genset when needed (fill up your tanks for the water maker at the docks when you can)
- Recycle your garbage in the correct containers at the marina
- Respect regulations around marine reserves and private islands where disembarking is not permitted

## **REGULATIONS**

Night sailing is forbidden. We will provide you with the required park permits to visit Espiritu Santo Island. Anyone fishing from a boat in Mexico will need a fishing license issued by the Mexican government. Fishing licenses can be [ordered online](#).

Pets are not allowed on any of La Paz islands, which is why pets are not allowed on board our fleet in La Paz.

Information subject to change without notice.



## SAILING CONDITIONS

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### SAILING AREA

On a La Paz yacht charter you can explore stunning remote anchorages and islands and sail over 100 miles of coastline, offering world-class sailing, diving and snorkeling.

Sail to Isla San Francisco, a popular anchorage in a crescent shaped bay fringed with white sand beaches, red rock cliffs and crystal clear waters. This picture-perfect cove offers sublime hiking, snorkeling, fishing and beaches.

Go whale or dolphin watching and get close to these beautiful creatures, or swim with sea lions at Isla Espiritu Santo, a natural aquarium.

If jaw-dropping anchorages and exploring bountiful marine life aren't enough, then the city offers luxury resorts, golf courses, fine restaurants, museums, and restored colonial-era buildings, all of which make La Paz an unforgettable destination.

### WEATHER

The best time of year to visit for sailing La Paz is mid-February to late June or mid-October to late December.

In La Paz, the summers are long and hot, while the winters are short, comfortable, and dry. Temperatures in La Paz during summer reach an average of 90°F in May and October, and sometimes even reaching 100°F. You'll enjoy fantastic sea temperatures of more than 80°F.

It's drier in the low season between December and February, which still has comfortable temperatures averaging 79°F. Around 90% of La Paz's rain falls between July and October.

### TEMPERATURE

Climate in La Paz:

- Summer High: The July high is around 97°F
- Winter Low: The January low is 54°F

### WIND SYSTEMS

The sailing conditions include southerly winds averaging between 10 to 15 knots. Most of the Pacific basin tropical storms during the hurricane season typically pass south of La Paz and the southern tip of the Baja Peninsula.



You'll need to visit the harbormaster and leave a detailed trip plan, including intended destination and crew and passenger information, before leaving the marina. The base staff will give you the corresponding information during the base briefing.

### **LOCAL FORECAST**

You can find weather forecasts from the [weather.com website](https://www.weather.com) both before and during your La Paz boat rental.