

PLAYA MIA

Directions from Tucson:

Take SR 86 West to the town of Why. Why is a good place to top off your tank because the gas prices are the lowest between Phoenix and the border, and there's an ATM at the Flores and Sons Chevron. Gas in Mexico is inconsistent with U.S. grades, so most people fill up before crossing the border.

From Why take SR 85 South through Organ Pipe National Monument to Lukeville, Arizona, and the Border of Mexico. Known as "Gringo Pass", Lukeville also has a Duty Free Store where you can make last minute tax-free purchases.

Crossing the Border:

Pay attention to the Border Security Officers. Most people are waved right through. No Visa or Passport are required to visit Puerto Peñasco because it's a Mexican "Free Zone". However, if you're stopped, simply answer their questions, usually regarding your destination or length of visit, and you'll be on your way. **IMPORTANT:** Do not bring firearms into Mexico without first obtaining the proper permit(s).

UPON RETURNING: No Fireworks, Beef, Fruits or Plants.

Upon entering Sonoita, Mexico, note that speed limits are slower, and drive defensively. Head South out of town about 2 miles to a 3-Way and take the PTO PENASCO turn, which puts you on Mexican Hwy 8. (If you passed "Vasquez's Curios" on your left, you've made the correct turns and you're on your way!)

Heading South and West on Hwy 8, you will pass through about 50 miles of open range. Obey the Speed Limits and watch for livestock on the road. It is strongly advised that you not commute at night as this stretch of Hwy 8 is not lit, making the animals difficult to see until it's too late!

When you reach the Puerto Peñasco city limit, you'll Turn Right at the junction to Laguna Del Mar and drive for 2.5 miles to an ALTO sign at railroad tracks. Turn Right immediately after crossing the tracks and you'll come to a split. Bear to the left for about 25 yards and you're on the new coastal highway. Take it about 5 miles to the Playa Mia entrance, on the Left, and head West for about a mile to the Gulf of California and the Sea of Cortez. We'll see you there!