

Baja California Peninsula PACKING CHECKLIST



For adventures between two seas—from border cities and wine country to desert trails, mountain parks, and sunny beaches.

Baja is full of contrasts. Walk colorful city streets, hike beneath desert mountains, swim in turquoise coves, and end the day beneath a surprisingly cool desert sky. Pack smart, dress in layers, and carry plenty of water.



CLOTHING

EVERYDAY WEAR

- ☐ Lightweight breathable shirts
- ☐ Long-sleeve sun shirt
- ☐ Comfortable pants or jeans
- ☐ Shorts or lightweight travel pants
- ☐ Casual outfit for dining
- ☐ Sleepwear
- ☐ Undergarments and socks

LAYERS

- ☐ Lightweight sweater or fleece
- ☐ Warm layer for winter and mountains

OUTERWEAR

- ☐ Lightweight windbreaker or rain jacket
- ☐ Wide-brim sun hat
- ☐ Light scarf or wrap



FOOTWEAR

- ☐ Comfortable walking shoes
- ☐ Hiking shoes with good traction
- ☐ Beach sandals or water shoes
- ☐ Moisture-wicking socks



DAY TRIP ESSENTIALS

- ☐ Lightweight daypack
- ☐ Refillable water bottle
- ☐ Backup drinking water
- ☐ Electrolyte packets
- ☐ Trail snacks
- ☐ Quick-drying towel
- ☐ Dry bag or waterproof pouch
- ☐ Offline maps



HEALTH & SAFETY

- ☐ Reef-conscious high-SPF sunscreen
- ☐ Sunglasses
- ☐ Lip balm with SPF
- ☐ Insect repellent
- ☐ Personal medications
- ☐ Small first-aid kit
- ☐ Blister treatment
- ☐ Hand sanitizer
- ☐ Water purification backup



ELECTRONICS

- ☐ Phone and charger
- ☐ Portable power bank
- ☐ Charging cables
- ☐ Camera and batteries
- ☐ Downloaded travel apps
- ☐ Offline translation app
- ☐ Waterproof phone pouch



TRAVEL ESSENTIALS

- ☐ Passport
- ☐ Immigration documents, if needed
- ☐ Mexican auto insurance, if driving
- ☐ Travel insurance information
- ☐ Credit and debit cards
- ☐ Mexican pesos in small bills
- ☐ Hotel and transportation details
- ☐ Copies of important documents



BEACH & DESERT

- ☐ Swimsuit
- ☐ Quick-dry travel towel
- ☐ Water shoes
- ☐ Sun-protective cover-up
- ☐ Snorkel gear, optional
- ☐ Dry bag for valuables



BEFORE YOU GO

- ☐ Check regional weather
- ☐ Review entry requirements
- ☐ Check park and road conditions
- ☐ Download offline maps
- ☐ Notify your bank if needed
- ☐ Charge all devices
- ☐ Fill bottles with purified water
- ☐ Refuel before remote drives

PRO TIPS



Break in walking shoes. Desert trails and rocky paths feel better without blisters.



Protect yourself from the sun with sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat.



Drink purified water. Carry a refillable bottle plus backup water.



Dress in layers. Desert evenings and mountain areas can feel surprisingly cool.



Carry small bills. Markets, tips, tolls, and small businesses often require pesos.



Download offline maps. Cell service may be limited on remote roads and trails.



Refuel early. Gas stations can be far apart on isolated stretches.



Avoid remote driving after dark. Plan to reach your stop before sunset.