

## GENERAL INFORMATION FOR FOREIGN VISITORS COMING TO CIBNOR

### Location

#### **Address:**

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**CIBNOR has a liaison office, conveniently located in the city of La Paz in order to make document reception easier and to provide a better service.**

#### **Liaison Office, La Paz**

*(Fiscal & mail address)*

Instituto Politécnico Nacional 195  
Playa Palo de Santa Rita Sur,

La Paz, Baja California Sur.

C.P. 23096

A.P. 128

#### **How to get to CIBNOR?**

CIBNOR is located 20 kilometers north of the city of La Paz, near the southern tip of the Baja California peninsula in Mexico. The city was founded by Hernán Cortes in 1535.

La Paz has a population of approximately 260,000, and clean and calm beaches. Temperature in the region varies from 24° C during the day in the winter season and up to 40° C during the summer. As capital of the State of Baja California Sur, and in spite of its geographical isolation, it has air, land, and sea transportation.

Main communication services are:

#### **By plane:**

La Paz has flights connecting to different national and international cities in its International Airport "General Manuel Marquez de León". The servicing Mexican airlines are: Alma de México, Aeroméxico Connect, Volaris, Viva Aerobus, and Alaska Airlines.

Also the International Airport of Los Cabos in San José del Cabo is located approximately 180 km south of La Paz with connections to the United States and Mexico. The airlines that provide services in this airport are: Alma de México, Aeroméxico, Aeromexico Connect, Volaris, InterJet, Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, and US Airways.

#### **By ship:**

Sea transportation is provided by Baja Ferries [www.bajafferries.com](http://www.bajafferries.com) to different port destinations in Mexico:

Mazatlán, Sin. - La Paz, B.C.S. - Mazatlán, Sin.  
Topolobampo, Sin. - La Paz, B.C.S. - Topolobampo, Sin.  
Guaymas Son. - La Paz, B.C.S. - Guaymas, Son.

**By highway:**

The Transpeninsular Highway in the Baja California peninsula connects La Paz with the cities of Ensenada, B.C., Tijuana B.C. and Mexicali B.C. to the north, these two last ones bordering the United States, and to the south with the Municipality of Los Cabos (Cabo San Lucas and San José del Cabo).

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Average climate

Month	Max. Temp. (C)	Min. Temp. (C)
January	22	12
February	24	12
March	26	13
April	29	15
May	31	18
June	33	18
July	35	23
August	35	23
September	34	23
October	32	20
November	28	16
December	24	13

**Banks**

Bank offices are located mainly in the downtown area of La Paz. Major credit cards are generally accepted with the exception of American, which is not honored in some establishments.

**Restaurants**

There are many restaurants in La Paz that offer Mexican and international food. Some local dishes are: lobster, machaca (finely shredded dried meat), marlin meatballs, stuffed 'chocolata' clam, and fish, oyster, scallop, and shrimp tacos.

## **Medical Insurance**

We recommend that you get your health insurance in your state and / or country of origin in case you require medical service.

## **TOURISM**



The major attraction of La Paz lies on its beaches, all extremely beautiful with low gradient and soft white sand. For sun tanning the best ones are located along the highway to Pichilingue (Ferryboat Terminal). Some of these beaches include services such as, palm shelters, W.C., restaurants, bars, and aquatic sport rentals. Along the way, only a few minutes from La Paz, is La Concha, an old and charming beach resort. Further north is Costa Baja, a very new resort and marina.

The Island of Espíritu Santo is the closest one to the bay of La Paz and the most beautiful of all the islands in the Sea of Cortés. The contrasts of the reddish color of its limestone, the turquoise of its sea, and its beautiful sunsets make it an impressive view. A day on a charter boat can include snorkeling, scuba, and kayaking; a recommended experience for those bringing their families for an added vacation.



## **Desert Visits**

La Paz is surrounded by an exceptionally rich desert. The desert is a fragile ecosystem with abundant vegetation and animal life. It contains unsuspected richness to those that have not been in contact with deserts. High day temperatures, low night temperatures, and scarce precipitation affect desert life. Nevertheless, it is the ideal habitat for hundreds of species. At first sight, the desert may seem a solitary place, but as one carefully observes, one discovers birds (such as the turkey vulture, osprey, roadrunner, woodpecker, peregrine falcon, numerous shore birds, and colorful ones like orioles and cardinals); reptiles (such as snakes, lizards, iguanas, turtles); mammals (such as desert mouse, squirrel, coyote, fox), and a wide variety of insects and spiders of unique beauty. The variety of cacti, with its colorful flowers and fruits, birds, and reptiles is an invitation to walk and explore this natural landscape. At this time of year, the rainy season is over, but the green lingers on and seems so unusual for such a dry region.

## **Other travel possibilities**

If you have time and rent a car, other places of interest include:

- Todos Santos, thriving tourist town close to the Pacific Ocean. (1.5-hour drive).
- El Triunfo, old gold-mining town, restored and refurbished. (1-hour drive).
- El Serpentario, small, but interesting zoo devoted to snakes and reptiles (in La Paz).
- San Juan de la Costa, abandoned mining town past CIBNOR. The drive is interesting. (1-hour drive).
- The Cacti Sanctuary is located in the Common Land of El Rosario, 45 minutes from La Paz by Highway 1 South to El Triunfo and 10 min by dirt road. The Cacti Sanctuary is a natural reserve of 50 hectares that includes a park of 6 hectares in its initial stage. This stage is a sample of natural life, characteristic of the desert area of La Paz. It is the ideal site to understand this type of ecosystem because apart from cacti, one can observe other plants and animals. Through its pathways one can find self-guided tours with information on the species of plants and animals and their interactions.



### Corporate Rates 2010

Lodging is paid by the participant. Here are some corporate fees honored for CIBNOR. Please inform the hotel clerk, at the moment of your reservation, that you are attending a CIBNOR event to get this corporate fee.

#### Grand Plaza



#### Fee

Suite Delfín \$1,128.60 M.N. For 1- 2 persons  
 Suite Marlín \$1,504.80 M.N. For 1- 3 persons  
 Suite Dorado \$2,031.48 M.N. For 1-5 persons  
 Suite Master \$3,573.90 M.N. For 1-6 persons  
 Suite Presidencial \$4,32630 For 1-4 persons

#### Contact/Reservations

Tel: (612) 124-0830 up to 36  
 Fax: (612) 124-0837  
 Méx: 01-800-0099900  
 U.S.A.: 1-800-2CROWNE  
 Lote "A" Marina Norte Fidepaz  
 P.O. Box 482  
 La Paz, B.C.S., México  
 E-mail: [reservations@grandplazalapaz.com](mailto:reservations@grandplazalapaz.com)  
<http://www.grandplaza.com/>

Includes: Wireless Internet, business center, sauna, gym, squash, jacuzzi, and parking.

Does not include tax

#### Hotel Marina



#### Fee

#### Contact/Reservations

Standard room  
\$800.00 M.N. (1-2 Persons)

Extra person: \$100.00 M.N.

Junior suite \$ 1,170.00 M.N.

Master suite \$ 1,850.00 M.N.

Includes: taxes, welcome cocktail, Wireless Internet.

Tel: (612) 121-6254  
Fax: (612) 121-6177  
Mex: 01-800-68588000  
U.S.A.: 1-800-8261138  
Km. 2.5 Carretera a Pichilingue  
A.P. Box 194  
La Paz, B.C.S., México  
E-mail: [reservaciones@hotelmarina.com.mx](mailto:reservaciones@hotelmarina.com.mx)  
<http://www.hotelmarina.com.mx>

### Hotel Araiza Inn Palmira



#### Fee

Executive room: \$795.00 M.N. (1-2 Persons)

Standard Superior: \$819.00

Junior Suite: \$ 995.00

Charges for extra person, per night: \$100.00

Includes: taxes. Wireless Internet, and gym

\*No tax included

#### Contact/Reservations

Tel: (612) 121-6200  
Fax: (612) 121-6218  
Blvd. Álvaro Obregón s/n  
C.P. 23010  
La Paz, B.C.S., México  
México: 01800 0265444  
Canada and USA: 1 877 727 2492  
E-mail: [ventaspalaraizahoteles.com](mailto:ventaspalaraizahoteles.com)  
<http://www.araizainn.com>

### Hotel La Concha



#### Fee

Standard room: \$880.00 M.N. (1-2 Persons)

Includes: Continental breakfast and taxes.

#### Contact/Reservations

Méx: (612) 121-6344  
Fax: (612) 125-6218  
Km. 5 carretera a Pichilingue  
La Paz, B.C.S. México, C.P. 23010  
E-mail: [market14@prodigy.net.mx](mailto:market14@prodigy.net.mx)  
<http://www.laconcha.com/>

### Hotel Perla



#### Fee

Habitación estándar: \$ 792.40 M.N. (1-2 Personas)

Extra person: \$80.00

Includes: taxes

#### Contact/Reservations

Tel: (612) 122-0777  
Méx: 01(800) 71 687 99  
Fax: (612) 125-5363  
USA 01(888) 2 42 37 57  
Álvaro Obregón No. 1570  
La Paz, B.C.S. México, C.P. 23000  
E-mail: [reservaciones@hotelperlabaja.com](mailto:reservaciones@hotelperlabaja.com)  
<http://www.hotelperlabaja.com/>

**Hotel Seven Crown**



**Fee**

**La Paz:**

\$978.00 Standard room single or double  
\$1,377.00 Junior Suite.

Tax included

**Contact/Reservations**

Tel: (612) 128-7787  
Álvaro Obregón #1710, esq. Lerdo de Tejada  
La Paz, B.C.S. México, C.P. 23010  
E-mail: [sevencrown@prodigy.net.mx](mailto:sevencrown@prodigy.net.mx)  
<http://www.hotelsevencrown.com>

**Hotel Hacienda Bugambilia**



**Fee**

Standard room: \$ 670.00 M.N. (1 or  
2 Persons)

Triple room: \$ 760.00  
\$ 90.00 M.N. for extra person  
Maximum 4 persons per room

Tax included

**Contact/Reservations**

Tel: (612) 122-3088  
Fax: (612) 125-0436  
Aguiles Serdán No. 520  
La Paz, B.C.S. México, C.P. 23000  
E-mail: [info@haciendabugambilia.com.mx](mailto:info@haciendabugambilia.com.mx)  
<http://www.haciendabugambilia.com.mx>

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**FEES FOR OUT-OF-TOWN HOTELS**

**Hotel Seven Crown**



**Fee**

**Cabo San Lucas:**

\$978.00 Standard room single or double  
\$1,246.00 Junior Suite.

Tax included

**Contact/Reservations**

Make reservations in La Paz, B.C.S.  
Tel: (612) 128-7787  
Álvaro Obregón #1710, esq. Lerdo de Tejada  
La Paz, B.C.S. México, C.P. 23010  
E-mail: [sevencrown@prodigy.net.mx](mailto:sevencrown@prodigy.net.mx)  
<http://www.hotelsevencrown.com>

**Hotel de México**



**Fee**

**Contact/Reservations**

Standard room  
\$ 100.00 USD (1-2 Persons)

Single with breakfast buffet  
\$105.00 USD (1 person)

Double with two breakfast buffets  
\$120.00 USD

Single or double in executive floor  
\$150.00 USD

Ambassador Suite  
\$210.00 USD

Governor Suite  
\$290.00 USD

Includes: gym, transportation Hotel-Airport,  
previous reservation in established schedule  
and subject to availability, Wireless Internet.  
The fees on the executive floor include  
continental breakfast and access to the plaza  
Club Floor.

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Tel: 01 (55) 1164 1164 Ext. 3007, 3008 ó  
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**Hotel Sevilla Palace**  
**Cd. de México**



**Fee**

Standard room  
\$ 963.90 (1-2 Persons)

Tax included

**Contact/Reservations**

Cd. de México: 01 800 00 SEVILLA  
Av. Paseo de la Reforma #105, Col. Tabacalera, Delegación  
Cuautemoc  
México, D.F.

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<http://www.sevillapalace.com.mx/sevillapalace/esp/default.asp>

**Hotel Segovia**  
**Cd. de México**



**Fee**

\$490.00 Single standard room  
\$550.00 Room for two persons

\$610.00 Room for 3 persons

\$670.00 Room for 4 persons

Tax included

**Contact/Reservations**

Reservations:

Tel: (55) 5525-0388 5208-8634 5525-0389  
01-800-504-5787

Av. Chapultepec #328, Col. Roma, entre Oaxaca y  
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**Important Notice:**

1. When making a reservation in hotels where CIBNOR is offered corporate fees, it is important to mention that you will be attending a CIBNOR event so the hotel can honor the corporate fees offered to our visitors and guests. Otherwise, general public fees shall apply.
2. Fees are subject to changes without further notice.