

The Good Sam Club's 2010

# ***BAJA DOWN 'N' BACK CARAVENTURES***

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Choose one of these two 30-day Caraventure dates:

**#1: January 22 – February 20, 2010**

**#2: February 5 – March 6, 2010**



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## **BAJA CALIFORNIA**

Flanked by the Sea of Cortez (Gulf of California) on one side and the Pacific Ocean on the other, Baja is like a desert island, unique in its culture and beauty.

For the 31st year, the Good Sam Club is offering tours from the cosmopolitan border town of Chula Vista, California to the beautiful resort city of Cabo San Lucas at land's end in Baja California. Approximately 2,100 miles roundtrip, this Caraventure will include stops in Colonia Guerrero, Guerrero Negro, a beautiful beach on Playa Santispac; Loreto, La Paz, and Ensenada, just to name a few choice spots. From its large cities to its small quaint villages, you will come to love the warm and friendly Mexican people.

Centuries-old Spanish missions, picturesque towns, arid mountains, beautiful cactus covered deserts, and miles of pristine beaches and azure waters alive with marlin, dolphin, sea trout and migrating gray whales await you in this truly magnificent peninsula. Your experienced Good Sam Club Tour Directors know all of the best spots for shopping for everything from hand-woven baskets to colorful blankets. They know where to fish, clam, and beach comb and where to go for truly authentic Mexican cuisine.

Once again, our popular and truly unforgettable whale watching adventure in Guerrero Negro is included in your event fee.

We can guarantee that the unpredictable will occur on our Baja Down 'N' Back Caraventures, and we are looking for guests who are prepared for an adventure. All of our Caraventures are led by trained, competent and experienced Good Sam Club Tour Directors who are longtime RVers and who have extensive experience leading caravans through the Baja Peninsula. Each Caraventure consists of a maximum of 23 rigs, which allows for a more personal experience and better opportunities to get acquainted with other guests. You'll travel an average of only 125 miles on driving days, with many leisure days to enjoy the clean air, gorgeous beaches and clear, starry skies. Your Good Sam Club itinerary is designed to give you plenty of time in all the right places.

The success of our 2010 Baja Down 'N' Back Caraventures will depend on you and your willingness to be flexible and to understand the inherent problems which can develop when traveling in this primitive and rugged part of the world. If you're ready for both the challenge and the opportunity, we hope you'll join us for Mexico's most magnificent peninsula...Baja, California!



### **ABOUT YOUR TOUR DIRECTORS!**

The Good Sam Club uses *only* professional, experienced Tour Directors to lead its Baja Caraventures. From beginning to end, you will be led by couples who know how to get through customs, where to stop for fuel and how to find the best food and most convenient campgrounds.

You can rest assured that each year prior to the tour season, a lead Good Sam Club staff drives the road to Cabo San Lucas and back to check the most current road conditions, reservations, gas availability and more, while most companies rely on last year's information or even send Tour Directors who have never been to Baja before! Good Sam Baja Down 'N' Back Caraventure Tour Directors are experienced in leading this tour and know how to keep you and your rig safe in a foreign country.

With Good Sam, you benefit from complete peace of mind...knowing our field staff is up to date with the information needed to make your trip safer and more enjoyable!



## DAILY ITINERARY:

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| Day 1 - Chula Vista - Welcome lunch, Orientation with your Tour Directors, and peso exchange | Day 15 - Cabo San Lucas - Free Day                                |
| Day 2 - Chula Vista - Breakfast buffet and final preparations                                | Day 16 - C.D Constitution - Dinner & Folkloric Dance Show         |
| Day 3 - Colonia Guerrero - Dinner  | Day 17 - Loreto - Dinner & Show                                   |
| Day 4 - Catavina - Campfire  | Day 18 - Loreto-Free Day  |
| Day 5 - Guerrero Negro   | Day 19 - Playa Santispac - Hot Dog Roast                          |
| Day 6 - Guerrero Negro - Whale Watching Tour & Dinner  | Day 20 - Playa Santispac - Playa Fiesta                           |
| Day 7 - Playa Santispac - Beach Camping  | Day 21 - Playa Santispac - Campfire                               |
| Day 8 - Loreto - Dinner  | Day 22 - Mulege - City Tour                                       |
| Day 9 - Loreto - Breakfast & Free Day  | Day 23 - Mulege - Pig Roast Dinner                                |
| Day 10 - La Paz - Group Photo  | Day 24 - Guerrero Negro - Dinner                                  |
| Day 11 - La Paz - Free Day   | Day 25 - Catavina - Campfire                                      |
| Day 12 - Cabo San Lucas  | Day 26 - Colonia Guerrero - Dinner                                |
| Day 13 - Cabo San Lucas - Brunch Buffet, Glass Bottom Boat Cruise, & Glass Factory Tour      | Day 27 - Ensenada - City Tour, Ice Cream Social and "La Bufadora" |
| Day 14 - Cabo San Lucas - Free Day   | Day 28 - Ensenada - Free Day                                      |
|  | Day 29 - Ensenada - Breakfast, Museum Tour, & Farewell Dinner     |
|  | Day 30 - Return to U.S. (via Tecate)<br>~Adios~                   |

### BAJA CARAVENTURE FEES:

**\$4,125 per unit with two adults**  
**\$1,069 per child (under 12)**

**\$3,535 per unit with one adult**  
**\$1,545 per additional adult**

**All prices in U.S. Funds - Deposit of \$500 per rig is required to make your reservation.**

Our Good Sam Club Baja Caraventures run with a minimum of 10 and a maximum of 23 rigs. The Caraventure begins with two days to get acquainted and to allow our experienced Tour Directors to welcome you and inspect RVs, prepare tourist cards, assist with insurance and answer questions. You will be pleased to know that while you are enjoying your afternoon at a quality campground in Chula Vista, your Tour Directors are busy taking your travel documents to immigration to obtain validated tourist cards prior to departure. This saves you hours of waiting the next day when you begin your tour into Baja. Your Tour Directors are committed to serving you during the entire trip and will provide assistance should you have a breakdown or other problem. They will also work hard to see that you have a great time in Mexico's famous peninsula - BAJA!

## Your Caraventure Fee Includes:

- Services of field staff to make a pre-run prior to Baja travel season
- Completion of the required tourist documents and the payment of all associated fees
- Peso exchange prior to departure for Baja
- 2 nights of camping in Chula Vista, California
- Welcome luncheon and buffet breakfast in Chula Vista
- 27 nights of camping in Mexico
- 2 Dinners in Colonia Guerro
- Whale Watching Tour in Guerro Negro
- Dinner and entertainment in Loreto
- Glass factory tour, glass bottom boat cruise, and brunch at the world-famous Finisterra Hotel in Cabo San Lucas
- City Tour and Pig Roast Fiesta in Mulege
- Hot Dog Roast on the beach at Playa Santispac
- Fiesta at Playa Santispac
- City tour in Ensenada
- Trip to "La Bufadora" and Ice Cream Social.
- Breakfast, Museum Tour and Farewell Dinner
- Gratuities on all Good Sam Club sponsored events
- Services of experienced Good Sam Club Tour Directors
- Group Photo
- Pre-trip information on Mexican Vehicle Insurance
- Baja Travel Guide
- Engraved commemorative name badge for each participant

### Traveling In Baja

Be flexible and prepared for the unexpected in Baja. You will be traveling in a foreign country where another language is spoken and traffic laws and customs are different. While in Baja, you can expect to stay in the best RV parks available. Many of them offer full or partial hookups, but you should be prepared for up to 3 days of dry camping. Don't fret about the water in Baja. Your Tour Directors will brief you on when to fill your tanks and where to buy bottled water.

A CB radio is essential in your rig or tow vehicle. You will use it to communicate with your Tour Directors and other members of the caravan. Part of the enjoyment and benefit of this Caraventure is the commentary and interaction with your new friends. Since your Tour Directors will use this radio to advise you of road conditions, hazards, and to issue parking instructions, a working CB is mandatory. You should obtain or rent one, and test it before you leave home. Since we are at times communicating over several miles, hand-held models are generally not adequate.

The main highway you will be traveling on in Baja has improved over the years. However, there will always be sections of the road in poor condition with chuckholes or broken pavement and roads can quickly change from adequate to difficult with the passing of the next rainstorm.



# IMPORTANT FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW



## PASSPORTS AND MEXICAN TOURIST CARDS



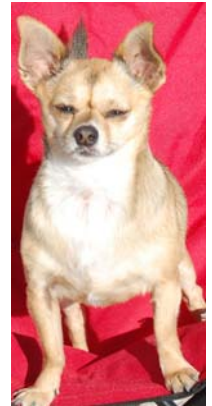
We understand that these issues can be confusing. Your Tour Directors will obtain your Mexican Tourist Card for you after your arrival in Chula Vista. In order to obtain a Mexican Tourist Card, you must have a Passport. Bring your passport with you to the rendezvous site so that the Tour Directors can take it to Immigration, fill out the proper forms for obtaining a Tourist Card, and pay the tourist fee for you. Please note that Mexican law requires that each traveler is in possession of a valid passport and as of June, 2009 a passport is also required to re-enter the U.S. by land. There are no exceptions; you **MUST** have a valid passport, or passport card, for all travel to Mexico that exceeds 72 hours. If you need to renew or obtain a Passport, please contact your United States or Canadian Government Passport office. The telephone number for your local office should be listed in the "Government Listings" section of your local phone book. Passport applications must be submitted at least 6-8 weeks prior to your departure date to ensure timely arrival. It is possible to have a Passport expedited, however there is an extra fee applied to your Passport application for this service.

## MEXICAN INSURANCE

Mexican liability insurance is required by Mexican Law. You can go to jail if you get in an accident without it. We can't stress enough how important it is to have proper Mexican-licensed insurance. As stated, liability insurance is required; coverage for your vehicle is up to you. Mexican authorities only recognize policies issued through a Mexican-licensed company. The Good Sam Club has made arrangements with an insurance agency to offer Mexican vehicle insurance coverage to our Caraventure participants. Information will be mailed to you prior to departure that will give you more details on their plan, however feel free to purchase Mexican-licensed insurance from another agency. Important: Please be sure that you have some type of Mexican-licensed insurance prior to the departure date.

## PETS

Dogs and cats are allowed in Mexico. If you decide to bring along a furry friend, you are required to have a U.S. veterinarian's *signed* certificate (Pet Health Certificate for dogs and cats) stating that your pet is in good health and verifying that inoculation for rabies has occurred. This certificate can be obtained at a veterinarian's or county health department office and is good for 30 days. An animal clinic near the rendezvous campground can help obtain a Pet Health Certificate prior to departure if needed. If you would like to travel with a pet other than a dog or cat, please advise the Good Sam Club prior to leaving home.



## FUEL

Good quality gasoline and standard diesel are readily available and planned fueling stops are scheduled throughout your itinerary. However, for your safety and convenience your RV should have a minimum range of 225 miles between fuel stops. Your Tour Directors will provide you with the most up-to-date information on both gas and diesel fuel stops. **Ultra Low Sulfur Diesel will not be available in Baja.** If you own a 2007 model or later diesel vehicle please consult your owner's manual and manufacture warranty before planning to participate in this tour.

## FIREARMS

**Do not bring firearms into Mexico!** Don't even consider it unless you want to run the risk of spending time in a Mexican jail. In fact, if you normally carry a weapon, remove it and please double-check your RV for any bullets, cartridges or other materials relating to firearms. These **MUST** be left in the United States.

## VEHICLE REGISTRATION

You must bring the current registration showing proof of ownership for all vehicles.

## PRESCRIPTION MEDICATIONS

If you are taking medication, bring enough for your trip, and have the name and phone number of your doctor available. If you have a large supply of medication, plan on leaving excess in the United States.

## ***CANCELLATION POLICY:***

(This cancellation policy supersedes any previous cancellation policy printed regarding the Baja Caraventure or any other Good Sam Club event.)

**Baja Run #1:** A handling fee of \$75 will be charged for any cancellation post-marked by October 26, 2009.

Cancellations post-marked between October 27 – November 15, 2009 will be assessed a \$150 penalty. Cancellations post-marked between November 16, 2009 – December 30, 2009 will be assessed 25% of the total event fee. Cancellations post-marked on or after December 31, 2009 will forfeit 50% of the total event fee. No-shows will not be eligible for refunds.

**Baja Run #2:** A handling fee of \$75 will be charged for any cancellation post-marked by October 30, 2009.

Cancellations post-marked between November 1 – 17, 2009 will be assessed a \$150 penalty. Cancellations post-marked between November 18, 2009 – January 14, 2010 will be assessed 25% of the total event fee. Cancellations post-marked after January 15, 2010 will forfeit 50% of the total event fee. No-shows will not be eligible for refunds.

### **All cancellations must be received in writing:**

**By Mail: P.O. Box 6852, Englewood, Colorado 80155**

**By Email: [caraventures@goodsamclub.com](mailto:caraventures@goodsamclub.com)**

**A minimum deposit of \$500 per rig is required with all reservations. If a deposit is paid, a balance due invoice will be sent 75 days before the start of the event. Balance is due in full 60 days prior to the event. The Good Sam Club reserves the right to cancel or alter any trip due to circumstances beyond its control, including weather/road conditions or low participation. If the Good Sam Club cancels any of the Baja trips, all monies received will be refunded in full.**

## ***MOBILITY & DISABILITY LIMITATIONS/RESPONSIBILITY:***

Affinity Group, Inc. (or the specific tour group like the Good Sam Club) is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for our disabled RV tour participants when it is in our control to do so. To assist us in providing this service, we request that you provide us with information concerning any accommodations you will need on the tour at the time of booking. Please keep in mind that we make arrangements with a number of third parties when scheduling events and will need advance notice as soon as possible in order to accommodate special needs. Please remember that at many tour destinations, the accommodations are temporary in nature and may not have all conveniences. Many events may include considerable walking and may not be comfortable for all participants. Facilities, such as seating for the disabled at special events, may not always be positioned with the rest of the group depending on access. We invite you to ask questions regarding specific tours in order to determine if the tours will meet your needs. Please note that while we will do our best to accommodate you in the event that parking, scheduling or other logistical problems result from adverse weather conditions or other events beyond our reasonable control, we are not responsible for any costs you may incur as a result of any such weather problems or other events that are beyond our reasonable control.

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