



## 8-Day Baja California Wildlife & Wine Tour

**Route:** San Diego → Tijuana → San Quintín → Guerrero Negro → Cataviñá → Ensenada (2 nights) → Valle de Guadalupe → San Diego

Based on a minimum of 15 passengers

### Day 1 — Home Town → San Diego

- All day individual or group arrivals
  - Welcome cocktail and briefing at hotel
  - **Overnight:** *Hotel Holiday Inn Bayside San Diego*
  - **Meals:** *N/A*
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### Day 2 — San Diego → Tijuana → San Quintín

- Cross early via **Tijuana (San Ysidro)**.
  - Coastal drive through **Ensenada** with seafood lunch at *La Guerrerense*.
  - Continue south to **San Quintín** (4½ hrs total).
  - **Overnight:** *Hotel Misión Santa Maria San Quintín*
  - **Meals:** *B, L, D*
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### Day 3 — San Quintín → Guerrero Negro

- 7-hour desert drive via **Valle de los Cirios**.
  - **Overnight:** *Halfway Inn Guerrero Negro (1/2)*
  - **Meals:** *B, L, D*
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### Day 4 — Ojo de Liebre Whale Sanctuary + Pronghorn Station

- Early-morning whale excursion (8–11:00 AM).
  - Lunch in Guerrero Negro, then visit **MUBE Pronghorn Center** (1 hr each way).
  - **Overnight:** *Halfway Inn Guerrero Negro (2/2)*
  - **Meals:** *B, L, D*
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### Day 5 — El Vizcaíno Reserve → Cataviñá \*\*\*

- Morning desert/biosphere exploration at **El Vizcaíno Reserve**
  - Drive 4 hrs north through dramatic cirios & boulder country.
  - **Overnight:** *Misión Cataviñá Hotel*
  - **Meals:** *B, Boxed Lunch, D*
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### Day 6 — Cataviñá → Ensenada

- 6 hrs northbound; lunch stop in **El Rosario**.
- Arrive **Ensenada**, check into **Cortez Inn** (harbor views, pool, close to seafood promenade).
- Evening at leisure on the malecón or dinner at *Manzanilla* or *Muelle 3*.
- **Overnight:** *Cortez Inn (1/2)*.
- **Meals:** *B, L*

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## Day 7 — Valle de Guadalupe & Decantos Vinícola

- Short 30-min drive inland to **Valle de Guadalupe**.
- **Visit:**
  - **Decantos Vinícola** – guided gravity-flow winery tour & tasting with sweeping valley views and lunch.
- Late-afternoon return to **Ensenada** for coastal sunset.
- Evening at leisure on the malecón or dinner at *Manzanilla* or *Muelle 3*.
- **Overnight:** *Cortez Inn (2/2)*.
- **Meals:** *B, L*

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## Day 8 — Ensenada → Tijuana → San Diego

- 2 ½ hrs north via scenic Hwy 1D.
- Cross at **Tijuana / San Ysidro**, allowing ~1-1½ hrs for customs.
- Arrive **San Diego** by mid-afternoon.
- **End of Tour.**
- **Evening Departures**
- **Meals:** *B*

***\*Timing is estimated and subject to change.***

### ***Tour Includes***

- ***Tour Manager & driver gratuities***

***15 passenger minimum:***

	<b><i>Single Occupancy</i></b>	<b><i>Double Occupancy (2 beds)</i></b>
<b><i>15 paid passengers</i></b>	<b><i>\$4,398</i></b>	<b><i>\$3,798</i></b>
Price also includes round trip desert transfers to San Diego		

### **History of El Vizcaino Biosphere Reserve**

El Vizcaino Biosphere Reserve bears a history as rich and varied as its ecosystems. The area has been home to indigenous groups, such as the Cochimi people, for thousands of years. The terrain and its resources have shaped their culture and way of life, a testament to human adaptation to diverse natural environments.

In 1988, in recognition of its exceptional flora and fauna, the Mexican government designated the region as a protected area. This move was a critical step towards conserving its unique desert habitats and the marine life along the coast. Given its ecological importance, UNESCO declared part of the reserve,

including the lagoons of Ojo de Liebre and San Ignacio, a World Heritage Site in 1993. This recognition drew the world's attention to El Vizcaino as a model for conservation and sustainable resource management.

### **Why is El Vizcaino Biosphere Reserve Important?**

El Vizcaino Biosphere Reserve is a haven for wildlife enthusiasts, conservationists, and researchers because of its unique biodiversity and significance as a habitat for numerous species. The reserve is particularly acclaimed for being the main breeding ground for the Pacific gray whale. Every year, these gentle giants travel thousands of miles from the Arctic to the warmer waters of El Vizcaino to reproduce, offering a spectacular natural show that's both intriguing and moving for visitors.

Beyond its charismatic marine mammals, El Vizcaino plays a crucial role in sheltering species such as the black-tailed jackrabbit, the Baja California pronghorn, and various raptor birds. The reserve is also an indispensable water source in the arid region, providing life-sustaining oasis ecosystems. Its significance extends to climate regulation, scientific research, and as an emblem of natural heritage for Mexico and indeed the entire world.

