

# Marine Biology Trip to San Carlos, Sonora



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# Travel itinerary (dates tentative)

Mode of transportation: 1 bus, 1 suburban

- 3/29/2020 Leave ALCS at 0530 → Nogales, AZ via Sonoita - 0900
- Mariposa crossing to Nogales, Sonora → KM 21 Checkpoint 0930
- → Rest/cultural stop in Magdalena de Kino 1100-1200
- → San Carlos, Guaymas 1600
- 4/2/2020 Leave San Carlos at 0700 → Rest stop in Santa Ana 1100
- → KM 21 Checkpoint 1200
- 1230 Border crossing Nogales, Son → Nogales, AZ 1-3 hours
- ~1330-1530 → Arrive ALCS 1730-1930

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## Mariposa Crossing

- “This is a very busy truck entry point with lots of room so it is the best one for RVs and in fact all vehicles as you are not trying to find parking or maneuver through small narrow streets. This portal serves as the major gateway for the West Coast of Mexico.”

Travel during daylight!

- Sunrise is 06:15- Sunset is 1839+







# SEA KAYAKING AND SNORKELING

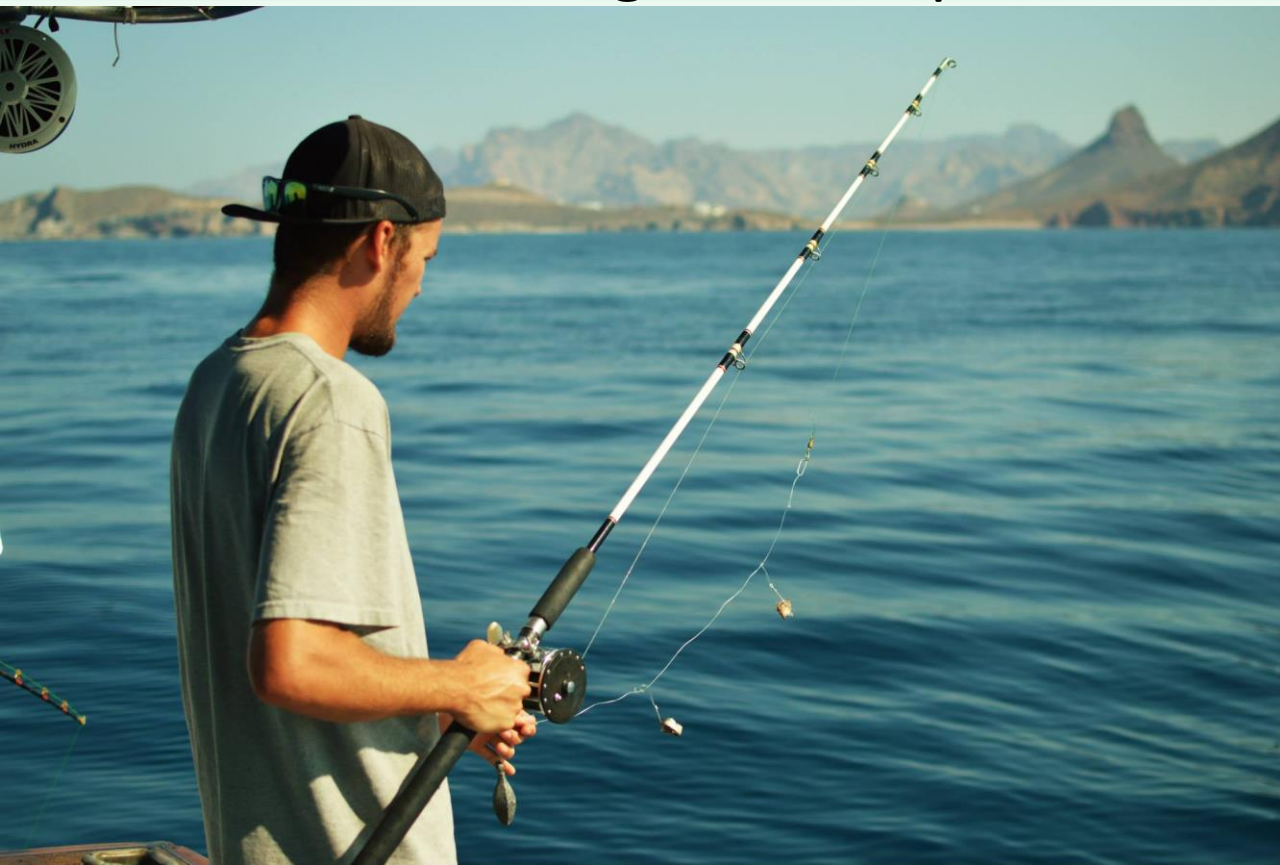
- Through a company (Enrike's Adventures, Gary's Dive Shop, El Mar Diving)
- Junior Health Swim classes
- Rental of equipment
- Underwater photography





# Fishing

- Charter a motorboat(s) to go sea fishing
- Shore Fishing/Crab Traps



# Hiking Tetakawi

- Peak within the town of San Carlos
- Medium/High Difficulty
- Short >1 hour
- No rock climbing needed



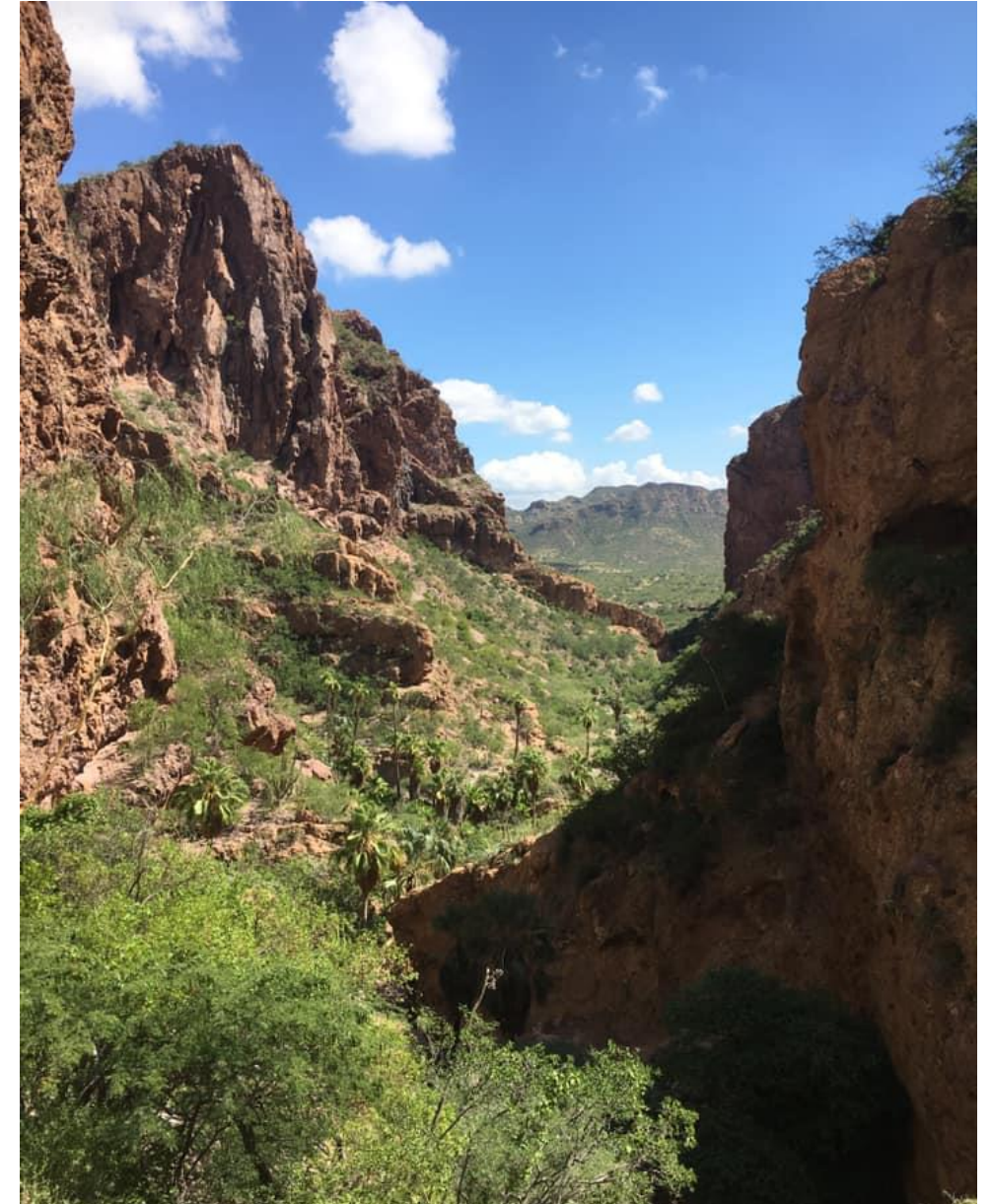




## Tide Pooling

- Tide pooling at Playa Los Algodones
- Marine Biology





## Canyon de Nacapule

- Geology
- Biology
- Anthro-Botany
- Zipline Course
- [https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction\\_Review-g151933-d3358176-Reviews-Nacapule\\_Canyon-San\\_Carlos\\_Northern\\_Mexico.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Attraction_Review-g151933-d3358176-Reviews-Nacapule_Canyon-San_Carlos_Northern_Mexico.html)
- <https://www.facebook.com/canondelnacapule/>





# Beach Time

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- Swimming, sandcastle building, lounging, etc.

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# Estuary “el Soldado” exploration

- Marine Biology
- Anthropology
- Kayaking location?
- Underwater photography







- Art/Music Workshop
- Rental of space for in-house educational activity/workshop
- <https://www.facebook.com/merimericoffee.co/>





# Explore San Carlos (Food, Mostly)

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1 Chaperone per 5 students



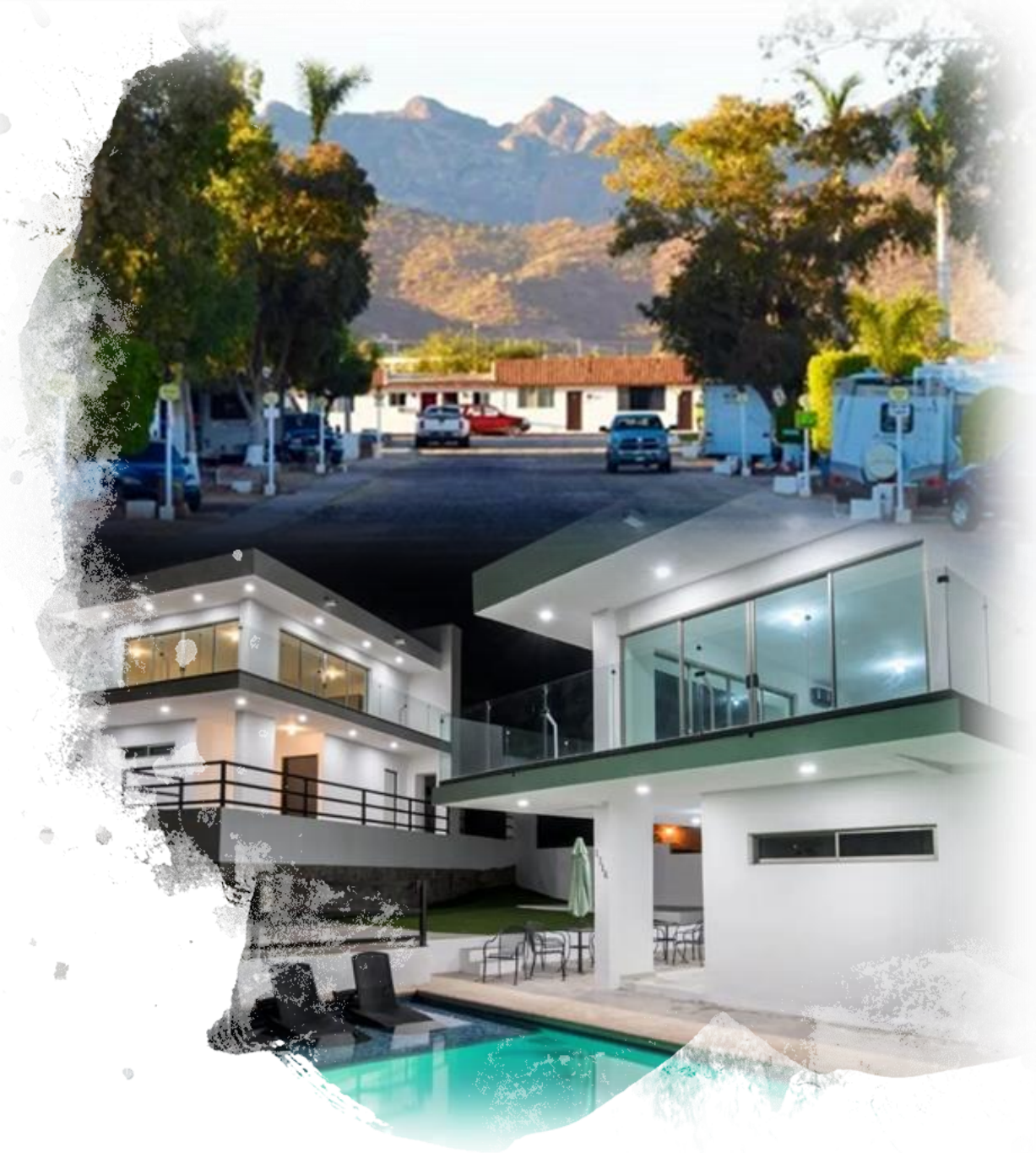


# Lodging Options

- AirBnB

[https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/27411601?location=San%20Carlos%20Nuevo%20Guaymas%2C%20Mexico&adults=16&check\\_in=2020-03-29&check\\_out=2020-04-01&source\\_impression\\_id=p3\\_1573665969\\_ffGaTrvTmlNWH2eE](https://www.airbnb.com/rooms/27411601?location=San%20Carlos%20Nuevo%20Guaymas%2C%20Mexico&adults=16&check_in=2020-03-29&check_out=2020-04-01&source_impression_id=p3_1573665969_ffGaTrvTmlNWH2eE)

- Totonaka RV park
- <http://totonakarv.com/E/>





# Medical

## Nearest medical facilities:

- San Carlos Medical Clinic, Bv. Manlio Fabio Beltrones 264, Sector Creston, Ranchito Campestre, 85506 San Carlos, Son., Mexico. +52 622 226 2223, can be reached 24 hours a day, <https://sancarlosmedicalclinic.com/>
- Hospital General de Guaymas, Calle 12 S/N, Centro, 85400 Heroica Guaymas, Son., Mexico. +52 622 224 0138 Open 24/7



San  
Carlos  
Medical  
Clinic





General Hospital of Guaymas





# Food/Water

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- Filtered water will be purchased for drinking and produce-washing purposes.
- Food will be purchased at the local Ley and Santa Ana supermarkets
- Students will have up to four lunches and two dinners to eat at local restaurants.



# Sonora Travel Advisory – State Dept

- Reconsider travel due to crime.
- Sonora is a key location used by the international drug trade and human trafficking networks. *However, northern Sonora experiences much lower levels of crime than cities closer to Sinaloa and other parts of Mexico. (emphasis added)*
- U.S. government employees may not travel to:
  - The triangular region west of the Mariposa Port of Entry, east of Sonoyta, and north of Altar.
  - The district within Nogales that lies to the north of Avenida Instituto Tecnológico and between Periferico (Bulevar Luis Donald Colosio) and Corredor Fiscal (Federal Highway 15D), and the residential areas to the east of Plutarco Elias Calles.
  - The eastern edge of the state of Sonora, which borders the state of Chihuahua: all points along that border east of Federal Highway 17, the road between Moctezuma and Sahuaripa, and State Highway 20 between Sahuaripa and the intersection with Federal Highway 16.
  - All points south of Federal Highway 16 and east of Highway 15 (below Hermosillo), and all points south of Empalme.
  - In addition, U.S. government employees may not use taxi services in Nogales.
- U.S. government employees may travel between the Nogales border crossing points of DeConcini and Mariposa in Nogales to and from Hermosillo during the day only on Highway 15D. U.S. government employees may stop in the towns of Santa Ana and Imuris and at restaurant/restroom facilities located along the highway.



# Email Communication with Hermosillo Consulate

“Hello,

I am a high school teacher in New Mexico, and am trying to get advice on travel to Sonora. I plan to bring students to either San Carlos or Puerto Penasco for a marine biology trip this April. I've examined the official travel warning for Sonora on the state department website, and it delineates an area to avoid that does not include either location. However, with recent criminal events in eastern Sonora, I am looking for further recommendations. Is this a good place to ask? I've also contacted the state department directly but have received no response.

Thank you in advance,

Avery Jepson-Browne”



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“Dear Mr. Jepson-Browne,

Thank you for your inquiry. Our Travel Advisory outlines areas that are off-limits to U.S. personnel, and those currently do not include Puerto Penasco or San Carlos. Sonora is rated level three for crime, meaning that we recommend people reconsider their travel here.

If you do plan to drive to either city from New Mexico, you should plan on driving to Nogales and going down HWY 15 in order to get to San Carlos. If you are going to Puerto Penasco, you should cross at Lukeville and go straight to Puerto Penasco. Please do not plan to drive through northeastern Sonora.

We hope this information is helpful.

Kind regards,

U.S. CONSULATE GENERAL HERMOSILLO

AMERICAN CITIZEN SERVICES”



# Passports





- Lasts 10 years
- PROOF OF U.S. CITIZENSHIP. (Previous Passport or Birth Certificate)
- PROOF OF IDENTITY: You must present your identification to “acceptance agent” (Postal Service) AND submit a photocopy of the front and back with your passport application.
- RECENT COLOR PHOTOGRAPH: Photograph must meet passport requirements – full front view of the face and 2x2 inches in size.
- FEES: [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov)

Product	Fee	Execution Fee
Passport Card (Renewal)	\$30	\$0
Passport Book (Renewal)	\$110	\$0
Passport Card (First Time)	\$30	\$35
Passport Book (First Time)	\$110	\$35