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TAILHUNTER SPORTFISHING Jonathan and Jill Roldan

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"We are addicted to excitement. We need something stimulating everyday to enjoy life and if the excitement doesn't appear, we tend to create it for ourselves."

More than 30 years ago, Jonathan Roldan, thought he was going to take a year away from his life as a litigation attorney in California. He went to work at a small boutique hotel owned by one of his clients on the East Cape of Baja.

It seemed like a dream-come true.

Roldan had always been somehow involved in the fishing industry. He grew up in Hawaii. Over the years, he had worked as a fishing guide, deckhand, pro-staff member; in tackle stores and an outdoor journalist.

He found himself as the fishing guide, SCUBA divemaster, kayak guide and part-time chef at the small hotel doing what he loved best. Mostly being outdoors. A far cry from briefcases and contentious courtrooms.

Things didn't quite work out there due to some crazy circumstances and after the better part of a year, he found himself in La Paz, where on a shoestring wallet, he started what was to become Tailhunter Sportfishing. From a single panga almost 3 decades ago, he grew it into full fleets of over 2 dozen pangas. Working by himself those first 10 years, he was joined by his best catch of his career.

That was when he met and was joined by the lady that later became his wife.



Jonathan and Jill Rodan

Jill had grown up in San Diego fishing, surfing and camping. As Jonathan puts it, "She also happened to like football, fishing, beer and she just happened to have an accounting background and she's smarter than me too!

A perfect union, the pair continued to build their fleet. They expanded with a fleet of transportation vans as well as day trips, nighttime street taco tours, SCUBA, snorkeling and kayaking.

In 2009, they opened their famous Tailhunter Restaurant on the La Paz waterfront that has since become a popular meeting place for food, drinks, great views, live music and lots of fishing stories



Jonathan and Jill Rodan

Friends in Baja (continued)

In 2011, Roldan was recognized by the governor of the state of Baja Sur for the thousands of visitors he has brought to La Paz over the decades with a formal presentation at La Paz City Hall.

Jill is also a former board member of the Vagabundos del Mar.

Jill and Jonathan continue to live in La Paz and would love to have you visit them.

Tailhunter Sportfishing is a full-service outfitter and vacation planner. They can put your entire fishing package together including hotel, transportation, activities, and of course...some of the best fishing in the world!

La Paz waters are calm, and the world-class fishing is usually so close to shore that it's perfect for panga fishing with over 20 different species from tuna to marlin and dorado to giant snapper.

The fun thing is that most of this fishing is done with live-and-dead-bait so no long days of trolling or long boat rides. It's very pro-active and perfect for veterans as well as first-timers, families and kids!

You can also find them on you tube where they have hundreds of videos on their channel and have been featured in many TV shows, magazines and newspapers in the U.S. and Mexico.

Their website is <u>www.tailhunter.com</u>.

FRIEND OF BAJA Jorge Enrique Corral Sandez Known as "Coco"

Our other volunteers first met Coco on our way down to our clinic in La Paz, BCS, Mexico, sometime in the mid to late 2010's.

Our group consisted of Brad Farrow CPO, Dr. Robert Haining, and myself. (I personally had met him long before on one of my many road trips to Baja). At that time, he was a unilateral (one sided) below the knee amputee. The prosthesis he was wearing at the time was in a state of disrepair and badly needed replacing, so we took all of the necessary measurements along with a mold of his amputated side and continued on to our clinic.

While at the clinic (which usually lasted two weeks) we made Coco his new leg. We returned to Coco's Corner on the drive north and fit and delivered his new prosthesis along with additional stump socks, liners, and suspension sleeves.

Fast forward several years later and we learned that Coco was now a bilateral (both sides) below the knee amputee, so we planned to see him on the drive south as we had done so many years before. Turns out that he had surgery, and then a revision surgery, which had left him with an adherent scar on his distal tibia (far end of the shin bone). This is normally a contraindication to wearing a prosthesis but considering where he lived and his living conditions (google "Coco's Corner Baja California") we decided to try anyway using a newly developed silicone liner. His other prosthesis which we had made several years before was also in need of replacement, so we took all necessary molds/measurements and got back on the road southward.

Two weeks later we returned to his "Corner" as we drove north and attempted to deliver his prostheses. Unfortunately, the newer technology of the silicone liner could not overcome the problems caused by the adherent scar and he was unable to use the prosthesis for the newly amputated side.

So, in typical Baja fashion, Coco redesigned some knee pads normally used by carpet installers and would "walk" around his property using those. I would go on to visit him several times over the years as we would hold two clinics a year for two weeks each, one clinic in the spring and one in the fall. Stopping by and dropping off some supplies for him and then having a cold beer he always kept on hand was always a treat. Especially in that desert heat! I can still see Coco plodding along on his knee pads, kicking up a little dust on his lot, what a character. Another true Baja legend gone. DEP, Coco. **By Paul Boe**

BOAT SHOW VOLUNTEERS

The Vagabundos del Mar club operated information booths at three travel and outdoor shows this winter, we've been busy! We were at the Outdoor Expo at the Cal Expo Fairgrounds in Sacramento, Pacific Coast Sportfishing show in Orange County and the Bart Hall show in Long Beach. These shows are a lot of fun and a lot of work. Fortunately, we have members who offer their valuable time to come in and help out.

Mark Martinez, Vagabundos del Mar Board Member Faith Martinez Arnie Austin-Agnew Roman Gonzales William Scott Wildman Robert Wheaton

Vagabundos office employees who came in and helped.

Michelle Ralston Laurie Azevedo Kaylyn Beatty Gladis Ortiz Amy Halverson

Without our volunteers and office staff we just wouldn't be able to be present at these shows. Thanks to everyone of you who generously gave your valuable time to support the club, it would be impossible to attend these important shows without your help.

Buen trabajo, muchas gracias....

Scott McEwen

Vagabundos del Mar would like to acknowledge and thank Scott McEwen for leading several caravans and operating our information booths at the Sportsman Shows this year. As Vice President he continues to assist the office as we have transitioned management duties. He is working diligently to build solid relationships with members, Mexican officials, partners, and sponsors. We rely on these fundamental relationships in order to provide individualized services to members. **Thank you from the office staff.**

2023 ACTIVITES ANNUAL CRAB FEED FIESTA GRANDE May 11-14, 2023

We are pleased to announce the Annual Crab Feed will be held May 11-14, 2023, at the Lighthouse Marina and Resort.

Thursday Pig Roast/Potluck is \$13 per person, Friday Mexican catered dinner is \$23 per person, and Saturday Crab Feed and the meeting of the Members is \$100 per person.

You will get all you can eat Dungeness crab and shrimp, crunchy sour dough bread, jumbo artichokes, and "Gallons of white box wine".

The draft beer wagon will flow Friday from 1:00-10:00pm and Saturday 10:00am - 10:00pm. RV sites will be \$70/night, 4 person cabins \$130/night and 6 person cabins \$150/night, plus a one-time cleaning fee of \$50 for the cabins and one time fee of \$10 per pet.

We need volunteers to help with the Pig Roast/Potluck on Thursday and the Crab Feed on Saturday. If you are willing to help, let the office know when you make your reservations.

Call the Vagabundos office at 800-47-4-BAJA(2242)

To make your reservations.

PADRE LUCAS YELLOWTAIL TOURNAMENT June 22-24, 2023

This is a fun filled, no drama fishing tournament. Bring the family, everyone is welcome. The 2023 Yellowtail Tournament will again be the week after Father's Day – Thursday, Friday and Saturday. The cost will be \$75.00 per entry, includes a welcome party with chips and margaritas. Saturday the 24th, we will have the awards dinner at Lizzet (new restaurant with air conditioning) with trophies.

Yellowtail (continued)

Director Larry Lammon continues to grow the tournament with more anglers, awards and prizes. The tournament becomes bigger and better every year. Tournament headquarters is Villa Vita, which has accommodations, guides, etc. You may dry camp at Casa Diaz.

Sign up at the Vagabundos office 800-47-4-BAJA (2242). **Director Larry and Janet Lammon**



Larry & Janet's sons with their yellowtails

FISHIN' FOR THE MISSION DORADO TOURNAMENT July 6-8, 2023

Fishin' for the Mission charity event is for the Mission of Loreto and the community of Loreto. Vag **Director Freddie "BoomBoom" Washington** has been representing Vagabundos at this charity event for years.. Hope to see you there!

TONY REYES FISHING TOUR August 6-11, 2023

Vagabundos is working with Longfin Adventures on getting our members signed up for the trip on the 107ft boat "Tony Reyes". The trip will be August 6 - 11, 2023. We have a limited number of spots.

Passports required for re-entry to the United States and FMM's required for trip. All inclusive includes Mexican fishing license, meals, beer, sodas, bottled water, ice, fish fileting, etc. The trip is \$1,495 per person. Kids 16 years and younger \$200 discount. A \$200 deposit is required when you reserve your spot, which go towards your final payment.

Call the Vagabundos office to reserve your spot 800-47-4-BAJA(2252)

SAN QUINTIN FISHING TOURNAMENT September 1-4, 2023

Held over Labor Day weekend, this is another great Vagabundos tournament. Fish one tournament or BOTH.

September 1 & 2 - Bottom Fish Bonanza \$65.00

September 1, 2 & 3- San Quintin Tournament \$85.00

Boat: \$400 / \$450 per day (up to 4 person per Boat plus Captain)

September 1 – Registration

September 2 - 6am – 3pm Bottom Fish Bonanza & San Quintin Tournament 1pm – 3pm Fish weigh-in 5pm – 8pm BBQ Chicken Dinner and Award Banquet for Bottom Fish Bonanza.

September 3 - 6am – 3pm San Quintin Tournament 1pm – 3pm Fish weigh-in 5pm – 8pm Steak Dinner and Awards Banquet for San Quintin Tournament

September 4 - 12pm Lunch at the Oyster and a game of Oyster Shell Jenga. 5pm Fish Fry Dinner Accommodations to be determined.

Make your reservations now by calling the Vagabundos office at 800-47-4-BAJA (2252). Director Freddie "BoomBoom" Washington

LORETO DORADO TOURNAMENT 2023

It has been a long time since we had this tournament. **Director Freddie "BoomBoom" Washington** would like to see this tournament flourish again. If interested call the Vagabundos office at 800-47-4-BAJA(2252).

2023 ADVENTURE TOURS CST#2044242-40 PASSPORTS WILL BE REQUIRED

Whale Watching Tour RV & Possible Car/hotel without RV's too!

Mark & Faith Martinez will be leading a whale and beach camping tour late February early March, 2024. Plan on 9-10 days of Beaches and Whales Trip. Enter Mexico through Tijuana to El Rosario (RV lot and hotel available); to Guerrero Negro (RV and hotel available); to Bahia de Los Angeles at Daggett's Beach Camp (RV and hotel available) then on to San Felipe (RV and hotel nearby) and exit Mexicali.

This trip will be open to RV and those without RV's we are opening up as well to hotel/motel it. There will be an administration fee and then we are planning on a pay as you go, except where the club has to have pre-paid reservations.

The last two years that Mark and Faith have been at the Guerrero Negro lagoon has been fantastic. One year we got to hold a cannon ball jellyfish which is not there every year.

Contact the Club for more details. This would be open to 8 to 10 reservations.

Thank you,

Mark and Faith Martinez



Cannon Ball Jellyfish



2023 Beaches and Whales Caravan

BAJA CARAVAN Mid-October 2023 28-32 days

Vagabundos staff is currently working on a new and longer trip leaving mid-October for about 28-32 days. Participants will travel the entire length of the peninsula visiting ancient missions, camping on beautiful beaches and enjoying the welcoming culture of Baja California. Caravanners will enjoy group meals, guided tours and possibly a swim with whale sharks. The caravan will travel at a leisurely pace, numerous stops will be for multiple nights.

Tentative itinerary. Meet in El Centro Gonzaga Bay Guerreo Negro Bahia Asuncion San Ignacio Mulege-Playa Santispac Loreto

Baja Caravan (continued)

San Carlos-Bahia Magdalena La Paz Todos Santos Los Barriles El Sargento Ciudad Constitucion San Juanico-Scorpion Bay Loreto Mulege-Playa Sanispac Punta Abreojos Guerrero Negro Bahia de Los Angeles San Felipe Home

As soon as plans are finalized, we will publish the complete itinerary. Join us for the trip, make new friends and memories that will last a lifetime. We keep the participants to just 8 RV's to ensure the best travel experience possible. Price will include all RV sites and tours. If interested call the Vagabundos office at 800-474-BAJA(2252).

MEMBERS SPEAK

YEAR PINS ISSUED

Benjamin Hernandez 20 Years

> Scott McEwen 10 Years

VAGABUNDOS RV CARAVANS

Are you or someone you know a member of a RV travel club or group? Popularity of RV travel has certainly grown in recent years and the number of these fun-loving groups has also grown. The Vagabundos Del Mar travel club can assist your group with planning a trip to Baja and can even provide an experienced caravan leader to ensure a smooth, safe adventure. What better way to enjoy the wonders of Baja than with your group of friends. Contact the office at 800-47-4-BAJA(2252) for more information or if you have any questions, This can be fun!!!

BEACHES AND WHALES February 6-22, 2023

The Vagabundos Beaches and Whales Caravan departed on February 6th and returned home on February 22, 2023. We had a wonderful adventure, beautiful ancient missions, landscapes, saw interacted with the California Gray Whales and made many new friends. Caravans are a great way to experience new areas. Baja can be intimidating, narrow roads, unfamiliar language and customs. Baja works on Baja time; you just have to go with the flow and not get rushed. Someone acting as the guide can smooth out some of these ruffles and make the journey that more enjoyable. Also, with a group traveling together, a sense of security is present, safety in numbers. The caravan leaders are Baja veterans with many Baja miles under their belt and a pretty through knowledge of what to do and what to see.

We all met up at the Desert Trails RV Resort in El Centro. That evening we enjoyed some snacks and got to introduce ourselves to the group. Safety was discussed and border crossing expectations were explained. Vagabundos Director Mark Martinez was on board to observe our operation as he will be leading future caravans. Everyone was on excited to begin the trip. Up in the morning, we crossed into Mexico at the Mexicali East Point of Entry. Smooth sailing, professional personnel operate the POE. We obtained our FMM, or tourist visas and we were on our way. Unfortunately, one person in of our group encountered mechanical problems with her camper van and decided to return to the USA. I staved with her, and we tried to resolve the issue, but she wisely decided to go back. I caught up with the group in San Felipe and we continued to our campsite at Ranch Grande in the Gonzaga Bay area.

Up early and on the road towards Guerrero Negro. Arriving in Guerrero Negro just after noon, we went over to Tony's Taco Muelle, a food truck that serves what I consider the best fish and shrimp tacos in all of Baja!! Yummy!! With smiles on our faces, we headed to our nights lodging at Malarrimos, we set up and enjoyed the first group meal, a wonderful time. Continuing our leisurely pace south, we arrived at San Ignacio where we toured the beautiful

Beaches and Whales (continued)

mission and had lunch at one of the small, local restaurants that surround the town plaza. We arrived at our next nights stop Santispac Beach in the Bahia Concepcion area and set up right on the beach. We enjoyed a million-dollar view of crystal-clear water and the many offshore islands. That evening I set up my propane fire pit and we all shared stories and lots of laughs. The next morning, we took our time as we only had a two-hour drive to Loreto.

We arrived in Loreto in the early afternoon. I somehow missed my intended turn and that's were the fun began. Somehow, we ended up driving down a very narrow street in the busy center of Loreto. To add the mess, there was a funeral taking place at the mission, increasing traffic! Holy cow, I was sweating bullets!! I have to give credit to my caravan companions as everyone navigated through the mess without mishap. We even got a police escort who stopped traffic and assisted us on arriving safely. We got set up at our campground for the next three nights at Rivera Del Mar. This is a full hookup campground with laundry facilities in the center of town. Very nice and welcoming. The following day, we were picked up by our old friend Oscar in his taxi van for a trip up to San Javier Mission. Along with Oscar was Judy Lieghton, a local docent guide. We traveled up to San Javier and toured the mission and the surrounding area, then we traveled a short way to a local working rancho, where we had fun learning how to make tortillas and enjoyed a wonderful, authentic, homemade Mexican meal. Very delightful. We returned to Loreto late in the afternoon, happy and tiered. This was a long day, but very enjoyable. The next day was Super bowl Sunday. I checked around and found the big game was being televised at La Palapa Restaurant, very convenient as we planned on a group meal there later in the evening. Some in the group went over and watched the game, the rest of us joined the a little later and we had a wonderful meal and a few margaritas. A good time was had by all. Always a nice evening.

Our fun over in Loreto, we began the journey north, headed back to Santispac Beach for three nights. We arrived, set up and enjoyed another evening firepit. The next day the group went for a panga ride out to the offshore island and even dug for clams. Everyone really enjoyed this outing and the fresh clams.

Being that today was Valentines Day, the local restaurant, Armondos, was having a party with food and drink specials and a DJ. Armondos is a beach front, open air restaurant in traditional Baja fashion. A few in the group joined in and had a great time, dancing and having fun. While we were in Loreto, Bob and Barbara's son, who is a yacht captain in Cabo San Lucas drove up to visit. He had brought along freshfrozen dorado which he gave his Dad. So, the next morning after the Valentines Day party, Bob and I took the dorado over to Armandos and asked them to cook it for us for dinner that evening. What a treat!! Armondos really went all out and put on a spread with all the trimmings...a wonderful evening. While we were Santispac, we traveled up to Mulege and toured the mission and did some shopping. Some of us enjoyed a nice lunch at the Mulege Brewery, just south of town. A really nice rest stop.

Fun over at Santispac, we continued north, headed back to Guerrero Negro and whale watching!!

We arrived back in Guerrero Negro in the early afternoon and set up at Malarrimos. I made the arraignments for our whale watching for the following morning. In the morning we climbed into the Malarrimos shuttle bus for the ride out to Ojo de Liebre Lagoon. During the short ride we were given the history of Guerrero Negro and the incredible salt works that operate in the area and support the town. We were also informed of whale behavior and what to expect during our tour. Arriving at the dock area we were all fitted with life preservers and were welcomed aboard our panga, an open-air vessel about 22' in length with bench seating. Off we went into the lagoon, everyone excited and watching for whales. We didn't have to wait long, as it was easy to see the whale's spout when they surfaced to breath. We encountered a few whales, and the captain would shut down the motor and wait to see if these guys were friendly. We were approached by a couple who wanted a head scratch. What fun, we were at times were surrounded by whales, each looking for some attention. This went on for some time. You have to be cautious, as I truly believe the whale do this intentionally. The whale will swim next to the panga, and when someone looks over to observe, they forcefully exhale, and you get a face full of exhaled water and "whale stuff"!!

Beaches and Whales (continued)

All great fun and hilarious to everyone else. The whale tour lasts about three hours on the water, and we returned to our campground, tired but happy. That evening some of our group ventured into town to eat dinner, some enjoyed their meal with our hosts at Malarrimos, a relaxing evening. Tomorrow were headed to Bahia de Los Angeles.

We departed Guerrero Negro after running around and doing some grocery shopping and obtaining some pesos. Wouldn't you know it, one in our group got pulled over for running a stop sign. Our caravanner readily admitted he didn't see the stop sigh and went through the intersection. We went with the officer to the police station and paid the \$75.00 fine. The officers were all very professional, and the whole event didn't take long. Fortunately one in our group spoke perfect Spanish and was very helpful in getting everything with the police in order, thank you Martha!!

On the road north to Bahia de Los Angeles. The highway between Guerrero Negro and the turn off to Bahia de Los Angeles is some of the most challenging road we encountered. It is very narrow in places and riddled with shallow potholes. The kind where a one or two inches of the last layer of pavement put down has come up, not those tooth jarring deep kind potholes, but deep enough to try to avoid. The rule is to just slow down and not try to rush. By now our group were true Baja road veterans and we had no problems navigating what was ahead of us. We turned off of Mexico Highway #1 and onto the Bahia de Los Angeles road. For the most part this road is in good shape, but there are places where the road was washed away during the hurricane in September 2022 and has not been repaved. You have to pay attention, as the cation some spots come up quickly, not signed very well.

We arrived at our sites for the next three nights, Daggetts. We set up and relaxed, enjoying the view of the offshore islands. The next morning, we were picked up by White Bay Tours at our campsite for a Ecotour of the area. We climbed into the pangas and rode to the launch ramp in the panga, kinda fun. We went out and found two Humpback Whales feeding on what looked like small sardines, millions of them. We watched them for some time then took off to see a colony of California Sea Lions. All the while our guides, Angel and Ericka Blanco gave us the local history and description of the habitat of the birds and marine mammals were observing. All very interesting and fun. Angel and Ericka are very involved in the preservation of the habitat and especially the local Sea Turtle population. That afternoon, we were greeted by some long time Vagabundos members, Sharon Tamagmi, Rudy Agulilar and Tom and Mary Howard. How nice to see them. They were on their way to Mulege on vacation.

The weather was changing, and we were rained on during the night. During the day some of us ran into town for some shopping and site seeing, others relaxed on the beach. That evening, we walked the short distance to Ruth's Cocina, located at Raquel and Larry's Resort and enjoyed a wonderful dinner and margaritas. Always a good time,.

Our fun over and we departed Bahia de Los Angeles headed to San Felipe, and Victor's RV. The drive was uneventful apart from the wind. We took it easy and arrived at Victor's and set up. Victor's is right on the beach but most of the camping sites do not have an ocean view. Two in our group were lucky enough to score two beachfront sites, lucky for them. That evening we enjoyed our last night together at the beachfront palapa restaurant and had a nice meal. We shared tales from our trip and relived some experiences.

Up bright and early, as we were headed to the border and home. The wind was really howling so we had to take it pretty easy. We had to stop and help fix the awning on one of the rigs as the wind was trying to unravel it as we drove down the highway. We arrived at the Mexicali POE and got in line to be processed back into the States. We waited in line for about 30 minutes and breezed through US Customs. After we gathered down the road and said our goodbyes. I'm always glad to be home, but at the same time I sad our adventure is ending.

This was a great adventure. We had a wonderful time and enjoyed our experiences and the company of each other. This group displayed skill in driving the Baja roads and highways. We covered approximately 1470 miles without serious mishap and that includes the mess I got us in at Loreto!! Thank you fellow adventures for the really enjoyable trip!! Let's do it again!!

Spring La Paz Clinic 2023 Paul and Shelley Boe

Hola Vagabundos,

Our latest spring clinic in La Paz provided the following legs and braces to the people of Baja California:

- 6 Left above knee prostheses
- 3 Left below knee
- " 6 Right above knee.
- " 3 Left below knee
- "1 pair SMOS (aka ankle/foot brace)
- 1 AFO (aka below knee or short leg brace)
- 1 KAFO Repair (aka above knee or long leg brace)

We had a total of 65 total patient visits and were visited by patients from as far away as Mexicali, Bahía Asunción, Santa Rosalia, and Loreto, to name a few.

I've been retired since 2003, and so I've been out of the loop for quite a while, but I'm pretty sure the value of these systems is over \$200K in today's dollars.

I am hopeful that our clinic can continue, especially with the "new blood." (The volunteers that have joined over the last few years.) One of the new volunteers, Doug Pinkley CPO (Certified in Prosthetics and Orthotics by the American Board for Certification in Prosthetics and Orthotics) has started a 501 (c) (3) in hopes that we can generate some funding to help defray the clinic costs.

Here's how it's worked since 2004:

Volunteers pay for their own transportation to and from the clinic. The La Balandra Rotary Club of La Paz provides the lodging and the daily lunches at the associated clinic. All other costs (meals, entertainment, margaritas, non recyclable materials for fabrication, etc) are borne by the volunteers themselves. All other parts/supplies are from recycling old prostheses (artificial limbs) and orthoses (orthopedic braces for the back, neck, limbs and head-non dental) that we get from our many contacts in the states.

So hears my pitch. If one quarter or one third of the folks who are members of the Vagabundos del Mar travel club could donate just a few bucks, we could fund the clinic at least into the 2030's. And even though you may not know me from Adam, I can honestly guarantee that ALL donations, 100%, go directly to the clinic, NO administrative expenses, NO officers' salaries, NO BS, NADA.

If you can include with your donation your email address, Doug can email you a tax-deductible receipt, further cutting down on postal expenses. Please make your tax-deductible check to:

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RIP Dean Trivett



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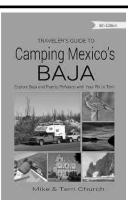
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Fishing in the Loreto Bay National Marine Park can be exceptional for migratory dorado, yellowtail, sailfish, marlin and many other resident species.

Diving around the nearby islands is very popular, as well as kayaking and whale watching with several different species. Pangas can be chartered for a delightful day of picnicking and snorkeling. The area has lovely white-sand beaches with several adjoining reefs and numerous tropical fish. Several businesses cater to these activities.

Fascinating side trips can be made to Puerto Escondido to the south and the village of San Javier high in the Sierra de La Giganta to the west. Nopolo is a few miles south of Loreto and has a fine golf course and a tennis complex.



Offering invaluable sightseeing tips, advice on fun activities, and detailed descriptions of campgrounds, this grand tour of Mexico's Baja Peninsula provides both RV and tent campers with the best resources for planning a vacation chock-full of beach combing, back-roads exploring, golf, fishing, whale watching, and water sports.

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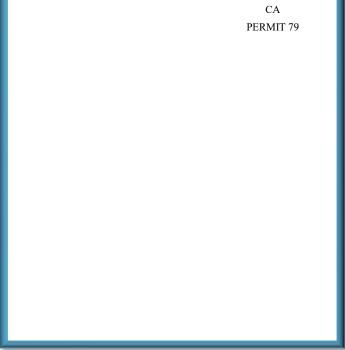


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