

HOW TO GET TO LA PAZ

Contact your travel agent.

Flight times, departure airports and carriers are constantly changing so we recommend you check what is available through your local travel agent. Once you have had your Four Season Guides vacation reservation confirmed we suggest that you make a flight booking **ASAP** as airlines get booked up early, particularly during the USA vacation periods. Your destination is La Paz, Baja California Sur, Mexico but often it is considerably cheaper to fly to San Jose Del Cabo and then transfer by local bus (2.5-3 hours). America Airlines, Aero Mexico, Mexicana, Aero California, Air West, Continental Air and Alaska Airlines are currently offering flights to San Jose del Cabo and Aero California, Aerolitoral and Aero Mexico have flights to La Paz.

From San Jose del Cabo to La Paz:

Once you arrive in San Jose del Cabo airport take a taxi shuttle (\$15US) or the Servipuerto Bus (8US) to El Aguila Bus Terminal (tel (624)1421100) in the San Jose town, situated at Colonia 1ro de Mayo (1 block off the main federal highway to Cabo San Lucas). There is a shuttle information desk as you leave the airport - they speak a little English and they take American money. Or if you have time, check out San Jose, it is a beautiful mission town and well worth a visit.

****NOTE**** If you take the taxi please ask to be dropped off at El Aguila's Bus terminal not to be mistaken with the Transportes La Paz terminal.

Once you arrive in La Paz bus terminal take a taxi (\$3-5US) to your accommodation - please make sure you have the full address of your guesthouse/hotel to hand.

If you arrive direct to La Paz:

Take a taxi direct to your accommodation (\$15US shared minibus - *this will still take you to your hotel* or \$18US private taxi) - please make sure you have the full address of your guesthouse/hotel **before flying.**

BOA (Four Season) office location:

Locate the Malecon (sea promenade) in La Paz. Then drive/walk north in the direction of Pichilingue, you will have the ocean (La Paz Bay) on your left. As you leave town you will cross over a bridge where there is a little public garden with a small wind mill on your left. Continue for another 150 meters and you will see on your right a white Moorish style building called **Hotel El Moro**. Keep going, cross the street, pass a residence and a local restaurant (Moyeyos) and you will see our BOA Kayak outfitters sign on a two story salmon colored building with a palm tree roof, palapa style. Drive into our parking lot or walk into our office. **Allow 5-10 minutes driving time or 30-40 minutes walking time from downtown La Paz.**

Rental Cars

You will find most major car rental companies available at the San Jose del Cobo airport and some in the town of La Paz as well. If picking up a car at the San Jose airport, make sure the person who helps you is wearing a shirt with that company's logo. There are a lot of Time Share folks trying to get your business. If you rent a car, please drive carefully and DO NOT drive at night.

Warning: Possibility of Port Closure

The La Paz Port Authority has the authority to regulate, or even close the port due to dangerously inclement weather, if they believe such action is warranted and necessary in the interest of public safety. If or when this occurs during our kayaking season, due to rough sea or impending severe weather, it may affect our ability to maintain our intended schedule or itinerary for trips to or from Isla Espiritu Santo. We endeavor to anticipate the Port Captain's decision to close the port by closely monitoring various weather forecasts available on the internet. This may prompt us to arrange a departure to the island earlier, or later, in the day than planned.

In the event that a departure is going to be delayed for a significant part of a day or more, we will provide an alternative day of kayaking in a beautiful sheltered bay on the Baja mainland, and perhaps spend our first night camping in that bay, unless we determine that conditions are so adverse that it would be preferable to spend another night in a hotel in La Paz. The cost of these alternative arrangements will be covered by Four Season Guides sister Baja Outdoor Activities, as will the reasonable cost of meals through whatever alternative eating arrangements we make (ie. packed lunches, local restaurant meals, etc.) However, we will only cover the first such additional hotel night. In the very unlikely event that more than one additional hotel night is required, **THEY WILL NOT BE COVERED BY FOUR SEASON GUIDES** or BOA. For this reason, we recommend that all of our clients arrange travel insurance that would cover such an eventuality.

Towards the end of a multi-night trip on Isla Espiritu Santo, we may determine that there is a serious risk that the weather will deteriorate to the point that **EITHER** it would be too dangerous to travel back to La Paz on our planned schedule, **OR** that there is a good chance that the Port Captain would close the port, which would prevent us from leaving the port on schedule to bring a group back from the island. In such an event, if we decide to bring a group back from the island earlier than scheduled to avoid these risks, we will again cover the cost of one additional hotel night and local meals.

The decisions we make in these situations are based on years of experience operating in and around the Bay of La Paz. While we will always endeavor to deliver the exact itineraries we advertise, our first priority is your safety. Your understanding of the necessity for us to maintain a flexible approach to our scheduling is appreciated.

In the event that your planned itinerary is modified as described above, our liability will be limited to the stated extra hotel and food accommodations, and WE WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR ANY OTHER EXPENSES THAT MIGHT BE INCURRED, SPECIFICALLY INCLUDING MISSED OR RE-SCHEDULED FLIGHTS. Although we have never had anyone miss their flight home due to bad weather and subsequent delay in the island shuttle, we cannot accept responsibility for such expenses. By undertaking a wilderness trip, you are accepting the fact that there is an element of risk in disruption of travel arrangements. For this reason we strongly advise all our guests to take out travel insurance.

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