



## Printable directions to Puerto Peñasco, Sonora ~ Mexico J Beach House

The trip takes about 4 hours from the Phoenix/Scottsdale area or Tucson, and about 6 ½ hours from San Diego.

**From Phoenix I-10** ... Drive West towards LA. Take the State Route 85 (exit #112) Go south to Gila Bend and turn on the Exit before McDonalds to Ajo/Mexico. Continue on SR 85 through Ajo through Why, AZ.

**From Mesa and East Valley**.....Take I-10 east, to Maricopa to I-8, then on to Gila Bend & SR85 and follow the directions above...

**From North Scottsdale**...Take the New 101 freeway to the I-10 and follow the directions above...

**From Tucson**...Take SR 85 (Ajo Hwy) West to Why, AZ Then a left (south) onto SR 85 & continue South...

**From San Diego**...Take I-8 east to Gila Bend, AZ. Take the SR 85 exit & turn right (S.) through Ajo ...

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**Once you are in Why, AZ**... Continue south about 30 miles on SR 85. Just before the Organ Pipe National Park, you will be asked to slow down as you pass through a new secondary check point. You do not need to stop, but you will be stopped on the way back home. Continue to the border crossing town of Lukeville, AZ.

**Crossing the Border...** The border is open from 6am to Midnight! To go through Mexican Customs, drive up to the small traffic light and stop. Wait for a Red or Green light, if you get a red light, you will be asked to pull over and answer some questions (Please Note: It is Illegal to possess Firearms in Mexico please leave them at home.) If you get a Green light, you may proceed into Mexico. Puerto Peñasco is a "Free Zone" so you will not need any car travel stickers or tourist papers to travel there, just your Drivers License. Once across the border you are now in Sonoyta.

**The first Sonoyta Interchange...**about two miles south of the border, the road turns right and goes over a hill. Then you will come to a goofy little interchange. Go LEFT at the interchange.

**The second Sonoyta Interchange...**About a ½ mile more, you will come to a fork in the road. Go RIGHT at the fork and follow the sign to Puerto Peñasco. If you did it right you will see Licores Vasquez on your LEFT. Keep traveling south, Rocky Point (Puerto Peñasco) is approximately 60 miles.

**Once in Puerto Peñasco...** Just follow the main Blvd (Benito Juarez) through town (be careful to watch for traffic lights that are sometimes hard to spot). After you pass under the pedestrian walking bridge with many signs on it, proceed to the stop sign at the railroad tracks, then on to the large green "Las Conchas" sign. Turn left at the sign onto Fremont Street. When you see the Pemex station on the left and a Las Conchas sign on the right, turn right onto the unpaved road. When you get to the guard gate, you are entering Las Conchas. The guards will typically just wave at you to pass through because of your U.S. license plates. If you arrive at night and can not find your way, go back to the guard house and ask them to escort you.

### **Rocky Point Travel Pointers...**

American Auto Insurance is not recognized by the Mexican Police, so it is a very good idea to purchase Mexican Car Insurance before driving into Mexico. It will help keep you out of trouble if you get into an accident. Full coverage, depending on the value you claim your vehicle to be, should cost no more than \$30.00 or so for a weekend. Mexican Insurance can be purchased from the link on our website or there are several office's in Ajo. Everyone goes through the same company, so it doesn't really matter whom you get it through. Some of your major American Insurance agents offer it now as well. You will need your Drivers License and your registration.

**ENTERING THE USA**... Arizona State law limits the importation of alcoholic beverages to one litre per person. There are also restrictions on importing meats and some fruits and vegetables. Seafood can be brought into the U.S. in large amounts duty-free, so feel free to pack your cooler with fresh fish and shrimp from the Fish Market!

**POINTERS ONCE YOU GET THERE:** Puerto Peñasco has full services (ATM's, grocery stores, restaurants, pharmacies, gas stations, etc.) so you can purchase just about anything you may have forgotten. The water and ice used in Puerto Peñasco comes from wells and a desalinization plant and is generally safe. You can also ask for bottled water anywhere in town and at most restaurants.

### **History...**

**Rocky Point** started out as a small fisherman's camp approximately 75 years ago. As fishermen made more permanent living arrangements and brought their families to be with them, the camp became a small village. Now Rocky Point is a city with a population of 45,000 and is day to day becoming a fast growing resort area, due to its natural tourist location and large sums of money invested in the infrastructure: a train station, bus station and a wide 2 lane highway connecting Rocky Point Sonora to Arizona. Rocky Point has over 20 Hotels from simple and economic to 5-star luxury resorts; restaurants for even the most strict gourmets, plenty of stores, churches and medical services. Nestled along its beautiful beaches are residential areas in which vacation homes have been built mostly by foreigners. These homes range from a simple beach cabin to Hollywood style mansions. One of these areas is **Las Conchas**. Rocky Point is an area greatly valued by ecologists. The Piñacate area has over 400 cinder cones built by volcanic eruptions 2,000 to 1,000,000 years ago. The Mexican Government granted NASA authorization for its astronauts to conduct training in this area because of the similarity of the craters with the moon. This area along with part of the Sea of Cortez was declared by the Mexican Government as a Biosphere Reserve. Sea lovers can't keep away from Rocky Point. It's a water sports haven because of the warm & tranquil waters of the Sea of Cortez. The fishing is terrific. Two fishing tournaments a year are sponsored by the Cholla Bay Sportsman Club.

You will know you are close when you reach a sharp curve to the right. It heads downwards and curves back to the left. J House is just ahead on the left.

Guard Gate



J Beach House



