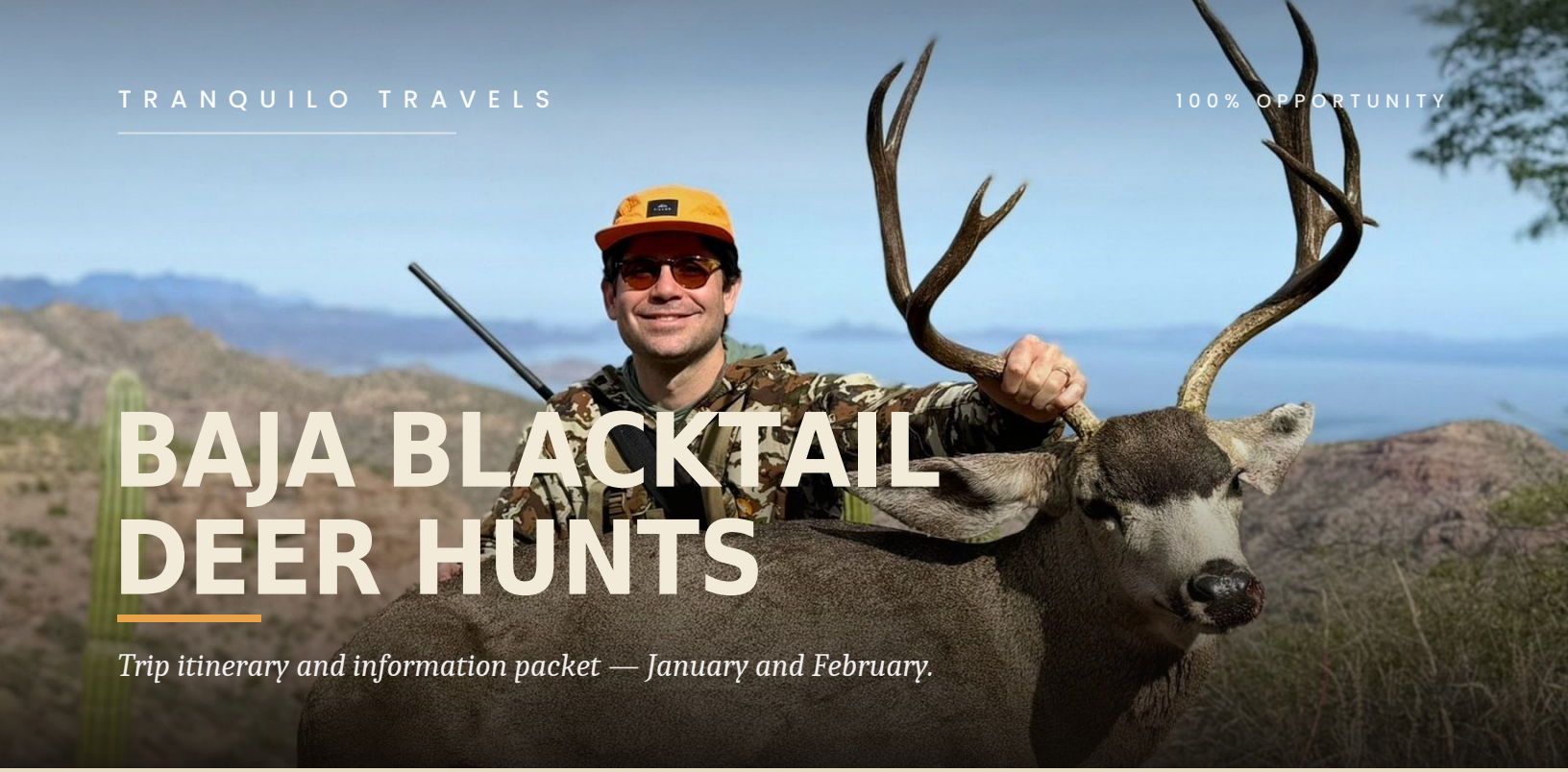


BAJA BLACKTAIL DEER HUNTS

Trip itinerary and information packet — January and February.

BEFORE YOU GO

This packet covers the shape of the trip, what to bring, and what you need to know about flying with a firearm to Mexico. Read the firearms section early — the permit takes lead time, and it is the one piece of this trip that cannot be fixed at the last minute. Everything else we handle for you.

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Riding out from the ranch. Rifle and archery both welcome. Rock art above the arroyos.

THE ITINERARY

Hunting days are yours to choose — anywhere from five to eight. Travel days are not counted against them. The pattern below holds no matter how long you book.

DAY 1

TRAVEL AND ARRIVAL

Fly into La Paz (LAP), Loreto (LTO), or San José del Cabo (SJD). Time allowing, we head straight for the ranch the same day. If your flight lands too late for that run, you overnight in the arrival city and we collect you the next morning. Pre-hunt lodging and meals are not included. Transport from SJD to La Paz carries an additional $280 charge.

DAY 2 OR 3

SETTLE IN

Depending on your arrival timing, Ty or Mark picks you up and runs you out to the ranch. Settle in, check gear, confirm your zero. If the day still has light in it, there may be an afternoon hunt or a glassing session. After dark: dinner, conversation, and a few laughs.

HUNTING DAYS

OUT FROM CAMP

Some days you hunt straight out from the ranch. Others you ride to satellite camps or into country the trucks cannot reach, and some hunts involve overnighting in a spike camp. It depends on where the deer are and what they are doing — most weeks are a combination. If a buck is worth staying close to, camp moves closer to him.

FINAL DAY

DEPARTURE

Transport from the ranch to the airport for your flights home. If your flight time makes that tight, we move you into the departure city the night before instead. Post-hunt lodging and meals are not included.

A DAY IN THE PATTERN

Before light	Coffee, then saddle up and ride for the country you glassed yesterday.
First light	Glass the rims and arroyo heads while the deer are still on their feet.
Midday	Shade, food, and a rest for the stock. This country is worked in the margins of the day.
Afternoon	Back on the glass until dark, then ride for camp — or stay out if the buck says so.
After dark	Dinner, and an honest conversation about tomorrow.

THE RANCH

HACIENDA STYLE, AND LIVED IN

A generational ranch, inhabited and cared for by our local partner families — your hunting guides and their families — for generations. Real, badass Mexican cowboys who still make their living off the land, and meals out of Mama Maria's kitchen: famous home cooking, with meat and produce raised on the same ground you'll be hunting.

THE PACKAGE

INCLUDED

- Mexican hunting license, tags, and all local fees
- Assistance with firearm permits and CITES documentation (fees not included)
- Private ground transport from LTO, LAP, or SJD
- Hunting days as booked — travel days don't count against them
- Room and board at the ranch and in the bush
- Bilingual U.S. guides and local vaqueros
- Horses and mules — to ride, and to pack gear, water, and meat
- Field care, delivery to the taxidermist, and coordination of your trophy export

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare
- Pre- and post-hunt lodging and meals
- Firearm permit and CITES fees
- $280 transport charge for SJD to La Paz
- Taxidermy work and trophy shipping costs
- Gratuities for guides and camp staff

THE RATE

THE STANDARD PACKAGE · SEVEN DAYS, FIVE HUNTING

$5,250 *per hunter at two-to-one, or $6,500 one-to-one.*

Additional days: $1,000 one-to-one, $750 two-to-one. Five to eight hunting days.

ADD TO THE TRIP

FISHING DAYS AFTER THE HUNT

$1,000 PER DAY, PER BOAT

Guided service on the Sea of Cortez once your tag is filled, up to three anglers per boat. All fishing gear, lunch, beverages, and preparation of your catch to bring home are included.



RIFLE RENTAL AND AMMUNITION

FLAT FEE **$350**

If you would rather not travel with a firearm, a rental rifle and ammunition can be arranged. Ask when you book so we have it waiting and sighted in.

GEAR LIST

Cardón, cholla, and volcanic rock. Everything in this country either sticks you or turns your ankle, and you may be living out of one duffel in a spike camp for a night or two. Bring what earns its weight.

DOCUMENTS

- ✓ Passport (plus a photocopy, packed separately)
- ✓ Copy of your firearm permit paperwork
- ✓ CBP Form 4457 (see page 5)
- ✓ Travel insurance details
- ✓ Cash for gratuities and incidentals

CLOTHING

- ✓ Heavy brush pants — not softshell, not stretch woven
- ✓ Long-sleeve sun hoody, two
- ✓ Light insulated jacket for mornings
- ✓ Rain shell, packable
- ✓ Merino or synthetic base layer for spike camp
- ✓ Leather or heavy synthetic gloves
- ✓ Wide-brim hat and a buff
- ✓ Wool socks, one pair per two days

SPIKE CAMP BAG

- ✓ Small dry bag or compression sack
- ✓ Packable puffy jacket
- ✓ Spare socks and a base layer
- ✓ Travel-size toiletries
- ✓ Wet wipes

BOOTS AND SLEEP

- ✓ Broken-in boots with stiff soles and real ankle support
- ✓ Camp shoes
- ✓ Sleeping bag rated to 25°F
- ✓ Sleeping pad
- ✓ One soft duffel that can ride on a mule

OPTICS

- ✓ Binoculars, 10x42 or 12x50
- ✓ Spotting scope and tripod if you own one
- ✓ Bino harness
- ✓ Rangefinder
- ✓ Lens cloth and spare batteries

NICE TO HAVE

- ✓ Trekking poles
- ✓ Knee pads, honestly
- ✓ Small camera
- ✓ Something to read in the midday shade
- ✓ Zip-top bags for whatever must stay dry

WEAPON

- ✓ Rifle in a hard, lockable case (see page 5)
- ✓ Ammunition, factory boxed, per your permit
- ✓ Or: bow, arrows, spare release and strings
- ✓ Sling and a shooting support you actually use
- ✓ Cleaning kit basics

PACK AND PERSON

- ✓ Daypack, 1,800–2,500 cubic inches
- ✓ Water bladder or bottles, three liters minimum
- ✓ Electrolyte mix
- ✓ Headlamp and spare batteries
- ✓ Sunscreen and lip balm
- ✓ Small first aid kit, blister supplies
- ✓ Needle-nose pliers or tweezers for cactus spines
- ✓ Knife
- ✓ Prescriptions in original bottles
- ✓ Phone, charger, and a battery bank

LEAVE AT HOME

Camouflage is optional and cotton is a mistake. Skip the vape — they are banned outright in Mexico. Leave cannabis and CBD products at home; both are illegal to bring in, however legal they are where you live.

FLYING WITH A RIFLE

THE MEXICAN SIDE

- A temporary import permit from SEDENA, Mexico's defense ministry, is required and must be issued before you travel. We process it for you.
- Two long guns per hunter, one permit per person. No handguns, and nothing with a tactical appearance.
- No semi-automatic rifles. Semi-automatic shotguns are allowed.
- Rifle calibers cannot exceed .32 (8mm). Rifles chambered in .22 or .223 are not permitted — which rules out a lot of American deer rifles, so check yours early.
- Your permit states exactly how much ammunition you may carry. Bring that and nothing more, factory boxed.
- Riflescopes are separately regulated. We need your scope details along with the rifle's.
- Do not route through Mexico City (MEX). Fly into La Paz, Loreto, or Los Cabos.
- The permit is presented on entry and must be closed out when you leave. We handle both ends.

THE AIRLINE SIDE

- Rifle unloaded, in a hard-sided case you can lock. Declare it at the ticket counter.
- Ammunition travels in checked baggage in its factory box or a purpose-made ammo box. Most carriers cap it at eleven pounds.
- Get CBP Form 4457 stamped before you leave the U.S. It records your serial numbers and makes coming home simple.
- Fly nonstop if you can, and give yourself three hours at the counter on the way out.
- Knives, tools, trekking poles, and your spotting scope all go in checked bags.
- Sweep every pocket of every bag for loose rounds. A single stray cartridge is an arrest in Mexico, not a warning.

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU

At least thirty days before your hunt: a copy of your passport and driver's license, your full name and date of birth, address and phone, and the make, model, caliber, and serial number of your rifle plus the make, model, power, and serial number of your scope. Triple-check the serial numbers — one wrong digit voids the permit.

GOOD TO KNOW

Come fit
You will be riding and walking in steep volcanic country every day. The hunt is as hard as the buck makes it.

Weather
Cool mornings, warm afternoons. Layers matter more than a heavy coat.

Everything bites
Cactus, thorn brush, and rock. Heavy pants and gloves are not optional here.

Horses
Tell us your riding experience and your weight when you book so we can match you to the right animal.

Spike camps
One duffel, packed light. What you send out is what you have.

Service
Cell coverage is thin to nonexistent. A satellite messenger is a good idea if people at home will worry.

Gratuities
Customary for guides and camp staff, and not included in your package. Ask us what is normal and we will tell you straight.

Your trophy
We handle field care, the taxidermist, and the export paperwork. Shipping charges are billed separately.

Firearm and import rules change without much warning. Everything here is current guidance, not a legal document — confirm the details with us before you book flights, and we will tell you exactly where things stand for your dates.

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Travel Insurance for Baja Trips

Tranquilo Travel Co · What to buy before you go, and why

Why this matters here. Our Baja camps sit on remote stretches of coast reached by panga or dirt road. The nearest full hospital is in La Paz or Loreto, typically several hours away, and a serious injury means a ground or air transfer there, then possibly an air ambulance to the U.S., which commonly runs **$25,000–$75,000 or more**. U.S. health plans and credit-card benefits rarely cover this, so we strongly recommend every guest carry two layers of coverage.

Layer 1 — Medical Evacuation Membership (strongly recommended)

This is the piece that gets you from camp to a real hospital and home. Buy it for your exact trip dates (or annual if you travel often).

Provider	Best for	Notes
Global Rescue globalrescue.com	Remote field rescue — our recommended choice	Performs evacuation from the point of injury, not just hospital-to-hospital. Short-term and annual memberships. When you enroll, tell them the camp location (Magdalena Bay / Baja California Sur) and that access is by panga and unpaved road.
Medjet medjetassist.com	Hospital-to-home transport	Strong benefit for flying you home once you are already admitted to a hospital. Does not perform field rescue, so pair it with Global Rescue or rely on your trip policy for the camp-to-hospital leg.

Layer 2 — Trip & Travel Medical Policy (strongly recommended)

Covers medical bills, trip cancellation, and the flight disruptions that come with travel to La Paz and Loreto. Look for these features:

- **Medical evacuation limit of $250,000 or more**, with “evacuation to hospital of choice” or “medically necessary repatriation” language
- **Trip interruption and travel delay** — connections through La Paz, Loreto, and Cabo are limited and weather can close the fishing day or the road
- **Cancel For Any Reason (CFAR)** add-on — must usually be bought within 14–21 days of your first trip deposit
- **No exclusions** for fishing, hunting, small boats, or “remote area” travel; confirm this in writing if unsure

Provider	Strength	Notes
World Nomads (Explorer plan)	Activity coverage	Covers fishing and small-craft travel without extra riders. Easy online purchase.
IMG (Patriot Platinum)	High medical & evac limits	Strong medical/evacuation ceilings; pair with a cancellation policy if needed.
Allianz (OneTrip Prime / Premier)	Cancellation & delay	Solid trip cancellation, interruption, and delay benefits. Check evac limit on the plan you choose.
Travel Guard / AIG (Deluxe)	Cancellation incl. CFAR	Good CFAR option; confirm remote-area and boating language.
Compare: **Squaremouth.com** or **InsureMyTrip.com**	Shopping tools	Filter by evacuation limit, CFAR, and activity coverage side by side.

Before You Travel — Checklist

[ ] Evacuation membership or policy active for all trip dates

[ ] Evacuation limit $250k+ confirmed; boating/fishing/hunting not excluded

[ ] Copies carried on paper (cell service at camp is limited)

[ ] Trip policy purchased within the CFAR window of your deposit

[ ] Policy numbers and 24-hour assistance phone numbers sent to Tranquilo

[ ] Emergency contact and any medical conditions shared with your guide

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