BAJA DESERT BIGHORN SHEEP

Trip itinerary and information packet — January and February.

BEFORE YOU GO

This packet covers the shape of the hunt, what the package includes, 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. A desert ram from this country. Rock art above the arroyos.

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THE ITINERARY

The package gives you up to ten hunting days, and travel days are not counted against them. A sheep hunt ends when the right ram is on the ground — the pattern below holds whether that takes three days or all of them.

DAY 1

TRAVEL AND ARRIVAL

Fly into La Paz (LAP) or Loreto (LTO), where we meet you with private transport. Time allowing, we head straight for the ranch the same day — it is only a few hours' drive. Land too late for that run and you overnight in the arrival city; we collect you the next morning. Pre-hunt lodging and meals are not included.

DAY 2

SETTLE IN

Settle in at the ranch, check gear, and confirm your zero. If the day still has light in it, we get on the glass and start picking the country apart. After dark: dinner, conversation, and a plan for the morning.

HUNTING DAYS

ON FOOT, BEHIND THE GLASS

Sheep hunting here is done afoot, every day, with mules and horses packing gear, water, and meat. The hunt starts on the ranch and regularly travels past its boundary into the mountains and arroyos above the Sea of Cortez — this is free-range country, not a high-fence hunt. Some days you hunt out from the ranch; when the rams are deep, we spike out, to whatever degree suits you and the hunt.

RAM DOWN

WHEN THE HARVEST COMES EARLY

Fill your tag with days to spare and one guided fishing day on the Sea of Cortez is included in your package. A deer combo is also available.

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 climb or ride for the vantage you picked yesterday.
First light	Glass the rims, benches, and arroyo heads while the sheep are on their feet.
Midday	Shade, food, and more glass. Rams bed where they can see — so do we.
Afternoon	Move on the ram if he is in a place you can kill him. If not, we wait for tomorrow.
After dark	Dinner, and an honest conversation about the plan.

THE RANCH

HACIENDA STYLE, AND LIVED IN

A private generational ranch between La Paz and Loreto, inhabited and cared for by our local partner families — your hunting guides and their families — who have hunted this land for generations and have guided this hunt with foreign guests for decades. Meals come out of Mama Maria's kitchen: famous home cooking, with meat and produce raised on the same ground you will be hunting.

THE PACKAGE

INCLUDED

- Hunting license, desert bighorn tag, all local fees
- CITES and firearm permits, processed for you
- Private ground transport from Loreto or La Paz
- Up to ten hunting days, not counting travel days
- Room and board at the ranch and in the bush
- Bilingual U.S. guides and generational local guides
- Mules and horses to pack gear, water, and meat
- Trophy care, delivery to the taxidermist, and organization of your export
- One guided fishing day if your ram is down early

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare
- Pre- and post-hunt lodging and meals
- Firearm rental and ammunition
- Alcoholic beverages
- Taxidermy work and trophy shipping costs
- Gratuities for guides and camp staff
- Travel insurance — strongly recommended

THE RATE

THE DESERT BIGHORN PACKAGE · UP TO TEN HUNTING DAYS

$55,000

per hunter, all local license, tag, and permit fees included.

Season: January and February. Rifle and archery both welcome.

50% deposit required to hold your dates and tags.

ADD TO THE TRIP

DEER COMBO AVAILABLE

$3,500 ADDITIONAL, PER HUNTER



A DAY ON THE SEA OF CORTEZ

INCLUDED IF YOUR RAM IS DOWN EARLY

One guided fishing day is yours should harvest happen early — boat, guide, fishing gear, and lunch all included.



RIFLE RENTAL AND AMMUNITION

FLAT FEE **$350**

Would rather not travel with a firearm? Ask when you book and we will have a rifle waiting and sighted in.

GEAR LIST

Cardón, cholla, and volcanic rock. Everything in this country either sticks you or turns your ankle, you will be on your feet all day, and you may live out of one duffel in a spike camp for a night or two. Bring what earns its weight — and bring the best glass you own.

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 and wet wipes

BOOTS AND SLEEP

- ✓ Broken-in mountain 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, on a harness
- ✓ Spotting scope and a solid tripod — this is a glassing hunt
- ✓ Tripod adapter for your binoculars
- ✓ Rangefinder with angle compensation
- ✓ Lens cloth and spare batteries

NICE TO HAVE

- ✓ Trekking poles
- ✓ Knee pads, honestly
- ✓ Phone scope adapter
- ✓ 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, bipod or shooting sticks you actually use
- ✓ Know your rifle at distance and at steep angles
- ✓ 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, and the fee is part of your package.
- Two long guns per hunter, one permit per person. No handguns, no semi-automatic rifles, and nothing with a tactical appearance.
- Rifle calibers cannot exceed .32 (8mm). Rifles chambered in .22 or .223 are not permitted. 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 or Loreto.
- 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 tripod 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

Sheep live where it is steep, and you will climb volcanic rock on foot every day. The fitter you arrive, the more country we can hunt.

Your ram

Rams in this area often go over 170 inches. We will tell you honestly what you are looking at before you shoot.

CITES and your trophy

Desert bighorn are CITES-listed. We handle field care, the taxidermist, and export paperwork. Export takes time, and shipping is billed separately.

Weather and spike camps

Cool mornings, warm afternoons — layers beat a heavy coat. For spike camp: one duffel, packed light.

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.

Holding your dates

Sheep tags are limited each season. A 50% deposit is required to hold your dates and tags.

Firearm, permit, and export 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.

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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