ROOSTER CAMP SEA OF CORTEZ

Trip itinerary and information packet — Baja California Sur, May through July.

BEFORE YOU GO

Rooster Camp is a private beach camp on an island in the Sea of Cortez, reached by private transport and a panga ride. The fishing is world-class and often triple-digit; the camp is built so that the people in your party who do not fish have just as good a week as the ones who do. Everything in here is here so nothing surprises you.

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Roosterfish off the beach and out of the panga, dorado on the blue water, and a camp that is yours.

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SEVEN DAYS, FIVE FISHING

READ THIS FIRST: BUILD IN A BUFFER

Fly into La Paz (LAP) or San José del Cabo (SJD). Cabo arrivals are a longer drive, so book flights that land with daylight to spare. Pre- and post-trip hotel nights in La Paz are on you; we are happy to recommend places we like, and private airport transportation is included throughout your trip.

DAY 1

ARRIVE AND OVERNIGHT

Fly into La Paz or Cabo San Lucas. We meet you at the airport with private transport and get you to your hotel in La Paz. Dinner in town, rig what you want to rig, and sleep. Pre-trip lodging and meals are not included.

DAY 2

OUT TO CAMP · FIRST SESSION

Morning transport up the coast and a panga ride out to the island — the camp sits about sixty miles north of La Paz. Settle into your tent, get the lay of the beach, and fish the afternoon — roosters cruising the sand, or a run out with the guides. Fresh catch comida and a first night under the stars.

DAYS 3-5

FULL FISHING DAYS

Two anglers to a panga, fly or conventional, with expert local guides who have worked this coast their whole lives. Roosterfish off the beach and out of the boat, dorado and sailfish on the blue water, jack crevalle wherever they turn up. Non-anglers have their own program: spearfishing, snorkeling, paddleboards, hiking, whale and sea lion tours, and the masseuse.

DAY 6

LAST MORNING · BACK TO LA PAZ

Fish the morning, then break camp and run back across for the drive into La Paz in the afternoon. Overnight in town. Post-trip lodging and meals are not included.

DAY 7

HOME

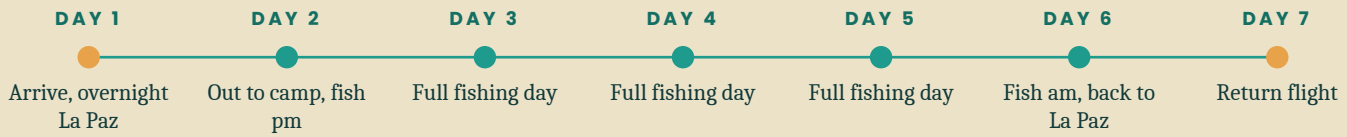
Private transport to La Paz or Cabo for your return flight. Book departures with enough margin for the drive.

CAMP NOTE

Five fishing days: the afternoon of day two, three full days, and the morning of day six. Two anglers per panga. A camp runs with a minimum of eight anglers and a maximum of fourteen, and group rates are available on request.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Five fishing days inside seven. Longer and shorter trips can be built around the same shape — ask when you book.



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THE PACKAGE

INCLUDED

- Five fishing days, two anglers per panga
- Expert local guides, fly and conventional
- Private beach camp accommodations
- All meals and non-alcoholic beverages
- Fresh catch comida from a private chef
- Private airport transportation throughout
- Spearfishing, snorkeling, paddleboards, hiking
- Whale and sea lion tours in season
- In-camp masseuse

NOT INCLUDED

- Airfare
- Pre- and post-trip lodging and meals in La Paz
- Personal and fishing gear
- Alcoholic beverages
- Gratuities for guides and camp staff
- Travel insurance — strongly recommended

THE CAMP

FOR THE ANGLERS

Two anglers per panga with guides who grew up on this coast. Beach and panga fishing, fly and conventional. A camp runs eight anglers minimum, fourteen maximum.

FOR EVERYONE ELSE

Spearfishing, snorkeling, hiking, paddleboards, whale and sea lion tours, an in-camp masseuse, and a private chef cooking the day's catch. Think private beach resort, remote, and more fun.

WHAT SWIMS HERE

ROOSTERFISH
The headline fish, off the beach and out of the panga

DORADO
Blue water, and they eat a fly as well as anything

MARLIN
Offshore, when the season and the water line up

SAILFISH
In the mix on the blue water alongside the marlin

JACK CREVALLE
Pound for pound the meanest pull in this water

TRIPLE-DIGIT DAYS
They happen here often enough that nobody is surprised

EIGHT TO FOURTEEN

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TACKLE AND GEAR

The camp has guides, boats, and know-how; what it does not have is a tackle shop. Bring spares of anything critical, and take the sun seriously — May through July on this coast is hot and bright, and you are on the water all day.

FLY TACKLE

- 9 weight for roosters off the beach and most panga work
- 10 or 12 weight for the big roosters and offshore
- 8 weight if you want a lighter option for smaller fish
- Intermediate and full sinking lines, plus a floater
- Large-arbor reels with sealed drag and 200+ yds backing

LEADERS AND FLIES

- Straight 40–60 lb fluorocarbon shots for roosters
- Tippet spools 16–40 lb
- Big baitfish patterns: mullet, sardina, and popper heads
- Bring more than you think you need

CONVENTIONAL

- Medium-heavy spinning outfit, 6000–8000 class
- 40–65 lb braid with a fluorocarbon leader
- Poppers and stickbaits for roosters
- A few jigs for the bottom
- The camp can advise before you buy anything

SUN AND HEAT

- Polarized sunglasses, plus a backup pair
- UPF long-sleeve shirts, two or three
- Wide-brim hat and a buff
- Reef-safe mineral sunscreen and SPF lip balm
- Electrolytes — you will need them

ON THE BEACH

- Wet-wading shoes or sandals with a heel strap
- Quick-dry shorts and pants
- Rash guard or swimwear for snorkeling and spearing
- Light layer for the panga ride at first light

CAMP AND PERSON

- Headlamp and a power bank
- Dry bag for the boat, waterproof phone case
- Personal toiletries and a quick-dry towel
- Small first aid kit, prescriptions in original bottles
- Motion sickness tablets if you are prone
- Cash for gratuities

A WORD ON GEAR

Tell us what you own before you buy anything. Between the guides and our own kit there is usually a way to cover a gap, and there is no sense buying a twelve-weight for one week. Label rod tubes with your name, and pack a spare rod section if you have one. Bring the camera — the light out here does most of the work for you.

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GOOD TO KNOW

MAY THROUGH JULY

BEFORE YOU BOOK FLIGHTS

TRAVEL INSURANCE · STRONGLY RECOMMENDED

The camp is on an island, reached by panga, and the nearest real medical care is back on the mainland. Nothing about this trip is reckless, but it is remote, and flight delays into Baja are ordinary. A policy with medical evacuation and trip interruption coverage costs very little against the price of the trip and solves the two problems most likely to actually happen to you.

Global Rescue is linked from our site. Ripcord and DAN are worth a look as well.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Heat and sun

May through July is hot and bright, and you are on the water all day. Long sleeves, a hat, reef-safe sunscreen, and more water than you think. Electrolytes help more than anything else you can pack.

Boats and swell

Pangas are open boats. If you are prone to motion sickness, bring what works for you and take it before you leave the beach, not after.

The non-angler side

Half the camp's program has no rod in it. Tell us who is coming and what they like, and we will build their week too — snorkeling, spearing, whales and sea lions, paddleboards, hiking, or a massage and a book.

Money and tips

Bring USD cash for gratuities and incidentals. Guides, camp staff, and the chef all work hard for you, and cash is how it is done here.

WHAT TO EXPECT

This is a beach camp, not a hotel. It is comfortable, well run, and genuinely private — but you are sleeping on an island in the Sea of Cortez, and the day runs on the weather and the fish rather than a schedule. That is the trade, and it is the reason the fishing is what it is. Meals come off the boat and out of a real kitchen, the guides have worked this coast their whole lives, and the villages along it are the reason we have access at all. Be a good guest, tip well, and let the week take its own shape.

HOLDING YOUR DATES

Dates are limited to May through July and the camp takes one party at a time. Eight anglers is the minimum for a camp, fourteen the maximum, and group rates are available. Call early and we will tell you straight what is open.

QUESTIONS? ASK BEFORE YOU BOOK FLIGHTS

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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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