

# Directions from California



- Take Interstate 8 East from southern California or Yuma, Arizona.
- Take the State Route 85 exit to Gila Bend.
- Continue into Gila Bend and turn left just after McDonald's at the sign for Mexico/SR 85 South.
- Continue south on SR 85 to Ajo (approximately 39 miles).
- Continue on SR 85 through Ajo to Why, AZ (approximately 10 miles).
- Continue on SR 85 through Why to Lukeville, AZ (approximately 27 miles).
- To cross the border, drive forward to the crossing station and note the traffic light. If the light is green, you are free to proceed with caution. If the light is red, you will be waived into a parking space. Be polite and patient. The Mexican border police may ask you some questions and to see inside your car or trunk. The border police are usually looking for drugs and guns, so do not attempt to bring either into the country. If you are pulled over for inspection, you will likely be on your way in less than a few minutes.
- Once you cross the border, you will be in Sonoyta, Mexico. Make sure you pay careful attention to the speed limit signs in town, which will be shown in kilometers rather than miles per hour.
- After about 1.8 miles, you will arrive at a 3-way intersection with a stop sign (ALTO in Spanish). You will see a monument and signs for PTO Peñasco and Santa Ana to the left. Make a left at the stop sign and then bear right, following the signs to PTO Peñasco.
- Stay to the right (towards Puerto Peñasco/Caborca) at the Y. Do not follow the sign to San Luis or Santa Ana. There is a traffic light soon after you bear right. Continue straight through this traffic light to Mexico Highway 8.
- Once you are through town, continue on Highway 8 from Sonoyta to Puerto Peñasco (approximately 60 miles). Along the way you will see a sign saying EJ PTO Peñasco. Do NOT turn at this sign. Continue on Highway 8 until you see the sign for Sandy Beach Resorts.
- After approximately 60 miles, you will see the sand dunes of Puerto Peñasco on your right. Turn right at the signs for Sandy Beach Resorts (first traffic light, Blvd. Samuel Ocaña).
- Continue on this road past the railroad tracks (road becomes Blvd. Gustavo Brown), through the roundabout, continuing south through the arches at Costa Diamante.