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Ensenada



Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico

Vineyards, museums, whale watching, and beautiful beaches are some of the attractions to Ensenada. As the third largest city in Baja California, it is one of the most important ports on the Pacific Rim.

More than 90% of Mexico's wines are produced in Ensenada and its surrounding regions. The climate, warm summers and mild winters, sunny days and cool nights makes it the perfect setting to produce wine. The internationally recognized wine makers produce a number of different types and styles of wines. Most wineries offer tours and wine tasting.

Ensenada is not as much a tourist town as it is a genuine Mexican city, yet it does have much to offer the visitor who drops by. The 75 mile stretch of highway leading to Ensenada from U.S. border is in excellent condition and can be traveled in just over an hour.

It has been said that Ensenada is a town built around a bar. Although this is a bit of an exaggeration. Hussong's Cantina, which opened in 1892, has been a major influence in the development of this port town since opening. Today, over 100 years later, it's hard to beat the \$2.00 margaritas and the live mariachis that help make this fine drinking establishment one of the most famous bars in the world.

Ensenada offers all of the services you would expect in a big town. Supermarkets, hospitals, plenty of shopping, and much more. The large harbor is the third largest seaport in Baja, and fishing is a big industry here.

If you are headed further south into Baja, Ensenada is the last big stop for loading up

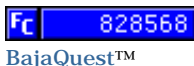
on the essentials that start to get scarce as you enter Baja's wide open spaces. Enjoy your hotel with that satellite TV this might be your last chance to watch Seinfeld for a while.

A few miles south of Ensenada is Estero Beach, a landmark of sorts for many years. A clean hotel, a trailer park, and a camping area have accommodated young and old here for many a good time. The large calm bay is perfect for water sports.

Further south, 12 miles west of the main road nestled against the coast, is a quaint campo known as Punta Banda. Although the blow hole 'La Bufadora' is the main draw here, restaurants and curio shops also help make this a great half day excursion from Ensenada. Snorkeling and diving here are excellent.



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