

READING GUIDE

Mexico: Baja & the Sea of Cortez Adventure

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Danny Palmerlee

Lonely Planet Baja & Los Cabos

2005, PAPER, 264 PAGES, \$19.99

In addition to local maps and great information on sightseeing and accommodations, this handy guide includes a 75-page overview of the nature, culture and history of Baja California. (Item no. BJA10)

John Steinbeck, Edward F. Ricketts

The Log from the Sea of Cortez

1995, PAPER, 288 PAGES, \$15.00

The classic account of a collecting trip to the Sea of Cortez with marine biologist Ed Ricketts, first published in 1941. Subtitled "A Leisurely Journal of Travel and Research," this much-loved book captures the wonders of the Gulf of California and the joys of discovery. It's one of our favorite books. (Item no. BJA02)

Joseph Wood Krutch

The Forgotten Peninsula, A Naturalist in Baja California

1986, PAPER, 277 PAGES, \$17.95

Originally published over 35 years ago, this book is a portrait -- and celebration -- of the plants, landscapes and fascinating history of Lower California. The urbane author takes us by road and air on a grand tour of the peninsula. (Item no. BJA01)

Oceanic Society

Field Guide to the Gray Whale

1989, PAPER, 64 PAGES, \$6.95

A brief, handsomely illustrated field guide with a focus on the behavior of gray whales. (Item no. FG07)

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Baja California Map

2006, MAP, \$9.95

A detailed travel map of Baja California and the Sea of Cortez at the very good scale of 1:650,000. (Item no. BJA13)

Also Recommended

Ann and Don O'Neil

Loreto, Baja California: First Mission and Capital of Spanish California

2001, PAPER, 286 PAGES, \$17.95

A popular, illustrated history of the 300-year-old town and surrounding area by a husband and wife team who have lived in Loreto for decades. With both archival and modern photographs. (Item no. BJA37)

Graham MacKintosh

Into a Desert Place

1995, PAPER, 312 PAGES, \$16.95

One day the spectacularly ill-equipped MacKintosh set out to walk around Baja California, with \$150 in his pocket and a gallon jug of water in each hand. This is the vastly entertaining and typically British story of his 3,000-mile lark around the Peninsula. (Item no. BJA07)

C. M. Mayo

Miraculous Air, Journey of a Thousand Miles through Baja California, the Other Mexico

2007, PAPER, 368 PAGES, \$15.00

A personable and marvelously well informed portrait of the land and people of Baja California from Cabo San Lucas to Tijuana. (Item no. BJA34)

Andromeda Romano-Lax

Searching for Steinbeck's Sea of Cortez

2002, PAPER, 254 PAGES, \$16.95

Romano-Lax headed for Baja California with a well worn copy of Steinbeck's classic Log From the Sea of Cortez in hand. Her lyrical account is an homage to Steinbeck's spirit and passions, combining history, adventure and nature, especially marine life. (Item no. BJA33)

Dick Russell

Eye of the Whale, Epic Passage From Baja to Siberia

2004, PAPER, 688 PAGES, \$22.00

An absorbing, first-person account of the migration of the gray whale from the breeding lagoons along the Pacific coast of Baja California to the Alaskan summer feeding grounds. (Item no. BJA32)

Miguel Angel de la Cueva, Bruce Berger

Oasis of Stone, Visions of Baja California Sur

2007, HARD COVER, 208 PAGES, \$49.95

This marvelously informative, gorgeously photographed book presents the geology of southern Baja California, its endemic plants and animals and human history in essays and 180 color photographs. (Item no. BJA60)

Soames Summerhays

Ocean Oasis

2000, DVD, \$14.99

This gorgeous film, originally produced for IMAX, features eye-popping underwater footage of the invertebrates, fish and especially the whales of the Sea of Cortez. The richness of the underwater life is contrasted against the austere desert landscapes and wildlife. (Item no. BJA53)

Ron McPeak

Amphibians and Reptiles of Baja California

2000, PAPER, 99 PAGES, \$20.95

A field guide to the reptiles and amphibians of Baja California, featuring color photographs. (Item no. BJA27)

Norman C. Roberts

Baja California Plant Field Guide

1989, PAPER, 309 PAGES, \$24.95

With hundreds of color photographs illustrating commonly-encountered plants, this excellent field guide also includes short introductory chapters on the botanic areas of Baja California, as well as to its geology and climate. Indispensable for plant appreciation. (Item no. BJA05)

Idaz Greenberg

Fishwatcher's Field Guide Baja California, Cabo San Lucas, Puerto Vallarta, Acapulco

2000, PLASTIC CARD, \$7.50

A double-sided, full color waterproof card featuring illustrations of commonly-encountered reef fishes. (Item no. BJA31)

Rainforest Publications

Mexico Field Guide, Baja California Sea and Shore Birds

2002, PLASTIC CARD, \$6.95

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National Geographic

National Geographic Field Guide to the Birds of North America

2006, PAPER, 502 PAGES, \$24.00

From Alaska to Baja California, this field guide published by the National Geographic Society, now in its fifth edition (with tabs!), is the one to carry. (Item no. FG09)

Donald Thomson, Lloyd Findley, Alex Kersitch

Reef Fishes of the Sea of Cortez

2000, PAPER, 374 PAGES, \$29.95

A revised edition of the much-acclaimed field guide to the reef fishes of the Sea of Cortez. It features not only excellent color plates and photographs, but also a very good introduction to the ecology and biogeography of the Sea of Cortez. (Item no. BJA28)

Daniel W. Gotshall

Sea of Cortez Marine Animals

2005, PAPER, 112 PAGES, \$21.95

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