

La Paz, Baja California Sur, Mexico

Jacques Cousteau called the Sea of Cortez the 'Aquarium of the World' — La Paz is your front door to it. Swim with whale sharks, snorkel with sea lions, or simply stroll the sculpture-lined Malecón as the desert sun sets over the bay.

- Pier (Pichilingue, ~18 km from town)
- Typical call: 7-10 hrs
- Mexican Peso (USD widely accepted)
- Spanish (English at tourist areas)

🍷 MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

- Docking:** Pier at Puerto de Pichilingue, ~18 km (11 mi) north of downtown
- Walk to center:** Not walkable — taxi 20-25 min (\$20-25 USD) or cruise shuttle
- Best For:** Whale sharks, snorkeling, eco-tours, pristine beaches
- Don't Miss:** Playa Balandra — consistently voted Mexico's most beautiful beach

Getting around: **Taxi** \$40 one-way (up to 4 passengers) · **Rideshare** Uber, DiDi

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Swim with Whale Sharks** — One of the world's best whale shark encounters, right in La Paz Bay.
- Isla Espíritu Santo Sea Lion Snorkel** — This UNESCO biosphere island hosts a colony of playful California sea lions.
- Playa Balandra Day** — Mexico's most photographed beach: a sheltered, waist-deep cove of turquoise water framed by the iconic mushroom rock.
- La Paz Malecón & City Walk** — The 5 km waterfront boardwalk is lined with bronze sculptures (including a giant pearl and a Jacques Cousteau tribute)...
- Kayaking & Snorkeling near La Paz Bay** — Guided kayak and snorkel tours combine paddling the sheltered bays near Pichilingue with snorkeling over reefs rich...

BEST WALKS

- Malecón Boardwalk to Cathedral** 2-3 km | Easy | 45-75 min — Start at the shuttle drop-off near the Malecón's north end and walk south along the waterfront past bronze sculptures and bay panoramas.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	87°	63°	0d
Jun	95°	71°	1d
Aug	96°	79°	8d
Sep	93°	78°	8d
Oct	90°	73°	3d

DAYLIGHT & MONEY

Apr 5:59AM–6:43PM · Jun 5:33AM–7:10PM · Aug 5:56AM–6:54PM · Sep 6:07AM–6:24PM · Oct 6:19AM–5:54PM

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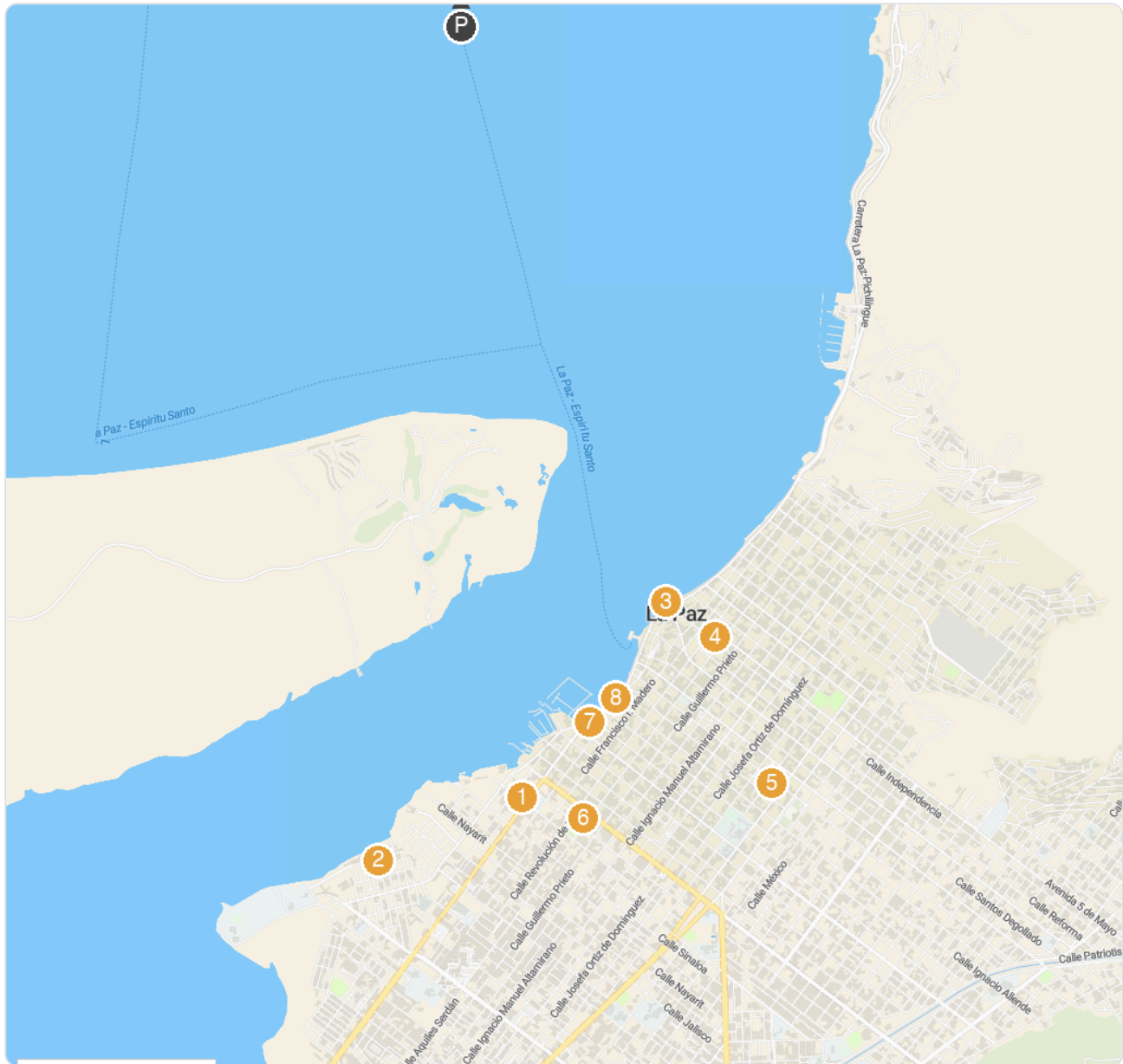
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Watch the clock: Pichilingue is 20-25 min from town and 10 min from the beaches. Long excursions (Espíritu Santo) should be booked through the ship — the operator won't let the...
- Balandra timed entry: Entry is divided into two shifts (8am–noon and 1–5pm). Arrive at the start of a shift — the beach fills its capacity limit quickly on busy days.

La Paz, Baja California Sur, Mexico — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Baja Expeditions | Premier tour operator for wildlife and adventure excursions. | 2 Serpentario de La Paz | A zoo dedicated to reptiles, especially snakes. |
| 3 Kiosco del Malecón | Iconic bandstand on the waterfront promenade, a popular meeting spot. | 4 Nuestra Señora de La Paz | The historic Cathedral of La Paz, a beautiful religious landmark. |
| 5 Plaza de Los Músicos | A vibrant public square honoring musicians, often with live music. | 6 Sanctuary of Our Lady of Guadalupe | A significant church dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe. |
| 7 Malecón de La Paz | La Paz's scenic waterfront promenade, perfect for strolling and views. | 8 Escultura Paraíso del Mar | A prominent sculpture depicting a family of dolphins in the sea. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |