

WELCOME TO CASA MARINO & CASITA HENRIETTA

We welcome you to Casa Marino and Casa Henrietta, our Mexican retreat tucked away along the southern portion of the Gulf of California. Located near the UNESCO World Heritage Marine Park, our home provides a safe, clean and quiet retreat from the hustle of many of the other resorts in Mexico.

With abundant wildlife, a gravel/graded road and an off-the-grid lifestyle, Casa Marino is NOT for Spring Break parties, rather, it offers families and individuals a modern home with all of amenities found in the city but where dressed up is board shorts and sandals for a night out. With 25 km of single track around the property and many more trails further afield, Cabo Pulmo is ideal for an active holiday.

You can hike early in the morning and take your coffee down to the beach for a quick swim followed by a full day of diving. With the capital of Baja Sur, La Paz, only 2 hours away, Cabo Pulmo is the perfect basecamp for exploring this incredible part of Mexico. During the summer swell there are several surf breaks located all within a short drive of Casa Marino. Kiting is also possible just north of Cabo Pulmo at Playa Miramar and in Los Barilles.

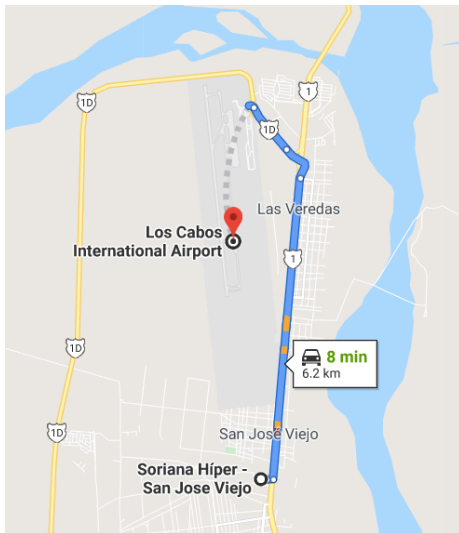
Please understand that this is NOT a party house. We ask guests to respect neighbours and other guests by being quiet after 22:00/10:00 pm. Loud music is not permitted at any time. Most guests who come to Cabo Pulmo do so for diving, mountain biking and enjoying the mountains and Gulf of California. If you repeatedly do not adhere to our rules you will be asked to leave the premises. If you do want to invite friends to the house, please ask permission ahead of time from the host. Guests from other accommodation are not allowed to use showers and borrow chairs and sunshades from our properties.

Below is some information in regards to the house and other essentials, and useful information in regards to Cabo Pulmo and surroundings.

HOW TO GET THERE / PREPARING FOR CABO PULMO

Most guests will arrive in Los Cabos by plane, and will carry on their way with a rental car. You will need a car to get to Cabo Pulmo, and to get around within the area, especially as Cabo Pulmo is a small, off-the-grid community, accessed by a dirt road which can be difficult to access after heavy rains.

We highly recommend stocking up with basic essentials before getting to Cabo Pulmo, as there is only a very small mini market for essentials. Best to go shopping in San Jose del Cabo, or in La Ribera.



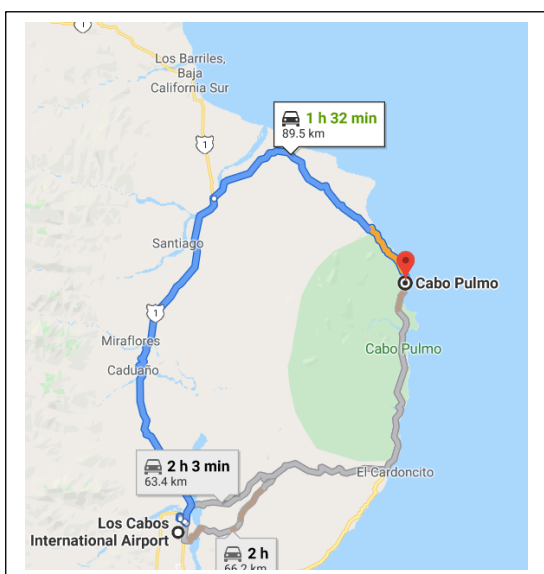
Nearest supermarket in San Jose del Cabo:
Once you leave the airport, instead of heading north towards highway 1 and La Paz, turn the opposite direction and go south.

Stay on the road and you will see a Soriana supermarket coming up in about 5-8 minutes on the righthand side. Soriana is the main supermarket chain in Baja California Sur, and they will have everything you need.

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te drive north of the San Jose del Cabo (Los Cabos) airport, turn north on Mexico Highway 1. Travel

miles north, passing through the village of Las Cuevas. - Do NOT take the coastal road from Los Cabos to Cabo Pulmo, it does take longer, and it is mostly unpaved. We recommend that you avoid driving at night as cows, horses and sheep roam the roads of Baja causing traffic hazards.



Make a right turn toward La Ribera. Take a right turn at the fork just before entering La Ribera. Follow the main road south. The pavement ends ten miles south of La Ribera, becoming a dirt road.

Continue six miles into Cabo Pulmo. Once in Cabo Pulmo, you will pass Tito's Restaurant and Pepe's Dive Center on the right. Just past these establishments, you will see an orange stucco wall on your right. Ahead of you to the left is the Cabo Pulmo Dive Resort. Turn right (west) before you reach the dive resort, crossing a cattle card immediately after turning right. The street name is Calle Loma Vista.

Continue for 700m on this road inland (west), after a second cattle guard, take the second road to your left. Follow it to the end, and you reach Casa Marino. **Please do not take the first left as this is a semi-private road.**



WHAT TO BRING

Cabo Pulmo is a very laid-back beach community, don't overpack.

In addition to your personal clothing and toiletries, bring sun protection: sun hat, sunglasses, sun block or sunscreen, sandals or water shoes, walking or hiking shoes, sweater or light jacket.

Bring your snorkelling gear, swim gear, and fishing gear if this is what you would like to do.

Snorkelling gear is not provided. You will need a fishing license for Baja waters. You can purchase in Los Barillos but better to do online ahead of time.?

WHAT IS PROVIDED

We provide hand soap and shower gel, toilet paper, towels for the house, and beach towels (please don't take the house towels to the beach. The beach towels are the blue/white, brown/white striped ones). There is also a beach umbrella and beach chairs for your use. Please do not lend any of these items to friends / family staying in other places.

Please DO NOT help yourselves to extra bedding and towels as we try to reduce our impact on the water supply by allowing only one beach towel and one bath towel per guest for short stays. We will provide additional towels on request, please ask us or our caretaker.

The cabinets which are upstairs in Casa Marino are private and say so, please do not remove anything from these cabinets.

The kitchen is fully equipped, including a coffee grinder if you want to bring coffee beans. We don't provide breakfast service. **Please notify the host if anything is broken or not available.**

We will try our best to keep the house stocked with everything you need but if you don't inform us of something, we can't read your mind.

CASH

Extra cash will be useful as the nearest ATM is in La Ribera, 16 miles from Cabo Pulmo and in Los Barillos, about 35 miles from Cabo Pulmo and credit cards are not generally accepted in Cabo Pulmo, although this is changing. The ATMs in La Ribera are quite often empty as well, so make sure you bring enough cash. The mini markets in La Ribera do accept credit cards for shopping as does the PeMex gas stations in La Ribera.

WATER

Tap water in the house is tested several times per year however, we recommend using bottled water for drinking and brushing teeth. It is fine for showers / cooking / cleaning. We provide the first purified water container, and an empty one, which you can get refilled at El Caballero's Restaurant in Cabo Pulmo, they also have a (very) small mini market.

Cabo Pulmo is situated in a desert environment, please be conscious of your water usage while staying here, meaning, reasonably timed showers, not letting the water run unnecessarily while washing the dishes, etc.

ELECTRICITY

Cabo Pulmo is an off-grid community, and the house is powered by the sun. Please turn lights and fans off when you leave the house, and when they're not needed. In the rare event that the solar is not sufficient to power the house, we do have a backup generator that can be used.

GARBAGE / RECYCLING

We have large black bins that can be used to collect household garbage.

Garbage is collected every Wednesday and Saturday and our caretaker will make sure the bin is moved to the street, and will bring it back thereafter. We have a large group of roving raccoons which will open garbage cans which are left unlocked. We ask you to close the screen door to the houses and do not leave any food items outside at night as the critters will cause a mess!

You can recycle paper, plastic, white glass, and tins in town under normal circumstances but due to COVID this has been suspended. There are several recycling stations alongside the street, the first one opposite of Cabo Pulmo Dive Centre on the right side of the street leading to the beach.

WASTE WATER

The house is connected to a septic tank. Please do not put anything other than human waste into the toilet. A small garbage bin is provided for toilet paper and sanitary products. You will find that in most of Mexico and South American countries toilet paper is NOT flushed down the drain, but rather disposed of separately in a garbage bin. It is VERY costly to empty our septic systems and we ask our guest to make an extra effort to keep them free of toilet paper and other items which can cause a blockage.

ANIMALS / ENVIRONMENT

Potentially dangerous animals do live in the desert surrounding the house, and Cabo Pulmo.

Scorpions: These critters leave you alone, but can get dangerous when you touch them inadvertently. They are on the lookout for water, so please be conscientious: Turn over your shoes/boots before putting them on (this also works for little frogs/toads that like hiding in booties), when you have dishes in the sink overnight, turn them over cautiously, check your towel before you dry yourself (especially in the outdoor shower), etc.

If you're stung by scorpion, it will hurt! Healthy adults normally won't have too many issues, other than the pain, but small kids and the elderly are at risk of complications, in case of an emergency, you would have to drive to La Ribera.

Immediate help: Soak the wound in hot water, as hot as you can bear it, as it breaks down the toxins.

Snakes: There are snakes around, most of them harmless (King, Lyre snakes), but there are Diamondback rattlesnakes also. If you get bitten by a rattlesnake, go to the nearest hospital located in Los Cabos or La Paz. Please call ahead in order for the staff to warm the anti-venom vaccine and for them to be prepared to treat you. We do have chicken wire installed around the property which does keep the larger snakes out but smaller reptiles do get through. Remember, you have booked a holiday in a remote part of Baja Sur with nature all around. If you want a city experience, you are in the wrong place.

SHOPPING:

There's a shop at El Caballero's Restaurant in Cabo Pulmo for essentials: Milk, flour, eggs, tins, beverages, bread / tortillas, some frozen meat, and a limited variety of vegetables. This is also where you can replace your empty big water jugs for filled ones. There is also a government food truck which comes on most Fridays but sometimes does not show up. Oscar's Organic Truck also shows up on Thursday from about 10:00 to 12:00 in front of Reinhard's Rentals. Please come early as everything sells out. He also has pies and bread available.

Best to go shopping beforehand when arriving in San Jose del Cabo if you're intending to stay in Cabo Pulmo for longer than a few days. La Ribera (30 minutes away) is another stop if you don't want to go into San Jose del Cabo, and it's on the way to Cabo Pulmo. There are a variety of smaller minimarkets that have all the essentials and some more. We provide coolers and shopping bags (plastic single use is banned in Baja) which allows you to store perishables during the drive back from either Barilles or La Ribera.

TROPICAL STORM / HURRICANE SEASON

Please be advised that tropical storms / hurricanes can occur in Cabo Pulmo from June to November inclusive, and we recommend purchasing travel /cancellation insurance allowing you to be covered in case of a severe weather event. Airbnb and other travel sites' cancellation policies do not cover natural weather events that are common enough to be foreseeable in that location. <https://www.airbnb.ca/help/article/2930/weather-events-natural-conditions-and-diseases-that-are-excluded-from-our-extenuating-circumstances-policy>

ACTIVITIES / THINGS TO DO

There's plenty to do in Cabo Pulmo and surroundings. Swimming, snorkelling, kayaking, hiking, biking, diving and fishing. We can assist you in arranging dives, SCUBA courses and fishing outings. We can also provide a chef for cooking lessons at the property as well as massage. There is also a small bike rental in Cabo Pulmo which offers tours and some mid-range bikes.

Kayaks and SUPs can be rented at Cabo Pulmo Dive Shop (the one with the blue water tower), and they also organize snorkelling and diving excursions. At the beach are several outlets as well, offering diving, snorkelling, and fishing adventures.

For diving and fishing, please contact Paco Castro at www.buceacabopulmo.com

For mountain biking please have a look at the Trailforks page for Barilles: <https://www.trailforks.com/region/los-barriles/trails/>

Best beaches around: Los Arbolitos to the south for snorkelling (they charge an entry fee for parking your car, and they have toilets and a shower, and a small restaurant, as well as kayak rentals).

Even a little further is Los Frailes, which is mainly outside of the park so great for fishing, as fishing in the park is prohibited. The north wind blows from November to April so Frailes is the best beach to shelter and enjoy without sand being blown in your face.

<https://mexfish.com/ecap/ecap/pulmmp/pulmmp.htm>

Here's a link to Cabo Pulmo Marine National Park <http://www.cabopulmopark.com/>

INTERNET

Please be conscious that internet speed is not unlimited, use with moderation. If you would like to watch movies, consider downloading ahead of time as three or four people streaming content simultaneously will decrease the speed considerably and cause connectivity issues.

WHEN LEAVING THE PROPERTY

Before leaving the property, we ask you to remove all open food items from the fridge and dispose of them appropriately. Place recyclable items in the appropriate bins. Please empty trash (including from bathrooms) and wash all dishes. You can leave dishes in the drying racks. If there is excessive sand in the house and on the decks, please sweep up.

Please strip all beds and place bedding and towels on the tile floor.

Do not leave wet towels on beds nor on wooden chairs.

Guide books, games and other reading material are there for your enjoyment and others who come after you. Please do not remove them from the house.

Please clean and fold chairs and ensure coolers are clean and free of food and other items.

The garage and laundry facility are private but remain open for various reasons. Please respect our privacy. Please inform the host if anything is broken or not functioning properly. Please do not attempt to fix anything yourself.

Please do not leave food items outdoors as we have many critters such as raccoons, skunks, and other rodents, happy to eat food left out but become habituated which causes an environmental problem.