

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

CURRENCY

Dollars are accepted almost everywhere and you will get your change back in pesos. The exchange rate varies every day, but some places have a set rate posted. You can exchange dollars for pesos at the airport, but also a very easy way to get pesos is to simply **withdraw money from an ATM**. Bank ATMs give the daily exchange rate (best possible rate). Examples include Banorte, Bancomer, Santander, Banamex, Banregio and HSBC. Non-bank ATMs located in the streets or the marina will charge higher fees. Some ATMs only give you dollars, some only pesos and some give you the option to withdraw both. Pay close attention to what currency you're withdrawing and try to get as much cash as possible in one transaction to avoid paying high fees.

CASH OR CARD?

Visa, Mastercard and American Express credit cards are generally accepted, but you often run into cash only establishments. Always ask beforehand and carry cash just in case. Keep in mind your bank will most likely charge you international transaction fees if you pay with your card.

HOW DO I DIAL?

Local area codes: Los Cabos: (624), Todos Santos and La Paz: (612) - Loreto: (613)

To dial to other countries: 00 + country code (1, 2 or 3 digits) + number

From a Mexican land line or cell phone:

To a Mexican long distance number: 01 + 3 digit area code + 7 digit number

To a Mexican cell phone number: 3 digit area code + 7 digit number

To a U.S. phone number: 00 + 1 + 3 digit area code + 7 digit number

From your U.S. cell phone:

To a Mexican land line or cell phone: 011 52 + 3 digit area code + number

To a U.S. phone number: 00 + 1 + 3 digit area code + number

Some U.S. cell phone carriers have arrangements with Mexican carriers and when you travel here your cell phone uses their towers.

If this is your case, you will have to dial as if you had a Mexican phone.

U.S. TOLL FREE NUMBERS (International rates will apply):

To a 1 (800): 00 + 1 + 880 + phone number

To a 1 (888): 00 + 1 + 881 + phone number

To a 1 (877): 00 + 1 + 882 + phone number

To a 1 (866): 00 + 1 + 883 + phone number

To a 1 (855): 00 + 1 + 884 + phone number

DRIVING

Renting a car will allow you to enjoy the freedom of exploring Los Cabos. Driving in Mexico might be intimidating, but if you just go with the muddled flow, you will realize that there is some organization within the chaos. If you are pulled over by local police for committing a driving infraction, the standard procedure is for them to take your Driver's License. You will then have to go to the Police Station to pay your ticket and pick-up your license.

In Mexico the gas station attendants pump the gas for you, so you don't have to get out of the vehicle. There are two types of gasoline: *Magna*, which is regular, and *Premium*. *Lleno* (pronounced ye-no) means full. Major credit cards are accepted. Tipping the gas station attendant around \$10.00 pesos is customary. There is a toll road that takes you from the airport to Cabo San Lucas or to the Todos Santos highway; by taking this road you avoid the taxi and shuttle traffic on the main highway.

COMMON TRAFFIC SIGNS:

ALTO STOP



CUATRO ALTOS FOUR WAY STOP



ESTACIONAMIENTO PARKING



NO ESTACIONARSE NO PARKING



IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Emergencies: 066 or 911 from a local number

Roadside Assistance: 074 from a local number

Police Department:

- Cabo San Lucas 143-3977
- San José del Cabo 142-0361

Fire Department: Dial 116 or:

- Cabo San Lucas 143-3577
- San José del Cabo 142-2466

Highway Patrol: 146-0573

Tourist Police: 143-3977

HOSPITALS:

Hospiten:

- Cabo San Lucas 145-6000
- San José del Cabo 105-8550

Baja Medical Response: 144-3434

Blue Medical Net:

- Cabo San Lucas Hospital 104 3911
- San José del Cabo Clinic 142-3511

Cabo Surgical Center: 172-6030

Hospital H+ Los Cabos: 104-9300

North American Hospitals and Clinics: 142-2770

One World Hospital:

- Cabo San Lucas 143-4911
- San José del Cabo 142-5911
- Todos Santos (612) 145-0600

Saint Luke's Hospital:

- Cabo San Lucas 143-4911
- San José del Cabo 142-5911

Walk-in Medi Clinic: 130-7011

Air Ambulances:

SkyMed International Air Ambulance: (624) 154-4919

Air One Ambulance: (800) 236-8080

U.S. Consulate: 143-3566

Canadian Consulate: 142-4333

Taxi Cabo San Lucas: 143-2221

Taxi San José de Cabo: 142-0401

Immigration: 143-0135

Airlines:

Aero Calafia: 130-7822

Aeromexico: 146-5097

Air Canada: 01 (800) 719-2827 (Toll free within Mexico)

Alaska Airlines: 146-5166

American Airlines: 146-5302/5303

Continental Airlines: 146-5050

Delta Airlines: 146-5005/146-5217

Interjet: 01 (800)-011-2345 (Toll free within Mexico)

Southwest: 01 (800) 435-9792

Spirit Airlines: 1 (800) 772-7117

Sun Wing: 1 (800) 668-4224

Volaris: 01 (800) 7VOLARIS (Toll free within Mexico)

US Airways: 146-5380

West Jet: 1 (800) 538-5696