

# baja-mexico

## Fact File

**Best Time:** Nov - Feb.

**Launch:** Sandy beach, straight into deep water.

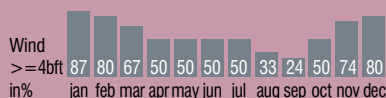
**Wind Direction:** Cross shore from left.

**Wind Type:** El Norte synoptic scale wind & local thermal winds.

**Shorebreak:** Sometimes slight, sideways on.

**Water Conditions:** Smaller swell in morning. Windchop & swell (waves 1-3m).

**Suitability:** Good intermediate + (min level waterstart).



Air°C	18	20	23	27	28	30	32	34	35	30	24	22
Water°C	19	19	19	19	18	18	22	27	27	27	25	20

## VELA CENTRE

Located on Playa del Sol on the Palmas de Cortez. Open Nov- Mar. Wide bay. Beginners catered for but conditions challenging. Rescue available. Wetsuit rec (Dec-Feb) & boots (some rocks).

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**Board Hire** 1 wk £188 2 wks £288

**Dare2Fly** at Vela Centre at Playa Sol. Kite zone: Launch directly off beach in front of centre. Deep water area. 2 hour assisted downwinders toward Buena Vista with return transfer. Launch rocky (boots recommended). Instruction at North Beach – 5 mins taxi, 20 min walk. Rental: Cabrinha and North kiteboarding approx 20 boards & 30 kites. Sizes: 3.0–16m<sup>2</sup>. IKO/similar Level 3 required.

**Kite Hire** 1 wk £219 2 wks £350

**Instruction:** Windsurfing – all levels groups & private, 30 min – 2 hr sessions.

Kitesurfing instruction IKO all levels in 1-2 hour private lessons.

**NB** El Corte wind usually blows for periods of 3-8 days with 2-4 days of light wind in between.

**Other Sports:** Starboard SUP boards, Specialized mountain bikes, kayaks, diving, snorkelling, beach volleyball, horse riding.

**Excursions:** Cycling tours (40km country tracks). Day trips to Cabo san Lucas, La Paz. Surf trip - Todos Santos, Pacific coast



Directly south of the US state of California, the Mexican peninsular of Baja California separates the Pacific to the west and turquoise Sea of Cortez to the east. On the southern tip, the small town of Los Barriles sits on the Bahia de Palmas and is one of the more accessible sailing areas on the East Cape. Still relatively undiscovered, the region is fast becoming known as a world class winter wave destination for the strong wind and challenging conditions. With the laid back Baja lifestyle & warm welcome, it is a magical combination'.



## Sailing Spot & Conditions

Baja has typical desert weather, warm days and cool nights. From mid-November through early March Baja's famous "El Norte" winds sweep the Sea of Cortez providing ideal sailing conditions for good intermediates to advanced sailors. The wind blows a steady 18-30 knots all winter long and wave-sailing is possible in a variety of spots. Typical sail sizes range from 4.5 to 6.5. Above 15 knots, a widely spaced, rolling swell provides great ramps for jumping. Novice sailors may find the chance to learn in the morning, with generally flatter conditions, a lighter breeze and smaller swell. When the wind picks up around midday intermediate through advanced sailors will find strong wind and rolling swells with waves ranging from 1-3m. Every January, the Vela-Neil Pryde Windsurf Championships take place at Los Barriles.

## Playa del Sol Hotel



**Location:** The Hotel Playa del Sol is located in the heart of Los Barriles. 1 hour transfer from San Jose Del Cabo airport. This property has true Baja flare with its open beach-front setting, relaxing atmosphere, and communal feel.



**Accommodation:** This small resort has 25 rooms to choose from; Garden View, Poolside, Oceanfront. All rooms have 1 double bed and either either 1 or 2 Single beds with a maximum occupancy of 4 persons. Garden View rooms are in quieter location. Poolside rooms are located in the two single-level buildings along the main courtyard, all with oceanviews. Oceanfront rooms are slightly larger and closer to the ocean. Each feature ensuite bathroom, air conditioning, mini-fridge and sliding glass doors with chairs.



**Facilities:** A restaurant with indoor and outdoor dining areas, poolside Palapa bar and upstairs bar located on the patio of the restaurant with one beachside and one first floor with a large outdoor terrace surrounds the heated pool. Satellite TV. Gardens, playground and table tennis.

**Windsurfing:** Vela Windsurfing Centre on beach front of hotel.



Prices (7 nights) from:	Low	High
Playa del Sol Hotel	£1499	£1559

Price includes return flights, accommodation & transfers.