



GETTING TO US: THINGS TO KNOW ABOUT DRIVING TO THE HOTEL FROM THE AIRPORT

CAR RENTALS AT THE SAN JOSE DEL CABO AIRPORT

There are a variety of local and national car rental companies available. All are located offsite and a shuttle will be provided if you've booked in advance. All car rentals will ask you for your flight information to arrange airport shuttle service to rental car facility. American rental companies tend to provide newer vehicles. We suggest that you rent an SUV or minivan, particularly if you plan to do exploring outside of the hotel area – roads can be sandy or unpaved.

After exiting customs, you will enter a room full of men asking if you need a car rental, taxi ride, anything and everything. And they will stretch the truth and say you need to talk to them about your rental reservation. You do not. Proceed past these people with a giant smile until you are outside of the airport. Once outside, you'll see a bar on your left (grab a cold one) and a group of people holding signs for rental car shuttles. If you've booked a shuttle, your shuttle driver will be waiting here unless they've instructed you otherwise.

ABOUT THE INSURANCE

Some credit cards companies claim to offer complimentary Collision Damage Waiver/Loss of Use coverage for rental cars – you will want to confirm this with your card company. However, Third Party Liability insurance from the car rental company is required by law, and is often not quoted initially when making a reservation. Expect to pay about 50% more than quoted for the rental for this third party liability insurance, which we strongly encourage you to purchase. Your credit card company will not cover third party damages.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS

To drive from SJD (San Jose del Cabo Airport) to Todos Santos, you will take Highway 1D, also known as the new toll road, to Highway 19, which bypasses Cabo and winds through the desert, cutting about an hour off the drive time.

- Upon exiting the airport, you'll hit a roundabout. You are looking for the signs to Cabo San Lucas/Todos Santos, MEX D1
- You will come to a toll booth where you will receive a toll ticket – no money is due at this point.
- In a few minutes you'll be faced with a choice - San Jose Del Cabo or Cabo San Lucas. It comes up fast and confuses the best of us. Take the road towards Cabo San Lucas, which strangely does not lead to Cabo San Lucas but rather gets you onto the bypass road.
- About 27 miles (43 km) later, you will arrive at a second toll booth, officially called El Mangle – the toll is around 70 pesos (around \$3 US) – the toll booth operator accepts both US dollars and pesos. You'll need that handy ticket from the first toll booth.
- Once you pay the toll you'll take a right onto Highway 19. You will be headed north.
- In about 35 minutes you'll come to a small town, El Pescadero. You are on the right path. There is a PEMEX gas station on the left. You can buy an icy beer here - you've earned it, and you are oh so close.
- Continue heading north on Highway 19, you'll see a fork in the highway with signs to La Paz or Todos Santos. Go right towards Todos Santos, the hotel entrance will be on your left about half a mile (1 km) after the fork.
- If you arrive in the town of Todos Santos, you've gone too far. Turn around and proceed back 1km to the entrance of the hotel, which will now be on your right and drive down the dirt road ending at Hotel San Cristóbal.