

Hola Señoras y Señors! Are you ready?!
It's time to announce the 2021 Rally!

♥ 2021 Baja - Making the Mexican Connection ♥

Dates of the Rally:

Feb. 3, 2021 – Feb. 19, 2021

Locations:

Potrero County Park, Potrero, California, USA

Zoológico Parque del Niño Jersey
Valle de Guadalupe, Baja California, MX

La Jolla Beach Camp
Punta Banda, Baja California, MX

Add-on Trips:

Guerrero Negro (Whale Watching)
Playa Santispac
San Felipe
Possibly others...

Pricing to be announced in the upcoming Summer Newsletter
Registration begins Sept. 1, 2020.

A Word from the Wagonmaster...



Hello everyone! I hope this finds you all well, healthy, and happy! These are challenging times right now, and I can't think of a better way to bring a smile to your face than to give you the information so you can start planning for our 2021 Rally!

I will tell you, this year when I came on the 2020 Adventure Rally it was my first time traveling with a group, and it was my first time taking my RV into Mexico. And I must say, I absolutely fell in love with both the folks on the Rally and Baja Mexico! Thanks to Chapter 8, I now feel very comfortable traveling in Baja, and I can't wait to go back! I hope that each of you will have an opportunity to join us for the 2021 Rally! It may very well change your life, as it has mine.

Introducing the Assistant Wagonmaster...

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce our fabulous Assistant Wagonmaster, Shari Nova. Like me, this year's 2020 Baja Adventure Rally, was also Shari's first time traveling with Chapter 8. We are both looking forward to bringing you a fabulous 2021 Baja - Making the Mexican Connection Rally! I am so very grateful that she agreed to join me on this crazy ride as my Assistant Wagonmaster!

From Shari...

Hola a todos – Hi everyone! I'm excited to be at your service for the 2021 Baja – Making the Mexican Connection Rally! as your Assistant Wagonmaster. Taking Spanish classes years ago, and volunteering as a tutor helping Spanish speakers learn English, ignited my curiosity and created my desire to learn more about our neighbors south of the border. The Escapees Chapter 8 Mexican Connection made that quest a reality.



If stepping out of your comfort zone is unnerving for you, fear not! This wonderful organization has you covered! We are with you every step of the way, guiding you safely through the Valle de Guadalupe and Ensenada, to the sandy beaches of La Jolla Beach Camp. You will be given the opportunity to taste unique foods and beverages, sightsee to your heart's content, interact with the animals at the Zoo, and step into the lives of our gentle hosts and their families. Whatever your quest, our Wagonmaster, Phylana, our wonderful team of volunteers, and I stand ready to help you fulfill it. All you have to do now is save the dates and start practicing your Spanish!

A Little About the Rally...

The locations of the Rally were specifically chosen as they provide, we believe, the best opportunity to safely and gently introduce new members to authentic Mexico. These locations also provide us with an abundance of opportunities for everything from fantastic wine tours to city tours to just “chillin’ on the beach”. Even those who have traveled to these locations before greatly enjoy going back and seeing old friends.

For those who've never been able to make the Rally before, from the Park in Potrero, to the Border Crossing at Tecate, to the “Zoo”, and finally to La Jolla Beach Camp, you will have the opportunity



Zoo Manager and Zookeepers

to meet and mingle with some of the kindest, most generous and loving, authentic Mexican people. You will also have ample opportunities to enjoy the Mexican culture, traditions, beauty, and food.



Folklorico Dancers

Additionally, you will begin to learn how to travel in Mexico with your RV. We've also built plenty of free time into our itinerary for you to just relax and do nothing, if you so choose.

Here are just a few of the pictures from the 2020 Rally. Check out our [Mexican Connection Website](#) for many more!



La Jolla Beach Camp



Charity



La Bufadora



Campo Rene Beach



Playa Santispac

A few comments from those who have traveled with us...

Tom and Damaris Bartlett

My wife Damaris and I joined the Mexican Connection in 2019 and were so impressed and enjoyed the adventure so much that we signed up again in 2020. The goal is for you to feel safe when traveling in Mexico and getting to know the culture and the wonderful people of Mexico. This year in 2020 we went on an extended adventure after the organized tour and continued to Baja California Sur to visit the whales in Guerrero Negro and from there we went further south to Mulegé, Mexico and camped with our group right on the beach in Santispac. It was a wonderful experience and we recommend signing up for the 2021 Mexican connection to all those that want a safe, educational adventure in Baja, Mexico.

Cece Wroblewski

This Baja adventure is worth a repeat! We have gone twice and each time we've become more self-assured and more adventurous. My narrow taste in Mexican food has blossomed - just not refried beans yet! But I am well past Taco Bell! The itinerary is so varied that we've seen the natural environment, local communities as well as the big city. We see local markets, local entertainment, expat communities, and a great variety of animal life up-close-and-personal, all while enjoying the comfort of our own RV. It's not Cancun, it's the real Mexico. Join us in 2021.

Bill and Dory Johnson

While having fun and adventure on the rallies, we've made what we consider to be lifelong friends that we continue to have adventures with, in the US, while we wait together for the next rally.

Ron Wroblewski

This coming February will be my 3rd trip to the Baja with Escapees Chapter 8. Why do I continue to go? Let me count the reasons.

I have met many wonderful RVers on these trips that I want to see and participate with again. The organization and cooperation among those on the trip is wonderful to see. And the assistance through works of charity we do for the disadvantaged in Mexico is so appreciated. Need I go on? I hope to meet many new to Mexico RVers in our trip in February 2021. Will you be one of them?

Special Thanks to the Chapter 8 Team!!

I also want to give a Shout Out to the wonderful team that supports Shari and I with all of the many, many details and tasks that are required to make a Rally happen!

Billy Johnson, Webmaster - fantastic job managing our Facebook page, the website, and all of the emails from the Chapter. Special thanks for help with the Survey! I couldn't have done it without you!

Cece Wroblewski, Newsletter Editor - what a job that is! And what a fantastic job you're doing with it! I can't wait to see the Summer Newsletter!

Herb Baldwin, Historian and Membership Board member – not only do you take care of the historian and membership needs, you also volunteered to be our voice via articles and advertising with the Escapees Magazine. I can't thank you enough for that!

Dory Johnson, Secretary – you do a superb job of ensuring that all of our Board communications and activities are accurately and thoroughly recorded and reported on, and that is no small feat, I might say! Thank you!

Steve Bufty, Treasurer - thank you for all of your much-needed guidance and input. This Chapter 8 rookie is still learning!!

Ron Wroblewski, Assistant Treasurer ... this is all your and Cece's fault!! Thank you for sharing your wonderful stories about traveling with Chapter 8 and encouraging me to join you!! And thank you for your always thoughtful questions and feedback!

Shari Nova, Assistant Wagonmaster – what can I say besides, thank you for everything!

Last, but not least, Cassandra and Ed Dennis, President(s) and Past Wagonmasters. A very special thanks to you both for all of your enthusiasm, love for Chapter 8, and willingness to pass the torch and help us newbies “get it right”! Thank you!

I also want to thank Paul and Vicki Kinard for agreeing to be group leaders again, and Jim McEver and Connie Farley for being our Parking Committee Chairs again! Both of these roles are critical to the success of the Rally, and I can't thank you enough for committing to our 2021 Baja – Making the Mexican Connection Rally!!

Final Thoughts...

We would like to take just one final moment to address what we suspect may be concerns for many of you. With the COVID-19 virus, social unrest, and just general uncertainty all around us, we want

to let you know that we are still very much planning on the trip to Baja Mexico in 2021. Of course, one of our main objectives is to ensure the safety of our members, therefore if there are any changes, we will let you know immediately. We will continue to work with our friends in Mexico to ensure that we can travel safely and have places to go when we get there.

So for now, ❤️ 2021 Baja - Making the Mexican Connection ❤️ is a GO!

Keep an eye out for the upcoming Summer Newsletter for more information. And keep checking the Facebook page and website for ongoing updates!

We do so hope to see you on the Rally!

Phylana Ladd, 2021 Wagonmaster

Shari Nova, 2021 Assistant Wagonmaster