

Guide for Travel Down To San Carlos

When coming into Nogales, on Hwy 82, turn left on North Grand Ave which is the same as Tucson-Nogales Hwy. You will drive by the entrance to Wal-Mart, a set of traffic lights and then at the next set of traffic lights turn LEFT on West Mariposa Road. (Buildings you should see are Motel 6, Super 8, a mall on your right, then two traffic lights). Go straight - do not turn. And you are now on the truck route.

If coming out of Tucson take Hwy 19 South. When coming into Nogales, follow the truck route [exit 4, junction #189] When you come to the traffic light you will turn right. The truck route is open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

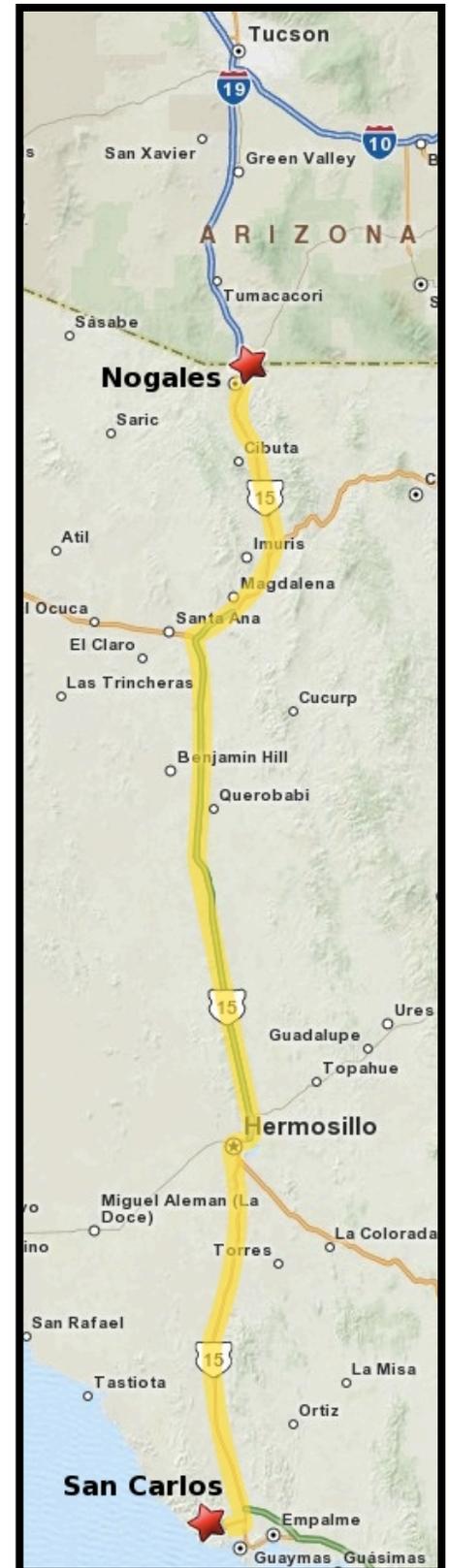
Try to fill up with fuel here and use the washrooms before heading to the border crossing. In Mexico, all the gas stations are the same brand; PEMEX. They all have washrooms, but some will require 3 or 5 pesos to use them and for toilet paper.

Follow this highway to the border, only a couple of miles. When you get to the border where the big yellow gates are, [take note of the U.S. customs buildings and the truck and car lanes for your return trip] you stay in the left hand lane on the road to Hermosillo **Hwy 15**. After about 5 kilometers you will come to the toll. It is 43 pesos (Note that you can no longer use American money to pay! We advise that you take pesos with you in advance! Approximately \$130 per car, \$260 per bus!)

Watch for the TOPES, we call them speed bumps, (some are small, some are big) After the toll booth, you have the first customs checkpoint. Follow the arrow for Nada Declarar (nothing to declare line) You will come up to a light off to your left, PASS light is in green, which means carry on, or if you get a red light they will point at you to pull over for inspection. If you are inspected, say you are going to San Carlos as tourists. Do not say you are giving away anything or you may be paying duty. It is best to pray for that green light.

You are now in the state of Sonora, Mexico. Stay on Mexico **Hwy 15** to Hermosillo.

The next checkpoint is at kilometer 21. You must pull in and each of you will fill out a tourist visa. You will need to take your passport in with you. You can be required to pay for these immediately; the cost is around \$23 USD. (If you are less than seven days you do not need to pay for your visa but must turn it in on your departure at the same location.) Just as you leave the Km 21 you have one more set of PASS and STOP lights to go through. Again go through the Nada Declarar. These are the last ones. Again you could be searched if you receive a red light.



You will proceed on **Hwy 15** south all the way to San Carlos. There is a toll at Magdalena which will be \$ 20 pesos and another just north of Hermosillo which is \$61 pesos. Again be watching for Topes. You will have a few of them to go over as you travel through the small villages.

Dismuno su Velocidad = slow down
Curva Pelegrosa = dangerous curve
Caseta de Cobra = toll booth

You have one major city to go through, Hermosillo. You can choose one of two ways:

1. Going through Hermosillo you can stay in the middle lane and come right through the city without any problems, no turns, just busy. You will be on the regular Hwy. 15 to Guaymas.
2. If you wish to take the truck route, turn left at the fourth traffic light and follow the signs and stay on Hwy 15 South to Guaymas. The road will lead you for about 15 minutes until you are at the other side of the city. You will eventually turn left at a major intersection (there will be a big yellow hotel to your left and KFC across the street). Turn left and then it is straight out of the city.

You now have only 1.5 hrs left until you arrive in San Carlos.

* As you are nearing Guaymas, follow the sign to exit **RIGHT** to come into San Carlos. Come all the way into town (about 8 kms) until you see the first Extra sign (new) off to your right (it's a convience store).

* Turn **RIGHT** before the store and go about half a kilometer. Just past the gym there will be a paved road to the **LEFT**.

* Turn **LEFT** and follow for close to a mile, until you come across a huge cactus to your left.

* Turn **RIGHT** (following the sign that points you towards the hardward store *Construrama*). Follow this gravel road for a mile as it bends to the right. You will cross two streets, the *Construrama* on the left, another street, and arrive at the center at the following intersection. It's the only house (yellow) at the intersection with 2 palms out front.

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