

Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico

Ensenada punches above its weight: ships dock right at the edge of downtown, putting seafood stalls, margarita birthplace lore, and the gateway to Baja's wine country all within a short walk or cab ride.

 Pier — ships dock  Typical call: 7–9 hrs  MXN / USD widely accepted  Spanish (English common near port)

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Pier — no tender required; walk off directly

Walk to center: 15–20 min flat walk or short shuttle to Calle Primera

Best For: Wine tours, La Bufadora geyser, ATV adventures, fish tacos

Don't Miss: Valle de Guadalupe wine country & Riviera Cultural Center

 Getting around:  **Taxi**  Negotiate before boarding ·  **Rideshare**  **Uber**

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **La Bufadora Marine Geyser** — One of North America's largest marine geysers blasts seawater up to 100 feet into the air through a sea cave blowhole.
- **Valle de Guadalupe Wine Tour** — Baja's acclaimed wine region produces the large majority of Mexico's wine (commonly cited at 70–90%).
- **ATV & Off-Road at Las Cañadas** — Las Cañadas Off-Road Park offers ATV trails through canyons and hills, often combined with ziplines, horseback riding, or rappelling.
- **Riviera Cultural Center & Downtown Walk** — The ornate Riviera del Pacífico (now Centro Social, Cívico y Cultural Riviera) was once a casino frequented by Al Capone and is reputedly where the...
- **Fish Taco & Tequila Tasting** — Ensenada is ground zero for Baja-style fish tacos.

BEST WALKS

- **Malecón to Calle Primera Loop** 2–3 km · 45–60 min · Easy · Flat — Walk north along the waterfront Malecón promenade past the giant flagpole and Plaza Cívica (home to the three golden heads of Juárez, Hidalgo, and Carranza), then cut...

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	67°	55°	3d
Jun	72°	61°	0d
Aug	78°	67°	0d
Sep	78°	66°	2d
Oct	75°	62°	1d

 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Apr 6:17AM–7:15PM · Jun 5:40AM–7:53PM · Aug 6:11AM–7:29PM · Sep 6:30AM–6:51PM · Oct 6:50AM–6:13PM	
 MXN / USD widely accepted	

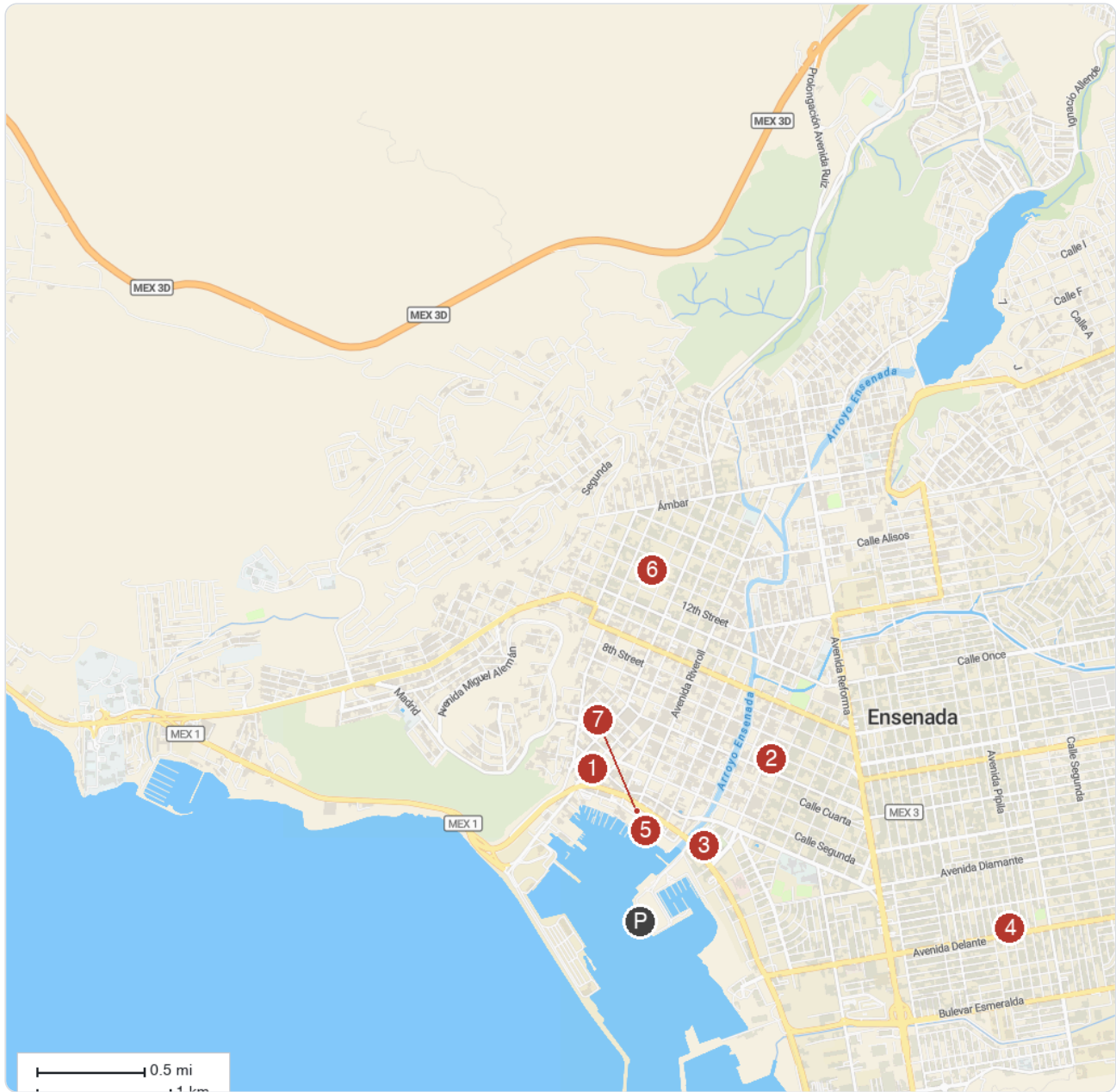
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Both currencies work downtown. Pesos get you better rates at markets and street stalls; USD is widely accepted in tourist shops but often at a poor exchange rate. Hit an ATM for pesos if you plan to shop.
- Uber can't enter the port gate. Walk to the terminal exit before requesting a ride. Taxis at the gate are plentiful and generally safe — agree on a price before you get in.
- Book La Bufadora and Valle de Guadalupe in advance. Both are 40–45 minutes out. Last-minute taxis at the gate can work, but you risk not finding a return ride in time for all-aboard.
- Don't skip the fish tacos. Baja-style fish tacos originated in Ensenada. Look for the street stalls along Calle Primera rather than the tourist-facing restaurants right at the terminal.
- Wine country is worth the trip. Valle de Guadalupe is only 40 minutes away and produces serious wine at very affordable prices. Many tour operators run half-day winery trips that fit comfortably in an 8-hour call.
- Baja sun is intense. Even with coastal breezes it gets hot, especially May–October. Bring sunscreen, sunglasses, and a hat — the Malecón walk has little shade.

Ensenada, Baja California, Mexico — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 Museo Histórico Regional de Ensenada | Regional history museum in a former military barracks. | 2 Our Lady of Guadalupe Co-Cathedral | Ensenada's main Catholic church, a beautiful co-cathedral. |
| 3 Centro Social, Cívico y Cultural, Riviera de Ensenada | Historic former casino, now a cultural and convention center. | 4 Nuestra Señora del Refugio | A beautiful, historic Catholic parish church. |
| 5 Monumental Flag | A giant Mexican flag on a towering flagpole. | 6 Tara Garden | A serene Japanese-style garden with koi ponds. |
| 7 Plaza Cívica de la Patria | Main civic plaza with statues of Mexican heroes. | P Cruise port / terminal | |