

Puerto Peñasco, Sonora, Mexico

Arizona's beach in Mexico: where the Sonoran Desert meets the Sea of Cortez in a blaze of tides, shrimp, and sun. Rocky Point's Old Port drops you steps from fresh seafood, a famous boardwalk, and one of the world's most extreme tidal landscapes.

-  Tender port (no completed pier)
-  Typical call: 6–8 hrs
-  Mexican Peso / USD common in tourist areas
-  English widely spoken
-  Extreme tidal range

👉 MY DAY IN PORT

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

GETTING ASHORE

- Docking:** Tender — ships anchor offshore; boats ferry to marina near Old Port
- Best For:** Seafood, tide pools, Bird Island sea lions, desert biosphere
- Walk to center:** 5–10 min from tender dock to El Malecón boardwalk
- Don't Miss:** Isla San Jorge boat trip or low-tide pools at Cholla Bay

🚗 Getting around: 🚗 **Taxi** ✅ \$9–\$25 USD · 🚗 **Rideshare** ✅ Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- Isla San Jorge (Bird Island) Boat Trip** — A 2-hour boat ride to a protected rocky sanctuary where sea lions haul out in the hundreds.
- El Pinacate Biosphere Reserve** — UNESCO World Heritage site an hour north — volcanic craters (Elegante Crater is stunning), ancient lava fields, and the...
- ATV & Dune Riding** — Rent ATVs near the port or join a guided tour to tackle Competition Hill sand dunes and the surrounding desert terrain...
- Sandy Beach & Resort Strip** — Taxi out to the main resort beach for calm, shallow waters, banana boats, jet skis, and beachfront bars like Wrecked at...
- Tide Pool Exploration** — Rocky Point's Northern Gulf tides can swing more than 20 vertical feet (spring tides exceed 24 ft) — one of the world's...

BEST WALKS

- Old Port Malecón Walk** 1–2 hrs · Flat paved boardwalk · Free — Stroll from the marina along El Malecón Fundadores, past the giant shrimp fisherman statue, colorful lettered Puerto Peñasco sign...
- Old Port to CEDO Interpretive Center** 45 min each way · Easy · Free/donation — Walk or take a short taxi to CEDO (Intercultural Center for the Study of Deserts and Oceans) in Las Conchas.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 **CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)**

Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	78°	63°	0d
Jun	88°	76°	0d
Aug	94°	85°	1d
Sep	91°	81°	2d
Oct	85°	70°	1d

 **DAYLIGHT &  MONEY**

Apr 6:05AM–7:02PM · Jun 5:29AM–7:39PM · Aug 6:00AM–7:16PM · Sep 6:18AM–6:39PM · Oct 6:37AM–6:01PM

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KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Pesos are official: USD is common in tourist areas. Many Old Port vendors, taxis, and beach businesses take dollars, but pesos

Puerto Peñasco, Sonora, 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 The Seashell Museum at CEDO | CEDO's museum showcases diverse local seashells and marine life. | 2 Playa Hermosa Beach | Playa Hermosa is a long, beautiful sandy beach. |
| 3 Playa bonita, Puerto Peñasco, Sonora | Playa Bonita is a pretty, popular sandy beach. | 4 Playa Bonita Beach | Playa Bonita is a pretty, popular sandy beach. |
| 5 Viewpoint on the Pier | Enjoy scenic ocean and city views from the pier. | 6 Avenida 32 Mercado de Artesanías | Avenida 32 is a vibrant market for local handicrafts. |
| 7 Acuario Peñasco | Acuario Peñasco is a small local marine aquarium. | 8 Malecón Puerto Peñasco | The Malecón is a lively waterfront promenade with shops and restaurants. |
| P Cruise port / terminal | | | |