

Welcome to “Baja Lucky Explorer Rally”

Enclosed you will find a daily description of the ride and associated plans.

You will also find an SD card for your gps unit. This card contains all the custom ride maps which have been created for the ride. You should install this sd card into your gps prior to the ride and check to see that it is working properly.

If you have trouble with your gps I will be happy to help you at the ride.

You will also find paper daily ride maps. These are to be carried with you as a quick reference to aid you in understanding your gps and the day's route options.



Photo from Rawhyde, we will work to avoid the mud, but cool photo thanks

About the ride

This is a one week Adventure motorcycle ride from Tecate to Cabo San Lucas and back. Riders will be staying in hotels and there will be a chase truck following us during the adventure. Riders will be riding together in small groups and will need to keep track of each other.

Ride Navigation: This is a self-led GPS ride; all riding is on your own. You are responsible for your own riding. You will be given a GPS map file and instructions on how to use your Garmin GPS unit. People will hook up in small groups of less than 6 riders and tend to ride together. You are not encouraged to ride alone. You are responsible for your own riding and yourself.

Riding in small ride groups: Riders choose their own riding groups and riding buddies. Riders are encouraged to hook up in group of less than 6 riders and ride together as buddies. The ride is setup with meetup checkpoints called "Ride Donuts". During the ride riders meetup at these Donuts to check in with each other. If a rider turn up missing the ride group will decide to go back and discover the issue. It is important to follow the rules of the group so that everyone has a good time. Riders should change ride groups each day in order to meet and get to know other riders. Ride Donuts are explained at the end of this document.

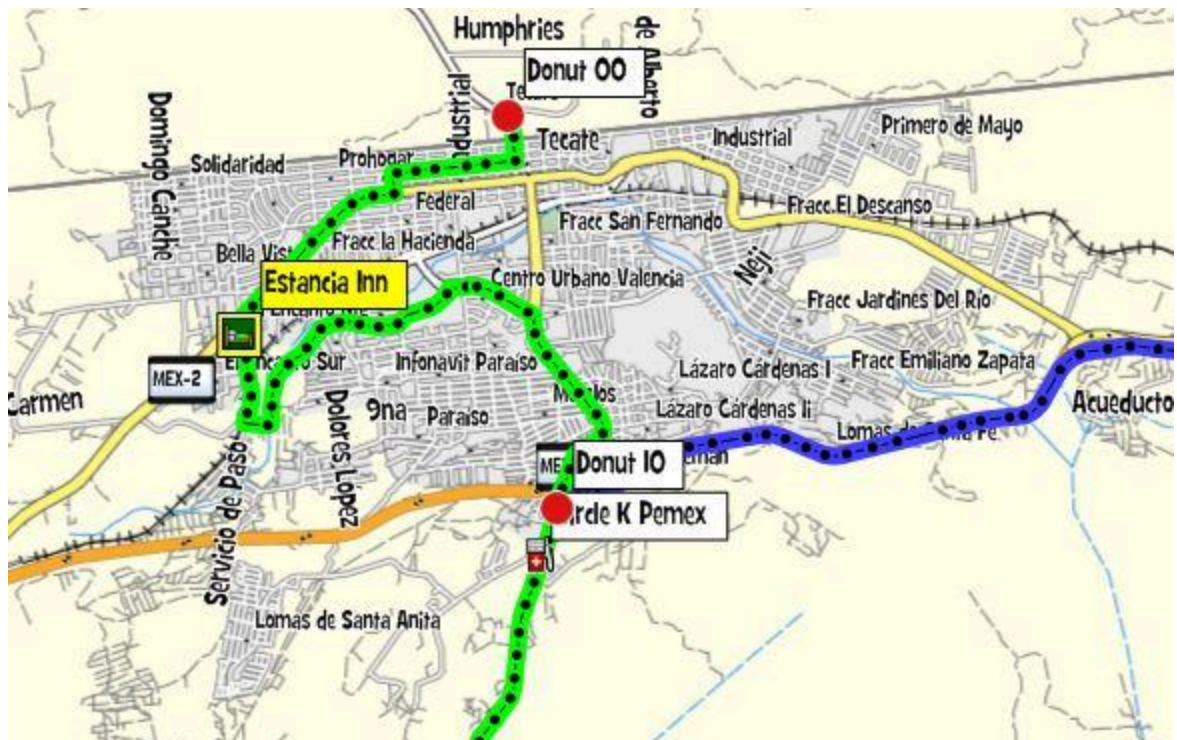
Ride support truck: There will be a small Van as a support Van. As this is an adventure bike style ride, riders should carry most of their gear on their bikes. Riders can put one small "Airplane Style" Carry On bag in the Van. This is a bag that would be allowed as a "Carry On" on a normal flight. As there are 24 riders and we would like to leave room in the Van for the possibility of a broken bike the Van space is very limited.

Friday November 15 2019 Day 0, Tecate

Lodging: [Estancia Inn Hotel](#) Benito Juárez 1450, Encanto Sur, 21440 Tecate, B.C 52 665 521 3066

Rider can meet me at the USA side of the Tecate Border Crossing at 4pm Friday and we can cross the border together or others may simply like to come later and meet at the Hotel.

Friday evening it the time for final ride preparations. We will have a group dinner and happy hour and riders meeting. This is a social evening where riders get to know a little about each other and start to form their riding groups.



Saturday November 16 2019 Day 1, Tecate to San Quintín

Lodging: [Hotel-Jardines](#) (619) 591-8922

Ride length: 193 miles on the Green Route, longer on the other routes

Gas Plan: Lots of gas choices depending on the routes you take. Ensenada, Valle de la Trinidad, San Vicente, others

Description: The Baja 1000 starts on Tuesday so Ensenada could already be busy, so it should be a unique experience. If you choose the routes through Ensenada it will be very busy so just enjoy the sights as you slowly pass through the city. There is a 9 mile Red route around the confusion, but it is untested so I am not sure how well it can work. If you choose the Blue route then the Red route starting at Donut 12 you can avoid Ensenada. But the section between donuts 16 and 17 is part of the race course. The race should be largely over by the time you are there, but no guarantees as there may be some last minute finishers trying to complete the race. So be careful and be prepared to get out of the way for someone coming through!!!! The Green section is all paved roads, the Blue section in the morning to Donut 12 is the Compadre Trail, it is dirt roads with some sandy spots then paved to Ensenada. The Red section from Donut 12 to Valle Trinidad, is highway, then it is dirt until donut 17. Lastly are two Blue ocean loops starting at donut 15 and 18, both are good dirt sections.

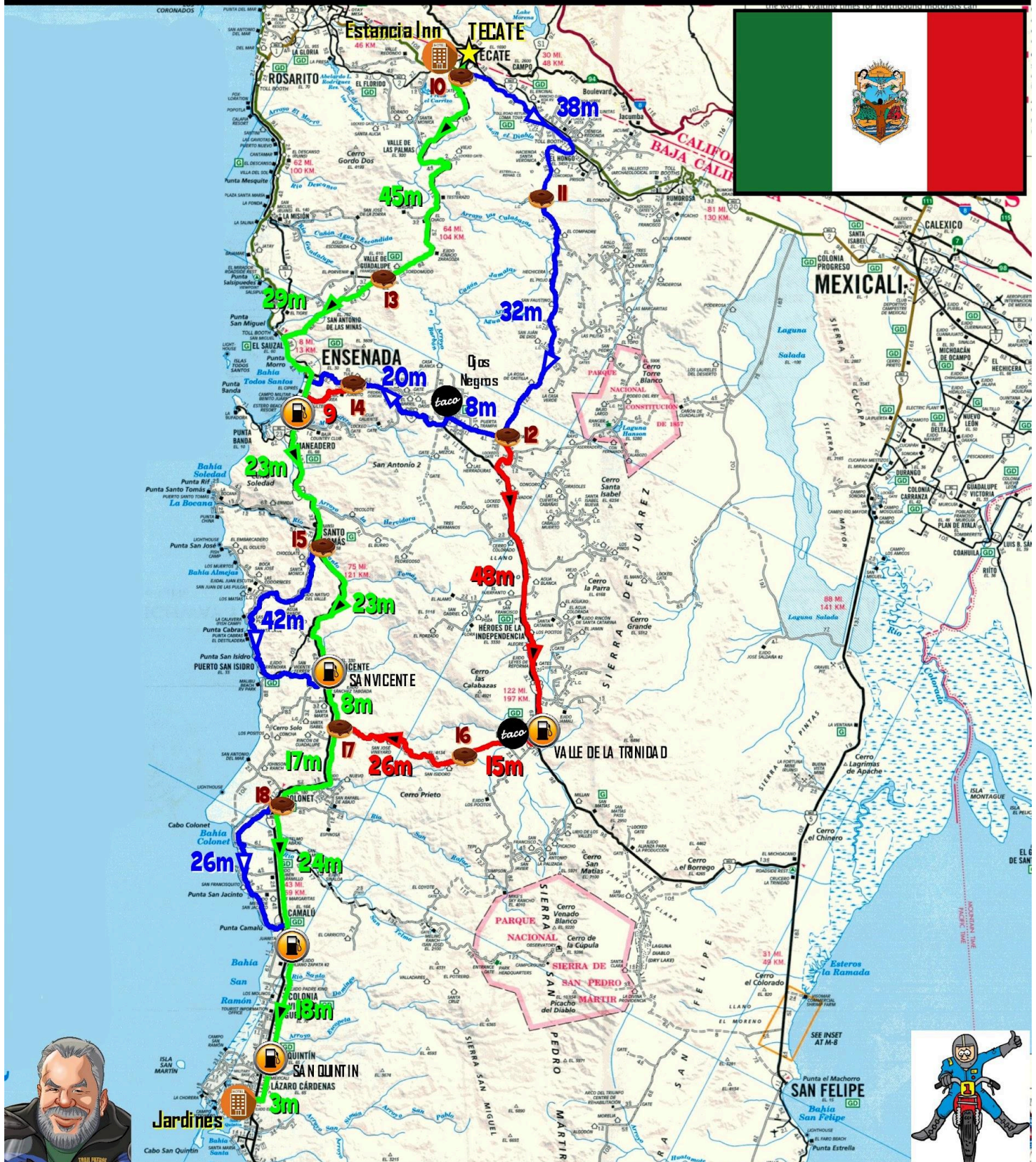
Lunch Plan: There are lots of choices in Ensenada. If you take the Red route get lunch in Valle de la Trinidad

Dinner Plan: Recommend going to the Old Mill [\(Eucalipto Restaurant Bar and Grill\)](#)



Baja 1000 Party downtown Ensenada

Baja Lucky Explorer Rally Ride I



Tecate CA to San Quintin

Ride Length is 193 miles

Sunday November 17 2019 Day 2, San Quintín to San Ignacio

Lodging: Hotel Desert Inn San Ignacio, 011-52-615-154-0300

Ride length: 347 miles on the Green route.

Gas Plan: First gas on the Green route at 32 miles in El Rosario, then there is gas 203 miles further at Ejido Villa Jesús María but there is an option to get a gallon or so of gas from the locals out of the back of their pickup trucks in Catavina. Some may want to do this for safe measure.

Description: Long day, choose your options carefully. At donut 20 there is a short 15 mile Blue route option. This is a dirt road following parallel to the highway. Then at Donut 21 there is a Red route option. It is a tougher dirt road through the mountains and along the Pacific Coast. This is a long tough option to an already long day, so be sure you are up for this. Be sure you manage your gas correctly on this option. For those that remain on the Green route, there is an option in Catavina for breakfast at the hotel. It can be good. Late morning there is a Blue Route option to El Arco. This is a remote dirt route. Continuing on the Green route, there is an option for lunch out of a fish taco truck out of Guerrero Negro. It is rumored to be spectacular. The routes finish on the highway to San Ignacio.

Breakfast: Get it before the ride starts or talk your ride group into stopping for breakfast in Catavina.

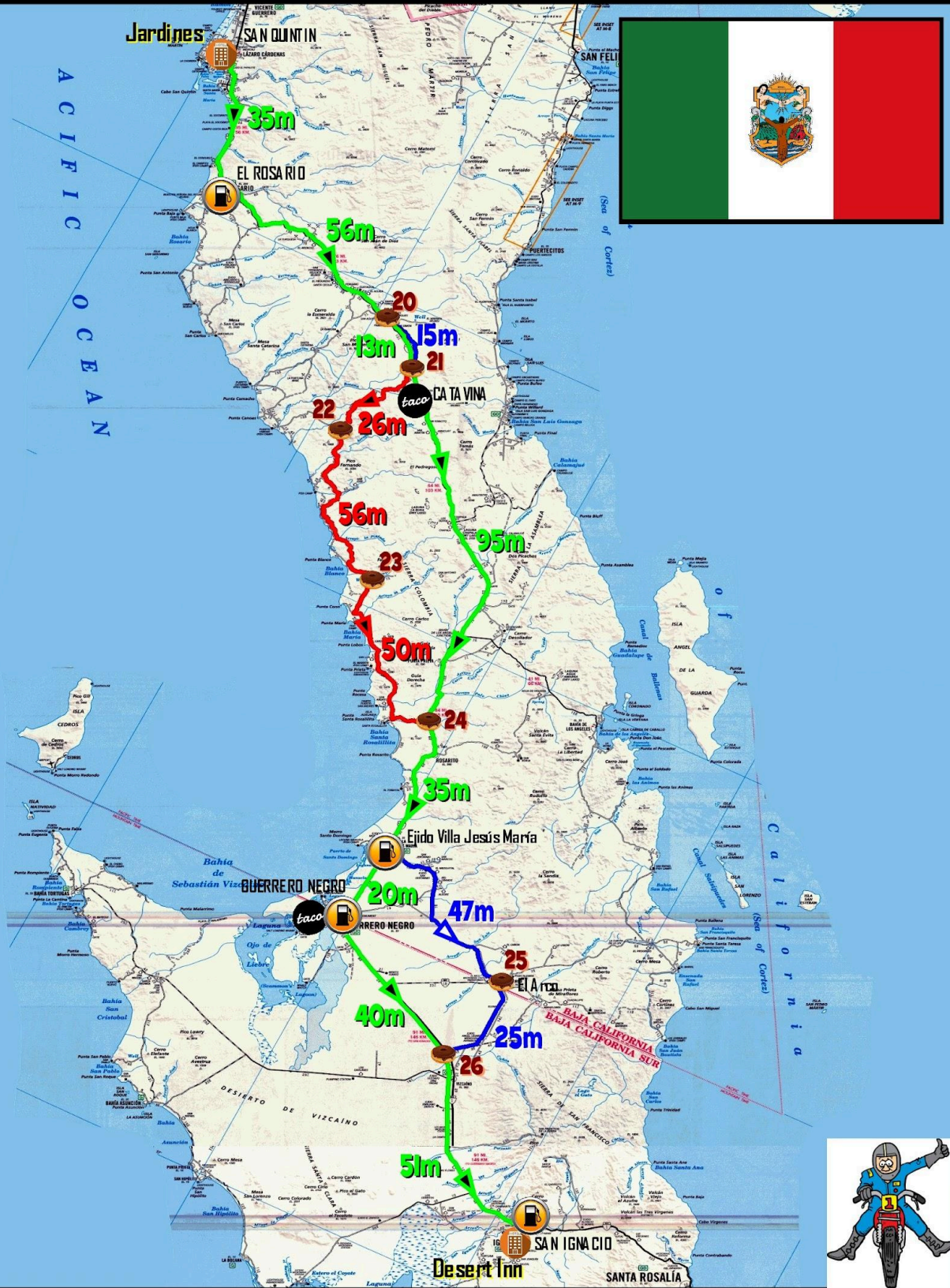
Lunch Plan: I recommend you take the Black line into Guerrero Negro and have lunch at this taco truck. Green and Red routes have no lunch options so pack your own and be prepared.

Dinner Plan: Recommend walking into San Ignacio Centro, Tootsie's Bar and Grill



Taco truck in Guerrero Negro

Baja Lucky Explorer Rally Ride 2



San Quintin to San Ignacio

Ride Length is **347 miles**

Monday November 18 2019 Day 3, San Ignacio to Ciudad Constitución

Lodging: Hotel El Paraiso Del Valle 011-52-613-132-6206

Ride length: 259 miles

Gas Plan: On the Green route, there are several gas options along the way. On the Blue route, there is a gas option at 104 miles in San Juanico. This “gas station” is really out of barrels from the local auto shop. Follow your gas waypoint.

Description: The Green route is the scenic main highway along the coast passing along the Gulf of California. The Blue route starts as paved road to about Donut 30, then it turns to dirt and follows along the coast to San Juanico. Great, spectacular views and not too tough. At Donut 30, there is a Red option which follows directly along the Pacific Ocean. It passes through a fishing village called El Dátil. This is a spectacular, third world, magical place. Bring stickers for the local kids. This Red route is fairly sandy so be prepared. In San Juanico, be sure to stop and get gas and lunch. The route after San Juanico turns to paved road for the rest of the day.

Breakfast: None, You're on Your Own (YOYO) before the ride starts

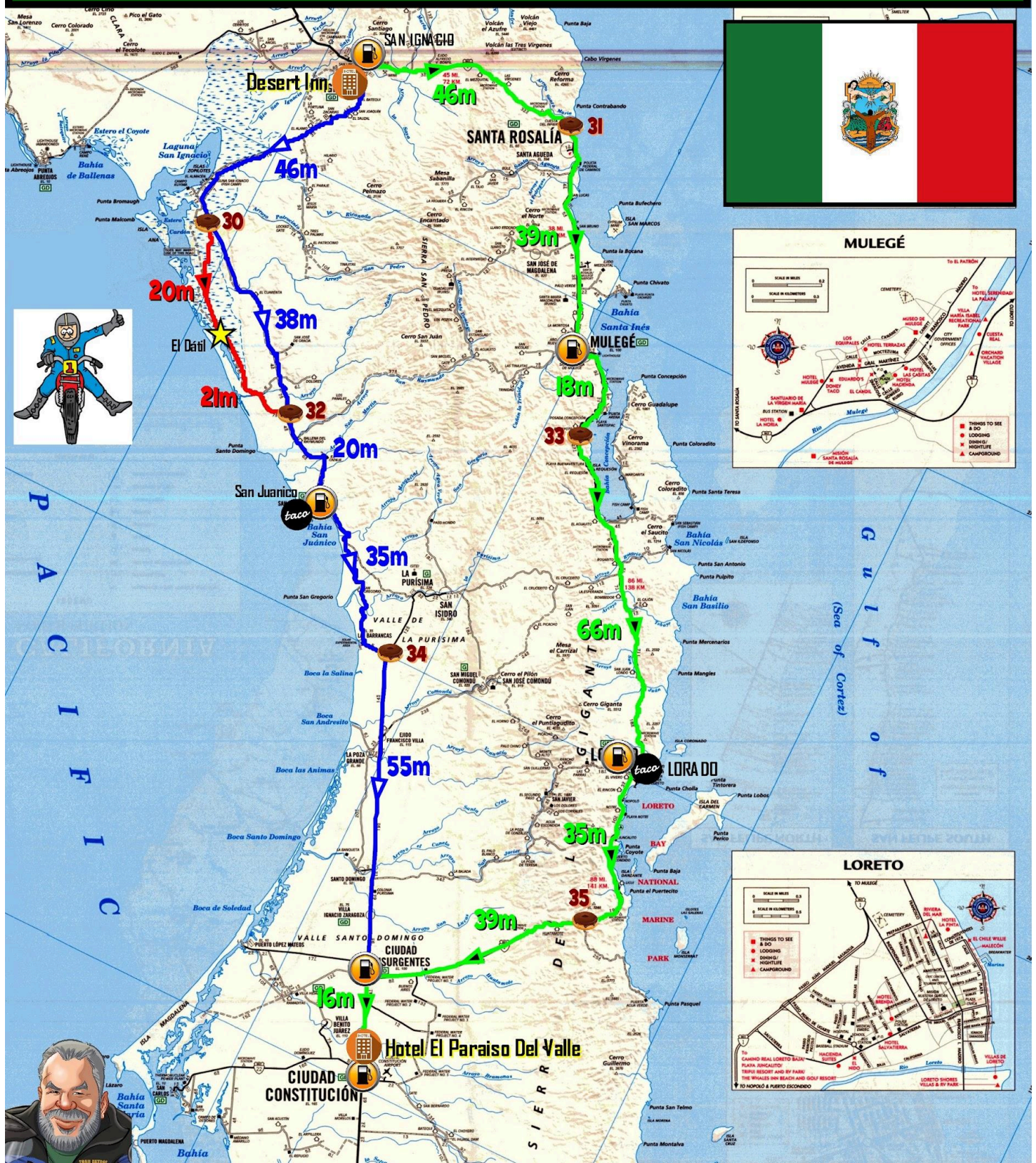
Lunch Plan: Blue route option: get in San Juanico. Green route option: stop in Loreto at Orlando's Mexican Cocina. There is a black line out and back to the cocina.

Dinner Plan: You're on Your Own (YOYO). There are several choices in walking distance.



Eroded hill on the Pacific Blue Route

Baja Lucky Explorer Rally Ride 3



Tuesday November 19 2019 Day 4, Ciudad Constitución to Cabo San Lucas

Lodging: [Seven Crown Cabo](#) 011-52-612-128-7788

Ride length: 225 miles on the Green route

Gas Plan: On the Green route, get gas at 132 miles in La Paz. If you take the Red route, you can get gas in Todos Santos at 165 miles.

Description: In the morning, the Green route is highway into La Paz. The Red route can be fairly difficult and is part of the old Baja 1000 race course. It follows along the coast and can be mixed through remote villages. At the end of the Red route, you should get lunch in Todos Santos. On the Green route, after La Paz, there is a great lunch option. After lunch, at Donut 46, there is a Blue route option to take you through the foothills of the semi tropical mountain range of Southern Baja. The day's route ends in Cabo San Lucas. Congratulations! You've made it.

Breakfast: None, You're on Your Own (YOYO) before the ride starts

Lunch Plan: The Red route lunch suggestion is Taco George in Todos Santos. The Green route option is Abierto Tacos along the highway.

Dinner Plan: Open suggestions in Cabo San Lucas



Red route part of the old Baja 1000 race course

Baja Lucky Explorer Rally Ride 4



Ciudad Constitución to Cabo

Ride Length is 225 miles

Wednesday November 20 2019 Day 5, Cabo San Lucas to La Paz

Lodging: [Seven Crown La Paz Malecon](#) 011-52-612-128-7788

Ride length: 135 miles on the Green route

Gas Plan: On the Blue route there is an option for gas in Riviera at 81 miles.

Description: The morning starts with a Red route choice at Donut 50. This route is marked Red only because it is untested, but could be spectacular along the coast. At Donut 51, the Blue route starts. It is mostly nice dirt roads with a few sandy spots. The routes rejoin at Donut 54 and there is a roadside stand for lunch that is highly recommended. The Green route continues over the mountains and is all paved. The Blue route continues along the coast and at Donut 55 begins to cut inland. The section between Donut 55 and 56 can be sandy and a little rocky. After Donut 56 the route is paved into La Paz.

Breakfast: None, You're on Your Own (YOYO) before the ride starts

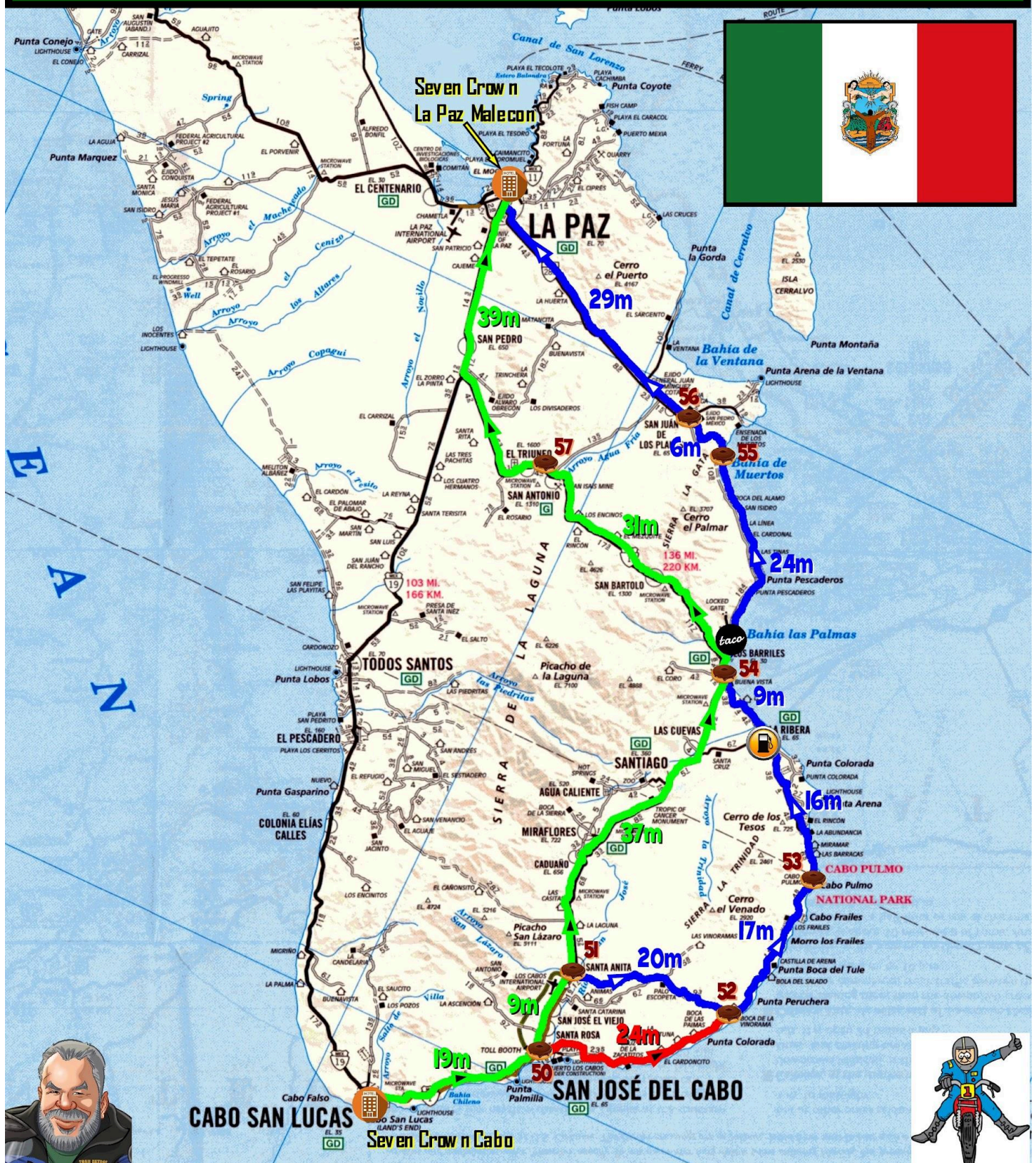
Lunch Plan: Lupita's roadside stand 1 mile past Donut 54

Dinner Plan: Recommend La Terraza Restaurant, walking distance from our hotel



Donut 53, Boats at beach, Cabo Pulmo

Baja Lucky Explorer Rally Ride 5



Cabo to La Paz

Ride Length is **135 miles**

Thursday November 21 2019 Day 6, La Paz to Loreto

Lodging: [Hotel Oasis](#) 011-52-613-135-0211

Ride length: 223 miles on the Green route

Gas Plan: Get gas just after leaving Cabo at the intersection of the Red and Green route (El Centenario). Get second gas at Ciudad Constitución. If you're on the Green route it's 130 miles. If you're on the Red route, it's 165 miles.

Description: The Green route is paved highway. The Red route is more difficult dirt roads and incredibly scenic along the coast and through the mountains. The Blue route option is dirt roads starting at Donut 68 to San Javier, then it is paved into Loreto.

Breakfast: None, You're on Your Own (YOYO) before the ride starts

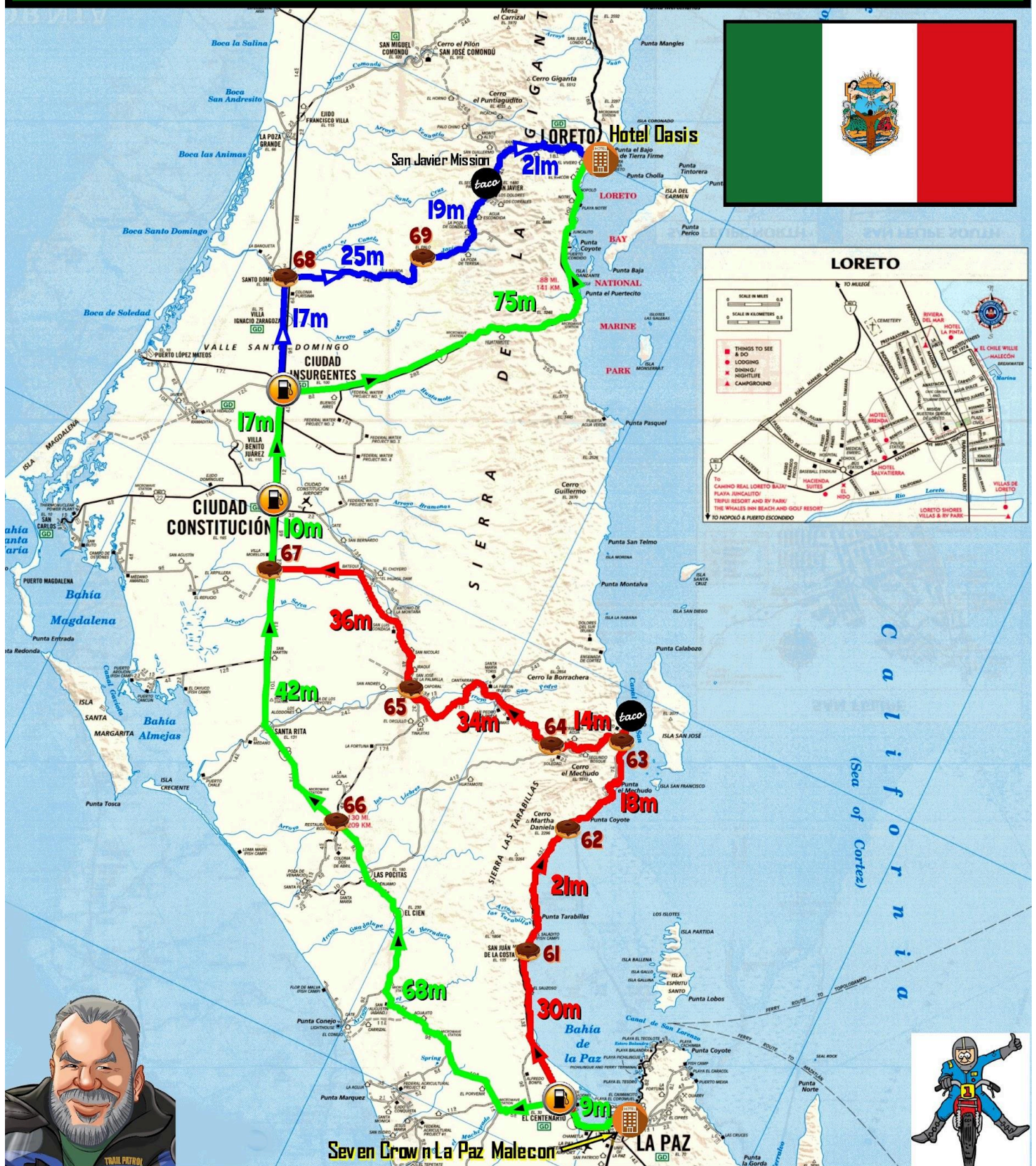
Lunch Plan: On the Red route there are no lunch options. On the Green route, YOYO. On the Blue route, there is a lunch option near the Mission de San Javier. Great place for lunch and a beer.

Dinner Plan: Check out the options at the Hotel Oasis.



Misión de San Javier (Next to our lunch stop) Blue Route

Baja Lucky Explorer Rally Ride 6



La Paz to Loreto

Ride Length is **223 miles**

Friday November 22 2019 Day 7, Loreto to Guerrero Negro

Lodging: [Malarrimo](#) 011-52-615-157-0100

Ride length: 257 miles

Gas Plan: On the main Green route, get gas in San Ignacio at 168 miles. If you take the Blue route, get gas in San Juanico at 127 miles, then get gas again in San Ignacio at 104 miles.

Description: The Green route is scenic, paved highway. The Blue route option is mixed dirt and pavement along the Pacific Coast.

Breakfast: Get at Hotel Oasis before leaving.

Lunch Plan: Recommend stopping in San Ignacio and getting lunch near the Mission

Dinner Plan: None, YOYO



El Coyote con Muletas, near Donut 73

Baja Lucky Explorer Rally Ride 7



La Paz to Guerrero Negro

Ride Length is 257 miles

Saturday November 23 2019 Day 8, Guerrero Negro to Mike's Sky Rancho

Lodging: [Mike's Sky Rancho](#) 011-52-664-681-5514

Ride length: 335 miles on the Green Route

Gas Plan: Get gas in Gonzaga at 150 miles and get gas in San Felipe at 100 more miles

Description: The Green route is mostly paved, but there is a long dirt section after Donut 81. At Donut 80, there is a 28 mile Blue dirt section to Coco's Corner. After San Felipe, there is a tough, Red section. After Donut 85, the route to Mike's Sky Rancho is all dirt.

Breakfast: None, You're on Your Own (YOYO) before the ride starts

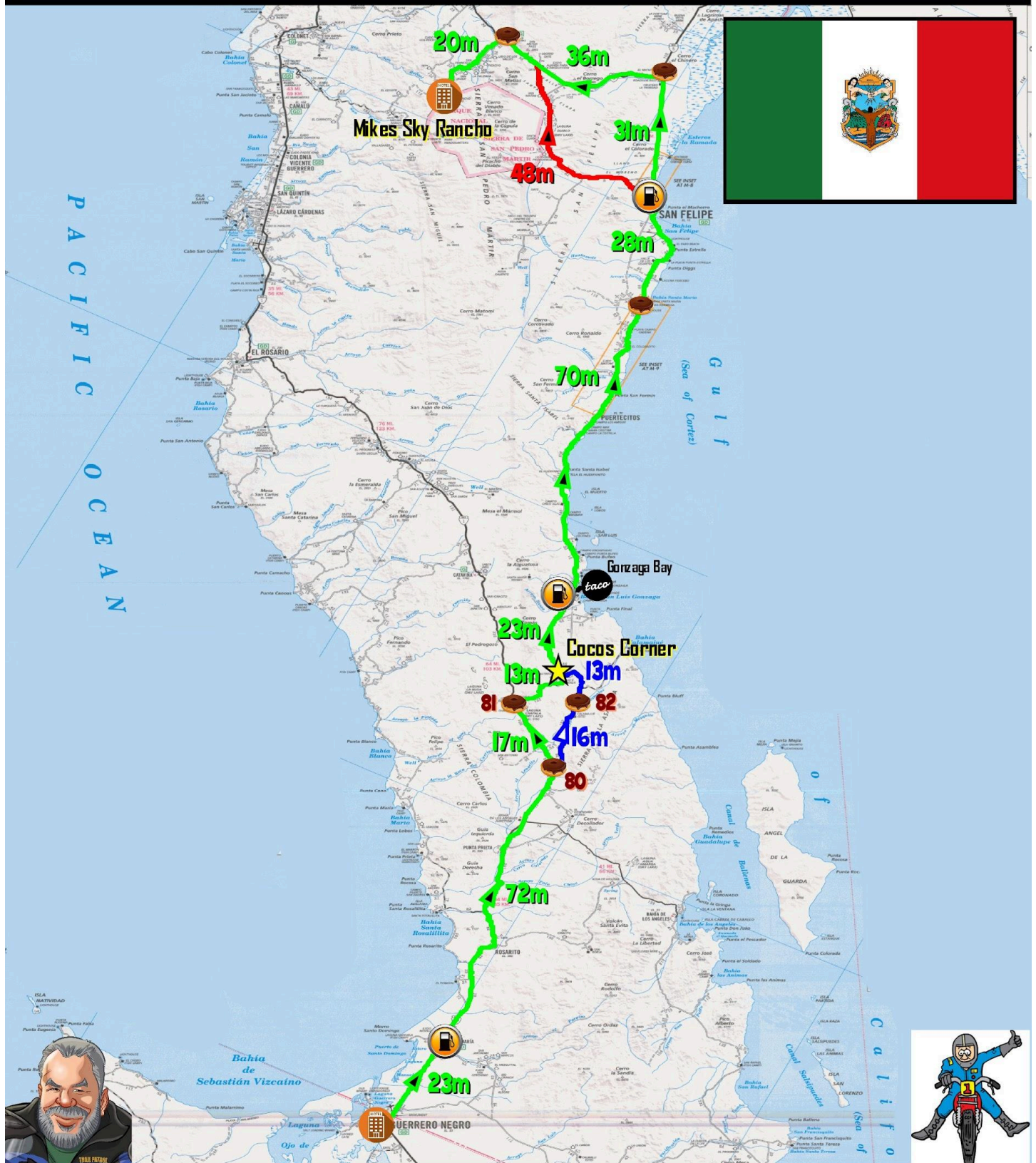
Lunch Plan: Get lunch at Alfonsina. It's the Black line out of Gonzaga Bay.

Dinner Plan: Mike's Sky Rancho (steaks, beans and rice)



Road to Mike's Sky Rancho (Note that is kilometers not miles)

Baja Lucky Explorer Rally Ride 8



Sunday November 24 2019 Day 9, Mike's Sky Rancho to Tecate

Lodging: None everyone goes home

Ride length: 216 miles on the Green route; 145 on the Blue route

Gas Plan: On the Green route, get gas at 118 miles at Ejidio la Puerta. On the Blue route, get gas in Valle de la Trinidad at 30 miles.

Description: The Green route is all paved highway and takes you over the mountains into Tecate. Kind of spectacular. The Blue route is dirt until Valle de la Trinidad and then is highway to Donut 94. Then it's the dirt Compadre Trail to Donut 96. It finishes paved to Tecate. On the Green route, at Donut 93, there is a Black line option to shortcut to the USA through Mexicali.

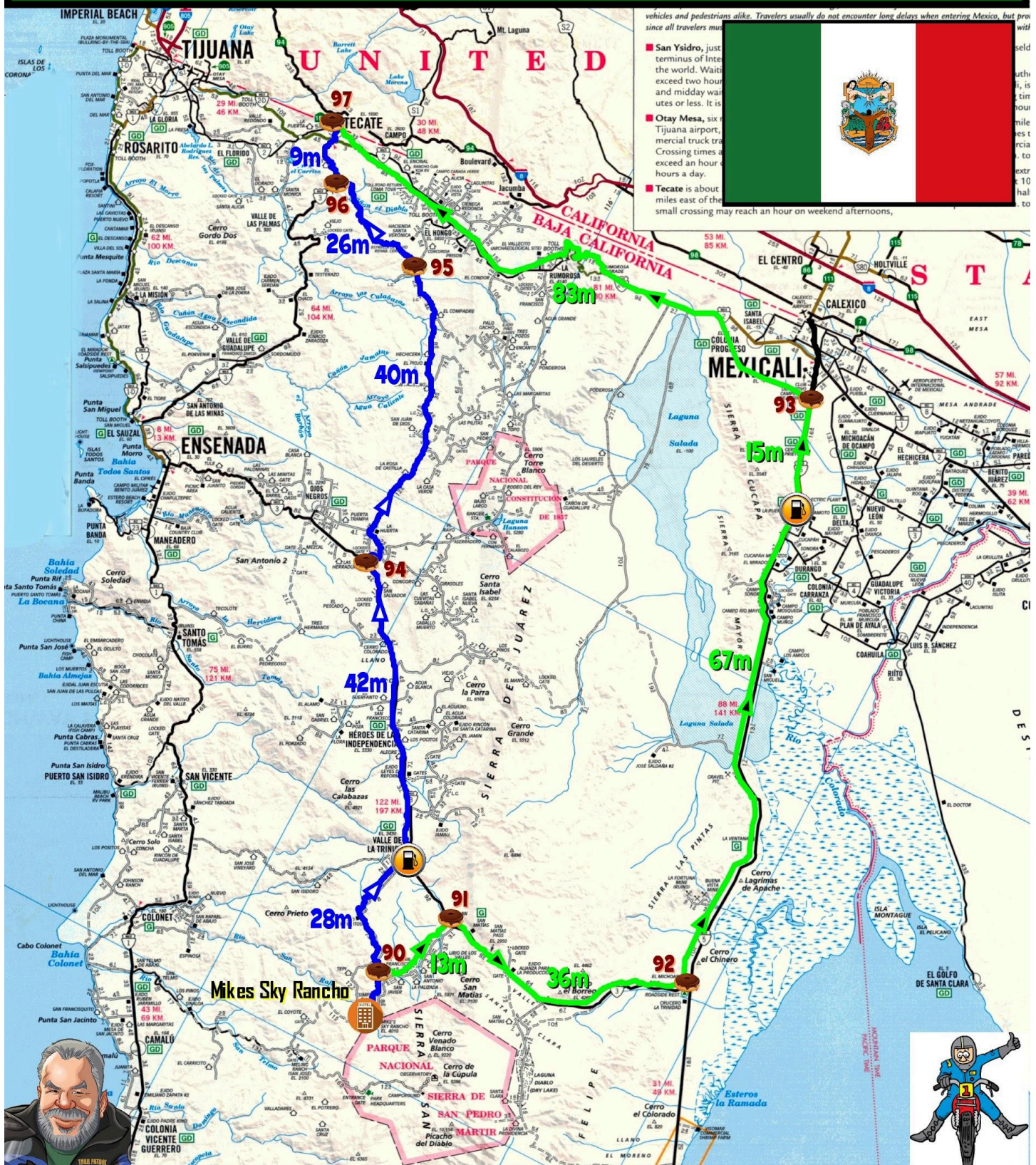
Breakfast: Mike's Sky Rancho before leaving

Lunch Plan: Set your eyes on American food. YOYO



Compadre Trail, Blue Route

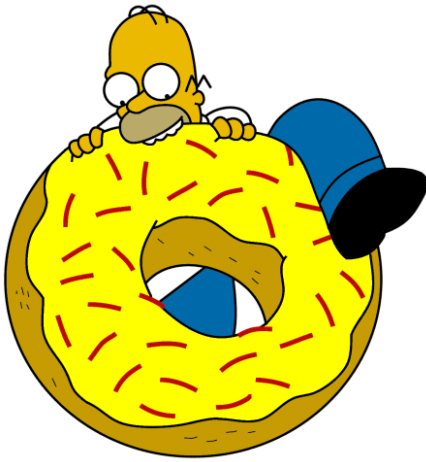
Baja Lucky Explorer Rally Ride 9



Mikes Sky Rancho to USA

Ride Length is 216 miles

Donut Holes: Are we doing Donut Holes?



This ride includes Donut Holes. Donut Holes are suggested as meetup spots for riders riding in groups. It is recommended that you join a group of riders and not ride alone. Ride groups should be 6 people or less. Using gps to navigate while riding in a group presents lot of new challenges and opportunities. First riders tend to ride at their own pace and often ride out of sight of the others in the group. Some riders may like to stop and take pictures and others simply like to stay out of the dust. When using GPS riders often unknowingly pass or change their position within the group. While the rider, say Jeff thinks Brian is in front of him, Brian is now behind. Jeff and both riders don't know that this change has occurred. What happens next is Brian slows to allow Jeff to catch up and Jeff speed up to try to catch Brian. The gap between them get ever bigger and the riders may never see each other again. These situations can escalate into big

confusion and issues.

To mitigate the group confusion this ride includes Meetup Points called Donut Holes. Donut Holes are big circles embedded into your GPS. These circles mark the spot that riders take a quick stop to check in with the other riders and verify that everyone is accounted for without issue.

When a rider turns up missing at the Donut Hole it is up to the group to decide to ride back to the last known sighting of the missing rider. Riders should not skip a Donut as the rest of the group may turn back looking for the missing person. This allows ride groups to catch issues early before they become big problems

As your riding group forms the riders should ask each other, are we doing Donuts? If your group agrees to do Donuts, then that means everyone is responsible ensuring everyone in the group is present at the Donut Holes. Stay on the Trail: Much of this ride borders Wilderness areas, in some places the ride cuts right through Wilderness area on road easements. So it is very important to stay on the route at all times

Other:

Riding in groups of more than 6 people is not permitted, so do not tell any officials that you are riding in a large group. And limit your group size to 6

On GPS Maps

Remember you are not looking to find tracklogs, but rather MAPS, This ride uses a separate map for each day's ride. The SD Card contains 8 separate maps. You will have to turn off all 8 maps and then only turn on the maps for the correct day's ride. You will have to turn off and on a new map every day.

FAQ's

Direction to install the GPS microSD Card: This ride consists of 9 days of riding and has 9 separate maps on your microSD card. You will need to enable only one map at a time in your gps to avoid confusion. The 9 maps are Named: **1 BajaLER** through **9BajaLER**. So for example on Ride day 4 you would enable only map **4BajaLER**.

It is important that you only turn on one custom map at a time or they will likely overlap and cause confusion. When you insert a new card with multiple maps into your GPS, all the maps, by default, will be enabled. So you will need to go in and disable all the maps except for the one that you want to be current.

A: Garmin makes many different GPS types and there are several different way to do enable and disable maps depending on your GPS model. The best way is to consult your manual. However, I will list the common ways to do this below:

- Older Style GPS's like the Garmin 60, 76, Etrex Vista, and others: Starting From the Map page, select Menu, then Setup Map, then cursor across the top of the screen to highlight the circle icon (second one from the right). Select this icon and then cursor down to the Map Name box and begin selecting the maps that you would like. Do this by checking or unchecking the maps listed. Done.
- Newer Style GPS's like the Garmin Etrex 20, 78, and others: Starting from the Map page, select Menu, then Setup Map, then Select Map. Now you can cursor through the map list here and by selecting each map, you can enable or disable as you would like. Done.
- Automobile Style GPS's like Nuvis and older Zumos and others: From the main page select Tools, then Settings, then Maps, then Map Info, Here you can check and uncheck the selected maps.
Motorcycle Style GPS's like the newer Zumo's and others: From the main page select Settings, then Map and Vehicle, then my Maps, Here you can check and uncheck the selected maps.

Q: What are Custom GPS Ride Maps?

A: Custom GPS Ride maps are electronic maps designed specifically to show the paths and path choices for a particular ride. The maps show the paths as clear bold lines so the riders can easily see them even on small screens. The lines are often comprised of groups of arrows or chevrons so that riders can easily tell the recommended direction of travel. The lines come in multiple colors so that riders can easily choose between Hard and Easy options. Custom ride maps make ride navigation much easier than ever before.

Q: How do I check my GPS to see if the Ride Map on the MicroSD Card is working?

A: There are two ways you can check your GPS.

See the trail on the GPS yourself. Turn on the GPS and zoom out to about 50 or 30 miles. Use the cursor to pan over to an area where you know the trail should be. Now begin zooming in. Wait for the gps to refresh it's screen as they can be slow. As you zoom in, you should see the trail as a Wide Bold Blue line made up of arrows. OK, good job, you did it right. Check to see if the map is in the GPS unit's memory: The steps to do this vary depending on which Garmin gps unit you have (and there are hundreds). Most work like this:

Option 1: From the "Map" page select Menu. Then select "Setup Map" then scroll down and select "Select Map." Now you can scroll down and read the maps in your unit. You should find a map called "TAT gpskevin." Make sure it is enabled and you are done!

Option 2: Some GPS units (like Nuvi's) work like this. Select "Settings" then "Maps" then "Info" and now you should find the map "TAT gpskevin." Make sure that it is checked and you're done.

Option 3: Some work like this. Select "Tools" then "Settings" then "Map" then "Map Info." You should find the map "TAT gpskevin." Make sure that it is checked and you're done.

Again, your gps may have a different way to access the maps, but the microSD Card does work in all Garmin gps units with a card slot. Sorry, there are just too many Garmin gps units for me to go through them all.