

# Directions to Casa de Olé

Getting to Casa de Olé is quite easy. Follow these simple instructions. All routes converge in Why, AZ:

## From Phoenix /Yuma

- From Phoenix, travel west on I-10 from Phoenix to the route AZ 85 exit
  - Head south on AZ 85, through the outskirts of Buckeye and on to Gila Bend. Continue west through Gila Bend and turn right just before McDonalds. This turn is marked with a sign stating "Mexico" and "SR 85 South"
- From Yuma, head east on I-8 from Yuma to the State Route 85 exit at Gila Bend
  - Continue into Gila Bend and turn left just beyond McDonalds. This turn is marked with a sign stating "Mexico" and "SR 85 South".

#### Then

- Continue South on AZ 85 to Ajo, AZ. Ajo is a good place to stock up on anything you may have forgotten. It is the largest town between Phoenix and the border. Ajo also has an ATM machine located at Bank One on the corner of the only intersection in Ajo with a traffic signal, right across from the town square.
- Stay on AZ 85 to continue on to Why, AZ

### **From Tucson**

- Go West on Ajo, which turns into route AZ 86. Note: Watch your speed most of the way 40 miles before and after Sells, AZ 86 is a big speed trap! The speed limit most of the way is now 65 mph, so set your cruise at anything less than 70 and you'll be fine!
- Continue on to Why, AZ
- Turn Left onto AZ 85

While in Why, it is a good place to top off the fuel tank (or get Mexican insurance if you need it) before crossing into Mexico.

## Once you depart Why, AZ

- Head South on AZ 85 for approx. 30 miles.
- When you reach Lukeville, AZ, the border town, you'll again find all the necessary facilities on the American side if you forgot anything. There is a well-stocked grocery store, etc. but the prices are pretty steep.
- There is sometimes an American Border Patrol stop PRIOR to entering Mexico. They are checking to ensure you don't have any drugs, guns or large amounts of cash.
- When you're ready to cross the border into Mexico, wait for your turn and pull into one of the two lanes. Wait for the inspection light. This is a random inspection process. If you get a green light, you should be free to proceed. If you get a red light, you'll be waived over and asked some questions. Be polite. The Mexican border police will probably ask to see in your trunk. They are primarily looking for drugs and guns, which you of course won't have.
- Once you get past the border, be very careful with your speed. The WHOLE time you are travelling through Sonoyta (the border town), you should be travelling NO MORE THAN 40 Km/Hr (25 MPH). This is very slow, but will help you avoid the many speed traps in town. We call it the "Sonoyta crawl". Remember this advice on the way back your wallet will appreciate it!
- Continue South from the border into Sonoyta, Mexico, for approx. 2 miles.

- You'll come to a 3-way intersection. You want to bear left, stop at the stop sign and continue turning left (towards Puerto Peñasco). Continue for approx. 0.3 miles
- At the next fork in the road, bear right, again towards Puerto Peñasco. You will pass "Vasquez's" on your left if you have made the correct turn, which in an excellent place to shop. If you do stop to shop, either coming or going, we highly recommend the tacos from the taco stand in front. Very tasty!
- Continue along this same road towards Puerto Peñasco for approx. 56 miles. This highway from Sonoyta to Puerto Peñasco is mostly open range. Being open range, you are subject to encountering livestock on the highway on occasion. This is one of the major reasons that we recommend not driving this highway at night (cattle don't wear taillights and are difficult to see). You will know you are close to Rocky point (and the turnoff) when you start seeing scattered buildings.
- There is a brand new overpass at the Caborca turn off. Watch for the large green sign for Caborca. Before you get to the overpass, exit right, go around the round-a-bout under the overpass to turn left! This will leave you driving on the "Shortcut route to the house" marked on the included map below.
- Follow the rest of the instructions on the map.

