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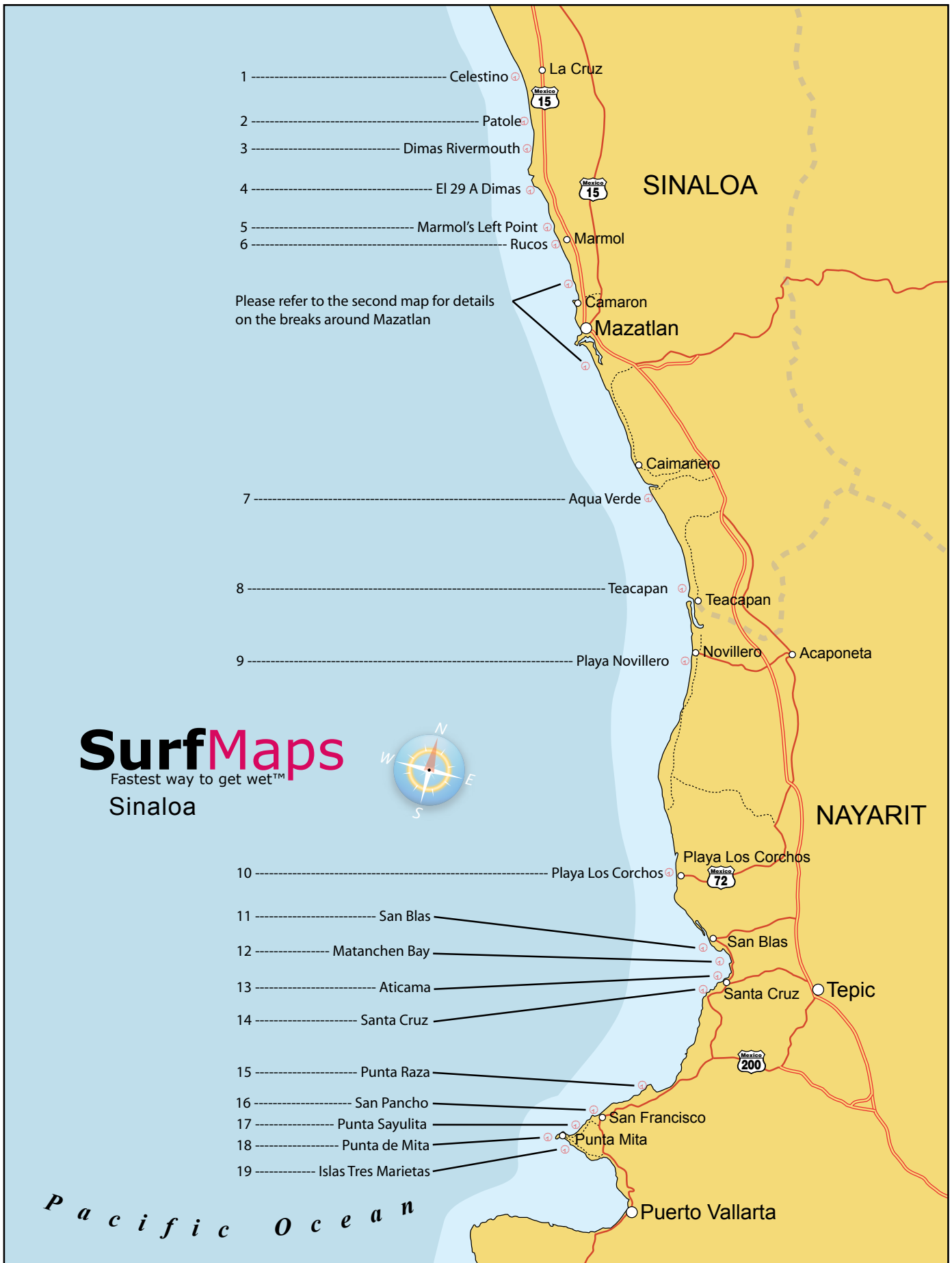
## Sinaloa, Nayarit, and Mazatlan, Mexico

The top 34 surf spots in Mexico around Sinaloa, Nayarit and Mazatlan. Described in detail, including access and how to get there. Plus a journal, partial travel checklist and two full color maps of surf spots in the area.

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## Surf Spots

1. Celestino: A point break accessible from La Cruz to the north of Dimas. A nice and fast left over a sandy bottom.
2. Patole: Another left point break, this time in Dimas. A fast, powerful wave in the summer, hollow, the peak moves into the bay at the start of winter weather.
3. Dimas Rivermouth: a beach break that works all year.
4. El 29 a Dimas: Located at the 11229 kilometer marker on the railroad tracks, follow the railroad starting from Marmol's Llanitos Road. A great left and right that breaks outside and then reforms close to the beach. Great wave in the summer but is accessible only if you have four-wheel drive.
5. Marmol's Left: this is a nice left and is relatively easy to get to, especially in contrast to some other waves around here. Works well with large swell from the south and south west but has a nice wave most of the time. It is visible from the toll road from Culicacan.
6. Rucos: A good beach break with rights and lefts at Marmol. In the rainy season during the summer you will need four-wheel drive to get here, but the hollow waves are worth the drive.
7. Agua Verde: A rivermouth break on the way to Chametla from Rosario, similar to every rivermouth everywhere.
8. Teacapan: A nice rivermouth break but watch for sharks, nearby are a number of breaks: La Tambora (beach break); Sacapedos (rivermouth); La Puntilla (beach break).
9. Playa Novillero (you are now in Sinaloa): A beach break with a rock headland, four-wheel drive makes it less sketchy.
10. Playa Los Corchos: A mushy beach break which is good sometimes, thirty miles from Highway 15.
11. San Blas: A very popular tourist town with Americans the beach is dirty and the wave only works on southerly swells. Plenty of places to stay.
12. Matanchen Bay: A very long ride-able wave, they claim it is the longest. It is pretty long, a great consistent peeling right up to one and one half miles long. It can tube, but works on southerly swells only. Bring your mosquito repellent and get inside before dark or prepare to be eaten alive, netting won't save you.
13. Aticama: A nice left halfway between San Blas and Santa Cruz, just as the road makes a sharp right if you are heading south. The pier marks both the surf spots and the fishery which explains why this wave is empty, sharks are attracted by the waste from the fishery, and that means the sharks are "excited" so exercise caution.
14. Santa Cruz: A large expatriate American community here, with lots of American owned homes. High jungle shrouded cliffs front the beach and a perfect right. Road to the right of the plaza in town leads to the point. As with everywhere where poor locals and rich outsiders coincide theft is common. Lots of rooms and houses for rent, they know you are coming. This area is great to explore with lots of possibilities to the south, but four-wheel drive is required.
15. Punta Raza: An isolated point break over a rocky reef, with a right and a left.

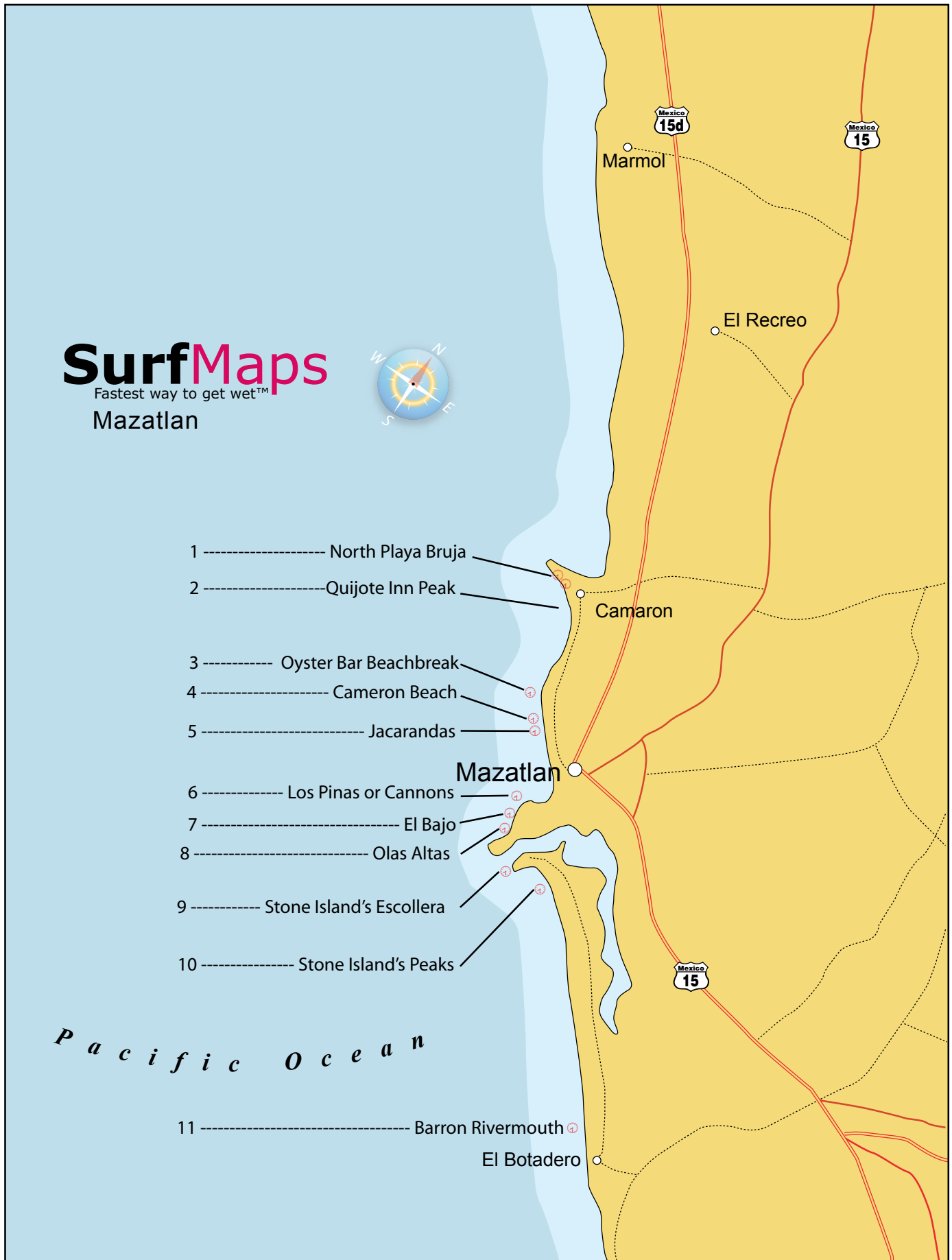
An average wave and quite a drive/hike. But a nice place with a lot of cool wild-life. Punta Raza also offers average beach breaks like any in the world. Shifting rights and lefts over a sandy/rock bottom in a small cove. Good for bodysurfing.

16. San Pancho: One or two miles north of Punta Sayulita in front of the fishing village of San Francisco. A good fast left on the reef works even in large swell, must be from the south or southwest. Best at low tide when nice hollow waves can result. From Highway 200 go down the main road through town straight to the beach. About 100 yards to the south near the estuary is the break.

17. Punta Sayulita: Reef waves that are good, a nice little town, and lots of wild-life in the water, including snakes and sharks.

18. Punta de Mita: A series of great lefts and rights at the tip of the point. Park at the restaurants and walk a few hundred yards to find your wave, but bring reef shoes. At el Farrow, the lighthouse you will find a long right in shallow water. There are at least two dozen great points and reefs from here to Puerto Vallarta. A lot of these breaks are inaccessible from the road due to development but can be accessed via the beach, if you are prepared to walk. The cops here are active and aggressive, so don't try camping. You can get to the area by boat from the Costa Azul resort or from the harbor in Cruz de Hanacastle.

19. Islas Tres Marietas: Some small islands a few miles offshore from Punta de Mita. On large swells various lefts and rights work around the island, you can catch a boat from Cruz de Hanacastle or from the damn resort, Costa Azul, in San Francisco.



1. North Playa Bruja: This is the northernmost break within the city of Mazatlan, it works all year although the wave varies with the season and swell direction and is mushy to hollow and powerful. Driving south towards town you will see other breaks.
2. Quijote Inn Peak: This is the first good peak (a left and a right) as you drive south, this break is right in front of the hotel for which it is named. It is a good bodyboarding wave because it is powerful and closes out fast.
3. Oyster Bar: Rarely breaks and only on large swell, usually after storms, sandy bottomed this beach break is accessible near the Oyster Bar..
4. Camaron Beach: Crowded and consistently mushy wave with an overblown and undeserved reputation, rocky bottom with sea urchins so watch your feet. Located across the street from McDonalds.
5. Jacarandas: A right point break that is good, hollow and a fast wave. A great wave for short boarders and bodyboarding.
6. Los Pinos or Cannons: A left off a point, takeoff is behind the rocks. A shallow rock reef so beware. A nice wave.
7. El Bajo: An outside peak from Los Pinos that needs a big swell or a low tide. Kind of mushy and rarely surfed.
8. Olas Altas. One of the best lefts in the area, a point break left. There is also a seasonal shore break here in the summer which is fast and powerful and has both rights and lefts.
9. Escollera (Stone Island): A great beach break with a point break which can produce tubes to the right. Shallow bottomed with rocks so dangerous at low tides, works on medium or large swells, but be careful.
10. Peaks (Stone Island): A great beach break, nice tubes right and left peaks. Shallow and sand bottomed, works most of the year and is best on large swell after storms. Access both Stone Island spots by either driving around by road which can take about an hour or by catching a boat to the Stone Island Village.
11. Barron Rivermouth: Large right and left peaks on the various sandbars, a good wave. Drive to the airport and look for the sign, you may need four-wheel drive.



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