

# EAST CAPE (LOS BARRILES, MEXICO)

## TUNA, WAHOO, MARLIN, SAILFISH, DORADO, FISHING

A complete guide to choosing, budgeting, and booking the trip



PREMIUM PLAN

**\$1,903.25**

PANGA PLAN

**\$1,388.12**

per person • four guests

per person • three guests

***The best fishing trip is not the one you can afford once. It is the one you can repeat with your buddies every year.***

Prepared for the UNBUCKET trip you can repeat every year updated July 21, 2026

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## The Destination

**You saw 43 seconds. Here is where the trip actually happens.**

#### WHERE YOU ARE

Los Barriles is a small, walkable fishing town on Baja California Sur's East Cape, directly on the Sea of Cortez. It delivers serious boats, a short walk to the dock, dockside catch processing, and enough flexibility to build the trip around your group's budget instead of a mandatory resort package. [13]

#### HOW YOU GET THERE

Fly into Los Cabos International Airport (SJD) at San José del Cabo, then head north to Los Barriles. Plan about 1 hour 20 minutes for the private transfer, allowing for traffic and the final drop-off. For a group of up to six, a private van or SUV keeps everyone and the luggage together without the delays of a shared resort shuttle. [13] [14]

#### WHY ANGLERS KNOW IT

This is warm-water fishing on the Sea of Cortez: offshore targets include tuna, dorado, wahoo, marlin, and sailfish. Inshore, the East Cape is renowned for roosterfish—fast, powerful predators that can sometimes be targeted directly from the beach when bait, season, and conditions align. [13] [15]

#### A FIVE-MINUTE LOOK BEYOND THE REEL

Country singer Luke Combs came to Los Barriles with songwriter friends for an offshore trip and caught his first tuna here. Columbia Sportswear's [five-minute film of the trip](#) offers a useful glimpse of the East Cape atmosphere and the kind of fishing trip outlined in this guide. [16] [17]



**Luke Combs.** Performance photo—not from the Los Barriles trip. Used with permission.

*Planning estimates before airfare and crew gratuities • Crew gratuities are typically 15% of the confirmed charter price • Reconfirm all rates, availability, fees, inclusions, and policies before payment.*

Los Barriles sits on Baja California Sur’s East Cape and delivers the part of a fishing trip that matters most: serious boats, a short walk to the dock, dockside catch processing, and enough flexibility to build the trip around your group. This guide gives you two practical four-night plans with three full fishing days. The first uses three premium cruisers and a neighboring oceanfront condo for four friends. The second combines a Van Wormer super panga with Hotel Palmas de Cortez for two or three anglers.

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# Choose Your Trip

| Package               | Group | Boats                                                                               | Lodging                | Group estimate | Per-person estimate* | Best for                                                                        |
|-----------------------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Premium cruiser trip  | 4     | Two fishing days on El Loco and Mako—one day each—plus one fishing day on Don Julio | Villas de Cortez VRBO  | \$7,613.00     | \$1,903.25           | Four friends who want larger boats, cabins/restrooms. All gear provided         |
| Van Wormer panga trip | 2     | Rude Baby II or Siboney for three days                                              | Hotel Palmas de Cortez | \$3,774.36     | \$1,887.18           | Two anglers who want a private panga and resort convenience. All gear provided. |
| Van Wormer panga trip | 3     | Rude Baby II or Siboney for three days                                              | Hotel Palmas de Cortez | \$4,164.36     | \$1,388.12           | Three anglers seeking the strongest overall value. All gear provided.           |

All figures are planning estimates in U.S. dollars and exclude airfare and crew gratuities. Crew gratuities are typically 15% of the confirmed charter price. Rates, availability, taxes, fees, and inclusions must be reconfirmed before booking.

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# Package 1: Four Friends, Premium Cruisers

This is the exact repeatable-premium formula: **four guests, four nights, two full fishing days on**

**El Loco and one full fishing day on Don Julio. Book the 33-foot Blackfin days through Baja Fishing Adventures <https://bajafishingadv.com>, then book the third day directly with Don Julio <https://donjuliosportfishing.com>. Stay at Villas de Cortez, the condominium building immediately adjoining Hotel Palmas de Cortez and directly beside the fishing-dock area.[1] [2] [3]**

## The Boats



El Loco: roomy 33-foot Blackfin cockpit and elevated helm.



Don Julio: the third premium fishing day, booked directly.

| Fishing day | Boat and operator                 | What you are booking                                                                                                                                                                                          | Planning price    |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 1           | El Loco — Baja Fishing Adventures | A 33-foot Blackfin with twin turbo 425-hp Cummins engines, live wells, tuna tubes, tournament tackle, outriggers, air conditioning, sound system, and a head/shower. The listed captain is Carlos Verdugo.[1] | \$1,400 + 16% IVA |
| 2           | Mako — Baja Fishing Adventures    | A separate 33-foot Blackfin with the same published equipment profile. The listed captain is Abraham Marquez.[1]                                                                                              | \$1,400 + 16% IVA |
| 3           | Don Julio — direct booking        | A 28-foot Blackfin with twin Cummins diesels, a private onboard restroom, air-conditioned cabin, dual fighting chairs, Bimini shade, and Shimano, Accurate, and Avet equipment.[2] [3]                        | \$1,075           |

Book Mako and El Loco through [Baja Fishing Adventures' fleet-and-rates page](#). Book the third day directly through [Don Julio Sport Fishing](#); the [full-day charter page](#) provides the boat description and scheduling inquiry. Boat assignments, captains, equipment, pricing, and availability can change, so name the specific boat when requesting dates and confirm it again in writing.

## Where to Stay: Villas de Cortez

The condo building you want is **Villas de Cortez**, immediately adjoining Hotel Palmas de Cortez. Selected units face the dock, creating the experience this trip is built around: **leave your room and walk down to the boat waiting at the dock**. A representative ground-floor unit, Villas de Cortez 1106, describes the building as adjoining Hotel Palmas and sitting directly in front of the fishing dock. Another representative oceanfront studio, unit 1207, describes fishing immediately outside the front door and access to two pools, including a swim-up-bar setting.[\[8\]](#) [\[9\]](#) [\[10\]](#)

Start with the [Villas de Cortez VRBO search page](#), then compare the [ground-floor unit 1106 listing](#) and the [oceanfront unit 1207 listing](#). These are useful examples, not the only units available. Confirm the exact unit, ocean view, beds, occupancy, kitchen setup, pool access, total fees, cancellation terms, and proximity to the dock before paying. Hotel De Palmas Cortez also available at Van Wormer Resorts similar pricing <https://vanwormeresorts.com/hotel-palmas-de-cortez>. Both properties are adjacent to each other and access to the charter boats just feet away overlooking ocean.

## Premium Package Budget (Prices as of July, 2026)

| Cost item                                                                                                                 | Group cost        | Per person        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Two full fishing days: El Loco or Mako, \$1,400 × 2 plus 16% IVA                                                          | \$3,248.00        | \$812.00          |
| One full fishing day: Don Julio, booked directly                                                                          | \$1,075.00        | \$268.75          |
| Villas de Cortez VRBO, four nights                                                                                        | \$1,330.00        | \$332.50          |
| Round-trip group airport transportation                                                                                   | \$240.00          | \$60.00           |
| Bait allowance for three fishing days                                                                                     | \$160.00          | \$40.00           |
| Crew gratuities (not included; typically 15% of the confirmed charter price)                                              | Not included      | Not included      |
| Fish-processing allowance                                                                                                 | \$600.00          | \$150.00          |
| Lunch and beer/water: \$25 per guest per fishing day                                                                      | \$300.00          | \$75.00           |
| Dinner and drinks: approximately \$30 per guest per night for four nights (Smokey's Bar & Grill or the resort restaurant) | \$480.00          | \$120.00          |
| Three-day Mexican fishing licenses                                                                                        | \$180.00          | \$45.00           |
| Fish transport using the carry-on/soft-cooler method                                                                      | \$0.00            | \$0.00            |
| <b>Estimated total before airfare and crew gratuities</b>                                                                 | <b>\$7,613.00</b> | <b>\$1,903.25</b> |

The actual lodging and fishing charters, including all gear and bait, remain under \$1,600 per person as of July 21, 2026. For the broader all-in experience shown in the table above, the estimated price is \$1,903.25 per person before airfare and crew gratuities. Four guests divide the largest fixed expenses: boats, condo, bait, and transportation. Crew gratuities are not included and are typically 15% of the confirmed charter price.

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# Package 2: Van Wormer Panga + Hotel Palmas de Cortez



Representative East Cape panga shown. The specifically recommended Van Wormer choices in this guide are Rude Baby and Siboney.

For two or three anglers, the simplest package is to keep the boat, hotel, fishing office, dock, lunch setup, drinks, licenses, and catch handoff in one integrated location. Book Hotel Palmas directly, then request **Rude Baby II** or **Siboney** by name through Van Wormer Resorts. The official page lists these as two separate 25-foot panga choices and states a maximum of three guests for the published Super Panga rate.<sup>[4]</sup>

## Choose Either Recommended Panga

| Boat         | Published description                                                                                                                                             | Why choose it                                                                                               |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Rude Baby II | A 25-foot Super Panga with a Yamaha 125-hp outboard, two outriggers, and Captain Jesus Aguilar; Van Wormer emphasizes its inshore-fishing profile. <sup>[4]</sup> | Choose it if your group prefers outboard power and wants a boat specifically presented for inshore fishing. |
| Siboney      | A 25-foot Arca panga with an inboard diesel, one fighting chair, a live-bait tank, and storage. <sup>[4]</sup>                                                    | Choose it if you value an inboard diesel, a fighting chair, and an onboard live-bait setup.                 |

**Both are recommended.** Ask for your preferred boat, but treat the assignment as subject to availability and written confirmation. Van Wormer’s page currently displays a **2025 Super Panga rate of \$507 per boat per day**, with a maximum of three guests, and states that 16% IVA and fees are not included.<sup>[4]</sup> This guide uses that published rate plus 16% IVA as a planning basis; request a current all-in quote before reserving.

## Where to Stay: Hotel Palmas de Cortez



*Hotel Palmas de Cortez resort setting. Villas de Cortez is immediately next door in the same fishing-dock zone.*

Book directly at [Hotel Palmas de Cortez](#) or use the [official Hotel Palmas reservation engine](#). The hotel offers multiple room categories, including ocean, pool, and garden rooms, cabanas, condos, suites, and a penthouse.<sup>[6]</sup> For this package, the working estimate is **approximately \$210 per night for four nights**, subject to dates, room category, taxes, and fees.

The reason to stay here is the flow: enjoy the ocean-view resort setting and swim-up bar, then **walk out of your room and down to the dock where your panga is waiting**. Villas de Cortez is directly next door, so both lodging choices put you in the same highly convenient fishing-dock zone.<sup>[6] [8] [9]</sup>

## Panga Package Budget

The three-day panga calculation is  $\$507 \times \text{three days} \times 1.16 = \$1,764.36$  for the boat. The room is modeled at  $\$210 \times \text{four nights} = \$840$ . Bait, lunches and drinks, dinners and drinks, licenses, processing, and transportation use the same planning allowances as the premium package. Crew gratuities are excluded from every package calculation and are typically 15% of the confirmed charter price, paid in cash at the end of each fishing day.

| Cost item                                                                    | Shared group amount | Individual allowance |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Van Wormer Super Panga, three days including 16% IVA                         | \$1,764.36          | Divided by group     |
| Hotel Palmas de Cortez, four nights at approximately \$210                   | \$840.00            | Divided by group     |
| Round-trip group airport transportation                                      | \$240.00            | Divided by group     |
| Bait allowance for three fishing days                                        | \$150.00            | Divided by group     |
| Crew gratuities (not included; typically 15% of the confirmed charter price) | Not included        | Not included         |
| Fish processing                                                              | —                   | \$150.00 per guest   |
| Lunch and beer/water                                                         | —                   | \$75.00 per guest    |
| Three-day Mexican fishing license                                            | —                   | \$45.00 per guest    |

| Cost item                                                                                                                 | Shared group amount | Individual allowance |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Dinner and drinks: approximately \$30 per guest per night for four nights (Smokey's Bar & Grill or the resort restaurant) | —                   | \$120.00 per guest   |
| Fish transport using the carry-on/soft-cooler method                                                                      | —                   | \$0.00               |

| Group size | Shared costs | Individual allowances | Group estimate | Per-person estimate |
|------------|--------------|-----------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| 2 guests   | \$2,994.36   | \$780.00              | \$3,774.36     | \$1,887.18          |
| 3 guests   | \$2,994.36   | \$1,170.00            | \$4,164.36     | \$1,388.12          |

Three guests create the strongest panga value because the boat, room, transportation, and bait are divided three ways. With the new dinner-and-drinks allowance and crew gratuities excluded, the package is estimated at \$1,388.12 per person for three guests or \$1,887.18 per person for two guests, before airfare. Crew gratuities are typically 15% of the confirmed charter price and should be budgeted separately.

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# What You Need Before You Go

This trip is deliberately simple, but the right documents and a few fishing-specific items prevent last-minute problems. Carry every reservation and payment confirmation in both digital and offline form, and keep the operator, hotel, VRBO host, transportation provider, and fish processor contacts together. Mexican sport fishing requires an individual license; Palmas guests can normally address this through the fishing office during evening check-in, while the government-authorized [SportfishingMX license portal](#) provides a direct online option that travelers should verify for their dates.

| Category                       | Bring or confirm                                                                                                                                                                       | Why it matters                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Travel documents</b>        | Passport, flight itinerary, lodging confirmation, ground-transport details, and emergency contacts                                                                                     | Keep the exact names and dates consistent across every reservation and retain offline copies.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| <b>Fishing records</b>         | Written boat confirmation naming Mako, El Loco, Don Julio, Rude Baby, or Siboney; fishing license; departure time; meeting point; payment and cancellation terms                       | Naming the boat reduces assignment confusion and makes it easier to resolve changes before fishing morning.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| <b>On-the-water essentials</b> | Polarized sunglasses with retainer, brimmed hat, reef-conscious sunscreen, light long-sleeve sun shirt, non-slip closed-toe or deck shoes, and any personal motion-sickness medication | East Cape sun, glare, spray, and boat movement make protection and secure footing more important than bringing extra tackle. Confirm medication suitability with a qualified clinician.                                                                                                                                                                   |
| <b>Money and communication</b> | Card plus enough cash in small denominations for day-end crew gratuities and incidental purchases; phone roaming or an eSIM plan                                                       | Crew gratuities are not included in the package totals. The supplied operator guidance says a gratuity of approximately 15% of the confirmed charter price is customary, paid in cash at the end of each fishing day. Bait, drinks, processing, and small purchases may also be handled separately; ask each provider which payment methods are accepted. |
| <b>Fish transport</b>          | Soft-sided insulated cooler that complies with the airline's current size rules, leak-resistant inner bags, fully frozen gel packs if permitted, and a luggage scale                   | TSA permits non-liquid frozen seafood in carry-on and checked baggage, but ice or ice packs must be completely frozen at screening and the officer has final discretion. <sup>[12]</sup> Airline, customs, and destination rules still control the trip.                                                                                                  |

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# The Room-to-Boat Routine

The operator's pre-arrival instructions add useful detail to the Hotel Palmas routine. The night before fishing, visit the **Hotel Palmas de Cortez fishing office in the main lobby between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m.** Ask for Fishing Manager **Anibal**, identify the group as clients of Baja Fishing Adventures or Don Julio Charter arrange any needed Mexican fishing licenses, and reconfirm each boat and fishing date. This is also the time to order lunches and drinks for the following morning. Van Wormer publishes the same evening office window and asks guests to verify boat availability with the fishing office.<sup>[4]</sup>

***Editable itinerary reminder: The supplied operator note lists El Loco on June 26 and Mako on June 27 for Bob's party. Replace these dates if this guide is reused, and reconfirm the final boat schedule in writing.***

| When                    | What to do                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Night before fishing    | Visit Anibal in the main-lobby fishing office from <b>6:00–9:00 p.m.</b> Arrange licenses, say the group is booked through Baja Fishing Adventures, confirm the boat and date, and order lunches and drinks if desired.                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Fishing morning         | Be at the dock by <b>6:00 a.m.</b> Check in with Anibal and wait for him to call the boat name. Hotel staff should load any preordered lunches and drinks when the group boards.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Before leaving the dock | Tell the captain which species the group hopes to target, ask what is currently biting, and confirm the type and amount of bait needed. Expect a stop at a bait panga; the supplied operator note estimates <b>approximately \$30-\$50</b> , subject to current conditions and price.                                                                                                                                                |
| While fishing           | The supplied routine indicates fishing normally runs until approximately <b>2:30–3:00 p.m.</b> Confirm the exact return time with the captain.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| At day's end            | Crew gratuities are not included in the package totals. A gratuity of approximately 15% of the confirmed charter price is customary; pay it in cash at the end of each fishing day.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Before flying           | Ask the driver to stop at the fish processor on the way to the airport; it is less than a mile away. Go to Smokey's—the same business as the restaurant—to collect the completely frozen, securely packaged fish with enough time to reach the airport. Follow the current airline, airport, customs, and screening rules for the itinerary. The fish will typically remain frozen for 6–12 hours. Do not add ice if you are flying. |

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# Fish Processing, Cook-Your-Catch, and Restaurants

## Fish Processing

According to the supplied pre-arrival note, Smokey’s fish-processing staff—the same local business as Smokey’s Bar & Grill—are normally on the dock when boats return. Ask for current prices for filleting, vacuum packing, freezing, and smoking before committing. The note states that the processing operation opens at 8:00 a.m.; coordinate the processing and pickup schedule early enough to collect the fish on the way to the airport. A representative Villas de Cortez listing likewise states that a local smokehouse can collect fish at the dock, clean or smoke it, vacuum-seal it, and prepare it for departure.[9] Treat the service details and hours as operator-provided guidance that must be reconfirmed for the actual dates.

If the group wants a restaurant to prepare part of the fresh catch, tell the deckhand before the fish is processed so the desired portion can be placed in a **separate bag**. Confirm preparation fees, portion limits, side dishes, reservations, and transportation directly with the chosen restaurant.

## Cook-Your-Catch Restaurant Suggestions

The operator’s note says the restaurants below can cook a guest’s fresh catch. Payment methods, shuttle service, hours, reservations, preparation fees, and fish-handling policies can change, so confirm them directly before going.

| Restaurant                   | Payment noted by operator | Access noted by operator                    |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| La Casita                    | Cash and credit card      | Hotel shuttle                               |
| Campestre Triny              | Cash and credit card      | Hotel shuttle                               |
| La Terraza de German         | Cash                      | Walking distance up the road from the hotel |
| Smokey’s                     | Cash and credit card      | Walking distance or shuttle                 |
| Bay View at Palmas de Cortez | Cash and credit card      | On the Hotel Palmas property                |
| Tio Pablo’s                  | Cash and credit card      | Across the street from Hotel Palmas         |
| Beans & Rice                 | Cash and credit card      | Hotel shuttle                               |

## Baja Fishing Adventures Day-of Contact

The supplied message lists **Theresa Kane** of Baja Fishing Adventures at **(562) 357-8915** and [bajafishingadv.com](http://bajafishingadv.com). It also says Theresa will meet the group in front of the dock in the morning. Reconfirm the correct day-of contact, meeting arrangement, and phone number shortly before travel rather than assuming the same host will be present for every trip.

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# The \$45 Fish-Transport Saving

The trip’s practical money-saving move was to **travel light and use a permitted soft-sided fish cooler within an existing carry-on or baggage allowance**, rather than automatically paying for another checked item. In this budget, that method saved **\$45**.

This is not a universal airline guarantee. Fish, food, ice, gel packs, dry ice, cooler dimensions, weight, leak-proof packaging, carry-on screening, checked-bag treatment, customs, and destination rules vary by carrier and itinerary. Confirm every rule directly with the airline and relevant authorities before packing. If the carrier does not permit the planned carry-on method, add the current checked-bag or cargo charge to the budget.



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# How to Book It in the Right Order

| Step | Action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Why it comes now                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | Choose the group size and four-night date window.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | The best boat choice and room type depend on whether two, three, or four people are traveling.                                                                                                         |
| 2    | Verify the exact boats first.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Boat inventory is the central constraint. Ask for Mako, El Loco, Don Julio, Rude Baby 2, or Siboney by name.                                                                                           |
| 3    | Reserve the lodging that matches the package.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Choose Villas de Cortez for the four-person condo plan or Hotel Palmas for the integrated panga/resort plan.                                                                                           |
| 4    | Match flights and reserve ground transportation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Keep the modeled \$240 round-trip group allowance until an actual quote replaces it. Compare <a href="#">East Cape Transfers</a> .                                                                     |
| 5    | Confirm the Palmas fishing-office and dock routine.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Reconfirm the 6:00–9:00 p.m. evening office window, Anibal as the fishing contact, licenses, lunches and drinks, the 6:00 a.m. dock check-in, bait process, expected return time, and payment methods. |
| 6    | Arrange any cook-your-catch meal before the first fishing day if possible. The Smokey's processor will be at the dock when you return from fishing. Staff will take the fish and give you a claim tag for pickup on your last day as you leave for the airport. If you leave before they open, tell them your expected time and they will meet you; I have met them as early as 7:00 a.m. | Confirm the processor, prices, cut style, vacuum sealing, smoking, freezing time, storage, airport-day pickup, and which portion should be bagged separately for a restaurant.                         |
| 7    | Verify fish-transport rules and save every confirmation.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Keep boat, lodging, cancellation, baggage, and processing terms in writing.                                                                                                                            |

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## Direct Booking and Research Links

| What you need                                                      | Direct link                                              |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|
| Baja Fishing Adventures boats, rates, and contact details          | <a href="#">Baja Fishing Adventures</a>                  |
| Direct Don Julio booking                                           | <a href="#">Don Julio Sport Fishing</a>                  |
| Don Julio full-day boat description and inquiry                    | <a href="#">Don Julio — Full Day Fishing Charter</a>     |
| Rude Baby II, Siboney, panga rates, and fishing-office information | <a href="#">Van Wormer Resorts — Sport Fishing</a>       |
| Van Wormer Resorts overview                                        | <a href="#">Van Wormer Resorts</a>                       |
| Hotel Palmas room categories and resort information                | <a href="#">Hotel Palmas de Cortez</a>                   |
| Direct Hotel Palmas room booking                                   | <a href="#">Official Hotel Palmas Reservation Engine</a> |
| Mexican sport-fishing license portal                               | <a href="#">SportfishingMX — Get a License</a>           |
| Official frozen-seafood screening guidance                         | <a href="#">TSA — Frozen Food</a>                        |
| Villas de Cortez condo search                                      | <a href="#">Villas de Cortez on VRBO</a>                 |
| Representative dock-front, ground-floor condo                      | <a href="#">Villas de Cortez Unit 1106 on VRBO</a>       |
| Representative oceanfront studio                                   | <a href="#">Villas de Cortez Unit 1207 on VRBO</a>       |
| Airport-transfer option                                            | <a href="#">East Cape Transfers — Airport Transfers</a>  |

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## Final Budget Reminder

The cost tables are designed to prevent the classic charter mistake: budgeting only for the boat. They include lodging, transportation, bait, fish processing, lunches and drinks, dinners and drinks, and fishing licenses. Airfare and crew gratuities are not included; crew gratuities are typically 15% of the confirmed charter price. The premium plan currently models at \$1,903.25 per person for four guests. The panga plan models at \$1,887.18 per person for two guests or \$1,388.12 per person for three guests.

Every figure is an estimate, not a quote. Van Wormer's displayed panga schedule is labeled 2025; hotel rates depend on dates and room type; VRBO totals depend on the selected unit and fees; and all operator policies can change. Confirm the boat, captain or crew, room, total price, taxes and fees, inclusions, deposits, cancellation terms, fishing-office procedures, processing arrangements, and airline rules directly before paying.

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# References

| Reference | Clickable source                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| [2]       | <a href="https://donjuliosportfishing.com/">Don Julio Sport Fishing</a><br><a href="https://donjuliosportfishing.com/">https://donjuliosportfishing.com/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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