



Father Kino Missions

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Tour Begins in Phoenix/Tucson

DAY 1

Early departure from Phoenix or Tucson, AZ. Our first stop on our tour will be the Mission of San Xavier del Bac, founded in 1700 along the banks of the Santa Cruz River. Known as the "White Dove of the Desert," it is acclaimed by many to be the finest example of mission architecture in the United States.

We will cross the border into Mexico at Nogales. After a short drive we will stop to visit the ruins of the Cocospera mission, situated in the valley of the same name. This mission was witness to the rise and fall of an empire. The valley itself was a natural route used by the Apaches to attack the people of the Pimeria.

We continue on to the mission of San Ignacio de Caborica, which still preserves its original architectural elements, including the enormous main door and staircase, both hand-carved in wood. Our next stop will be Magdalena de Kino, where Padre Kino's presence is felt on every street corner. We will visit the plaza and the mausoleum that contains the remains of the "Priest on Horseback." Padre Kino passed away in 1711 at the age of 66. One of the highlights of this building is the intricate mural done by master painter Nereo de La Peña.

This evening we will arrive to Caborca to enjoy Sonoran cuisine for dinner. Overnight. (L D)

DAY 2

After breakfast at the hotel, our first visit will be to the Mission of Tubutama, located in a rich agricultural and ranching region. This church was constructed in 1788 by the Franciscans and still maintains many details from its glory days, including the rich ornamentation of the front altarpiece and various oil paintings on its interior.

Afterwards we will travel to the ruins of Atil, a mission built by the Jesuits in 1756, followed by a visit to Oquitoa and Pitiquito. At Oquitoa we will have a chance to admire the sobriety of the church's interior, preserved in its ancient choir chairs, original paintings and the baptismal font, as well as the old wooden beams that span the main ceiling.

In the mission church of Pitiquito the ceiling and the interior walls are covered with works of folkloric art. Before returning to Caborca, we will have the opportunity to see and purchase leather goods created by local artisans, including fine jackets, vests and bags.

This afternoon we will explore the main plaza of the city of Caborca and visit the church of the *Purísima Concepción*. This old structure captures visitors' attention with its large windows, balconies and grand wooden door. The building is also considered a National Monument: in 1857, citizens

Pricing

Price per Person	Land Only
Single	\$679
Double	\$540

Schedule

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defended the plaza from invaders led by Henry Crabb. The mission's walls still bear the marks. Dinner and overnight at the hotel (B, L, D)

DAY 3

This will be a restful morning as we visit the fields where locals cultivate tomatoes, cucumbers, asparagus, melon, wheat and grapes. After a short drive we will arrive at the Sea of Cortes and the town of Desemboque, where we will enjoy an afternoon at leisure on the pristine beaches. Dinner and overnight. (B, L, D)

DAY 4

After a leisurely breakfast, we will depart for home, crossing the border to back into the United States at Sonoita.(B)



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