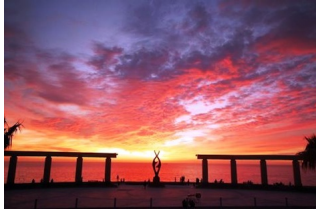


## Rocky Point: An Endless Summer Destination

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**Rocky Point: a beach you'll love coming back to again and again...**

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Summer's here and our Rocky Point beaches are so spectacular. From Sandy Beach to Cholla Bay, the Mirador, Las Conchas, Playa Encanto all the way to the East Beaches and Mayan Palace we have an amazing white sand beach. As I write, I think of all the special things you can do by the sea. Family fun is waiting every single day without technology. Take a step back in time and build a sand castle with your child, grand child or young friend. No electronics here; just a couple of shovels, a bucket or two and your imagination that's what you'll need. Oops, forgot one very important thing...time, time to be a child again yourself. Time to slow down and enjoy the moment for it will not last.

How about kayaking with dolphins? See them at play; so close you can almost touch them. Hear their sounds, capture their freedom and feel at one with nature.

Or how about fishing off the shore? Stand knee-deep in the beautiful warm Sea of Cortez, bait your line and let it zip out to the blue ocean. The thrill of a fresh catch for dinner and the "big" eyes of a little companion watching you will make an everlasting memory.

Sand volleyball for all ages is a lively sport using heaps of energy and giving you complete satisfaction with a ball well served or a play saved just in the nick of time. Rocky Point beach is perfect for volleyball by the sea.

Washers! Have you ever played washers? The scoring is harder than the playing and you'll laugh until you cry. It's a game for all ages and great for teams. You can put your washer boards on any beach; have 2 sets of washers and let the fun begin!

And what about playing catch? When was the last time you played catch? Hit a baseball around with a friend? Football on the beach, soccer or throwing Frisbees from sunrise to sunset you'll see someone on the beach playing ball.

The above are the things you can do without "motors". The simple joys we all shared as a child are all here on the beach in Rocky Point.

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When asking a friend who grew up in Rocky Point what he loved about our beach this is what he said: “I love Rocky Point. It’s the town I grew up in and its home. Growing up in Rocky Point made me become attached to the beach. I just can’t get enough of it, and in Rocky Point we are lucky to have many to choose from and all of them being so different. My favorite is Estero Morua, hands down! Since I was a kid, my family and I would go to the estuary every summer’s Sunday after church, and I can tell you that up to date I try my best to still do it. We drive through Las Conchas, past the sand dunes until we reach an ALL sand beach with little sand peninsulas that make your setting place truly yours; and if the tide is high, you get your own sea water pool, as you can dive into the water since it goes deep enough to do it. If you’re lucky enough, dolphins will swim up the estuary and come really close to you, as if they were your swimming guests. The sun sets behind the sand dunes, and when this happens, you’ll find yourself in the middle of tranquil, silver waters with streaks of purple, and realize it doesn’t get better than this. The list goes on and on, along with some great personal memories, but in short words this is why I love the Estero Morua and why it is my favorite beach in Rocky Point.” Thank you Armando Encinas for sharing Estero Morua with us.

Do you see the dolphins at play, the sun setting behind the sand dunes and feel the sea breeze on your face? Stop, close your eyes and be in this picture; I am...

Yes, there’s much more you can do in Rocky Point, our gem by the sea. We’ll save the sea adventures for another day.

Give yourself a gift of “time” and come to Rocky Point—you’ll be glad you did.