

Places to go for Spring Break

Mazatlan

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On Mexico's Pacific Gold Coast, an adventurous student can discover the exciting city of Mazatlan.

If a person maintains a relaxed and carefree attitude, anyone can enjoy the sparkling sand beaches, the exciting fiestas and outdoor activities ranging from fishing and surfing, to golf and horseback riding.

Spring break can adopt a whole new meaning in this easy, breezy, worry-free resort with a never ending amount of surprises to keep you

busy and make your vacation well worth while.

To accommodate the avid and compulsive shopper, there are a multitude of stores and boutiques lining the beautiful, winding streets. These shops feature everything from beachwear and souvenirs to hand crafted collectibles.

Mazatlan has been called the "sportsman's paradise" boasting as many fishing boats as tennis courts. It's warm, shining waters offer scuba diving, deep sea fishing, snorkeling, parasailing and body surfing.

But if water is not your thing, you'll also find golf, tennis, horse-

back riding and even Sunday bullfights to keep your interest.

If the sports aspect of Mazatlan doesn't do it for someone, there are a variety of excursions and bay cruises to take. Bay tours are offered, along with charter fishing or sailboating. A student can travel to the tiny mountain towns of Copala and Concordia, and a multitude of other places to visit are available.

There are many hotels to choose from including Holiday Inn, Riviera Mazatlan and the El Cid Mega Resort featuring watersports, bars, swimming pools and restaurants.

The tourist zone in Mazatlan is

basically spread out. Taxis are easy to find, but may cost more than other resorts. Cars, mopeds and bicycles are available for rent. There is also an open air vehicle complete with the "fringe on top" called a pulmonia. The pulmonia is a Mazatlan trademark and costs about a half to a third less than a taxi.

But in addition to the busy daytime schedule, the fun begins at night. Most restaurants are informal and some feature music in the evening. A favorite pastime is watching the sunset from Joe's Oyster Bar in Hotel Los Sabalos.

After wining and dining, prepare for a wild night of dancing at

clubs such as Caracol Lango in the El Cid Hotel.

The average temperature ranges between 70 to 80 degrees year round. Cool breezes make the climate comfortable.

Hotel rates range for package deals from as low as \$79 for three nights, and \$151 for seven nights. (Prices provided by Ask Mr. Foster Prestige Travel)

Adios, and remember to bring suntan lotion, casual wear and leave all socks, ties and formal wear at home.

San Diego

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Why, asks the skeptic, go to San Diego for Spring Break? The beaches, nightclubs, Old Town, San Diego Zoo, Coronado Island, Sea-Port Village, Sea World, the close proximity to Mexico . . . — need any more be said? The fact of the matter is that San Diego is a safe bet for just about any vacation occasion.

Spring is in the air, and students are seeking those preliminary opportunities for a lasting summer tan. San Diego can provide ample opportunity for such pursuits.

Laying-out at Pacific, Mission,

or Coronado beaches provides plenty of time for Spring Fever, that special effort where college students think about absolutely nothing.

Or, if you dare, explore Black's Beach just outside of La Jolla, but bring plenty of potent sunscreen for those areas not normally exposed to sunlight, because the dress-code here exists of nothing—literally.

In addition to beaches, the nightclub life in San Diego, is, in a word, happening. Diegos, Elephant Bar, Moose's, and the latest addition—sure to become a favorite with the college crowd—the Red Onion.

When in San Diego, "do as the Diegans do," and skip the obvious tourist traps (Sea World and Old

Town) and venture South of the Border. The drive is short, the weather fine, and the border patrol not too bad as long as you plan no illegal activities . . .

The long, winding road through Mexico offers a variety of pit stops. First up is Tijuana (TJ), a.k.a. the Bargain Shopper's Paradise. Any sort of goods can be had here, but be prepared to barter prices.

Next along the coast highway lies Rosarito Beach, a place of exquisite epicurean delights. In other words, if eating is your plan, skip TJ and move on down the road to Rosarito.

Still further down the line floats Ensenada, combining the best of

both worlds—food and shopping, as well as the constant flow of Margaritas.

A few tips for South of the Border trips—don't drink the water, *don' dreenk de wahter*, and finally, *no bebas el aqua, hombre*.

Flashback to San Diego: places to stay range from the top of the line (which no self respecting college student can afford) to the bare necessities. Any number of motels and hotels can be found in Hotel Circle, about five miles from the beach and just off Interstate 8. Or if nature is more to your liking, sleeping on the beach might be just the thing as the gracious city of San Diego provides the wood so that

beach bonfires can burn all night.

Education major Hollee Spollino plans to make the trek to San Diego for Spring Break. "For the beach," she said. "There is no beach here, just the rocky lake."

When asked if she dares to cross the border, Spollino said, "I've never been there. Everyone [that I know] who has been there has had a really good time, from what they remembered."

If you plan on being in the greater San Diego area for Spring Break, or any old time, you should not want for things to do in this ever-expanding eighth largest metropolis in the United States.

Lake Havasu

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Arguably, a favorite of UNLV spring-breakers lies in the desert, just 2 1/2 hours south of town. What could possibly compel students to make the trek through the long, hot Nevada desert to yet another desert? Only the promise of that small oasis called Lake Havasu City, Arizona.

Why do college students continue to affiliate themselves with this tiny desert heaven? Because it

is close, convenient, cheap, and in the words of the immortal Beach Boys — fun!, fun!, fun!

UNLV student Chuck Walker said he went there last year for spring break and plans on a return visit this year. Why Lake Havasu? "The women and the fun!" Walker said.

Walker gives the tiny Arizona oasis his four star rating. "At least from what I remember," he added.

The lake, visible from any part of the city, is the main attraction for this oasis—and yes, it is real. Rent-

als range from jet skis to small boats to pontoons to houseboats capable of sleeping 15 people. Whichever you choose, ride the water to Copper Canyon, a daring cove where the party lasts all day—just ask your floating neighbor how to get there. A rock formation, about four-stories high, can be found there,—jump off if you dare! Other lake activities include para-sailing, water skiing, and more.

Fair warning though, if water isn't your game, and you hate the sun, don't go to Lake Havasu, be-

cause there isn't much else to do.

At best, the nightclub life remains paltry, although Hussongs Cantina is world renowned and happening all the time. It is one of two night spots to be had in this town. Go early to assure admittance.

And in order to send UNLV students into complete shock, the following event occurs at 1 a.m. — the bars close. All is not lost however, because after-hour hotel parties are quite commonplace, so do it!

Places to stay vary, but the

odds-on favorite is a place called the Nautical Inn. Here, literally buckets of Mai Tais, Pina Coladas, and so on can be had for a meager price.

While the thought of being given "last call" at the time when most UNLV students usually venture out for the night may appall some individuals, at least it allows for a bright and early start for the water and waves the next day.

Fair warning — there just is something about that Arizona sun, so wear plenty of sunscreen.