

### **Recommended Packing list for Todos Santos**

- Passport (also needed when you check in for flight online 24 hours prior) Travelers should be instructed to make a photocopy of their passport (picture page) and give it to a family member/trusted friend in the U.S.
- Clothes – plan to dress modestly for all farm/ vet/ work meetings
  - Work jeans or khakis
  - Dress shirts – Polo or button up
  - Skirt (optional)
  - Shirts
  - Shorts – respectable length, NOT short shorts
  - Avoid logo'd items except for CSU (no beer gear, marijuana images, etc)
- Shoes
  - Closed toed comfortable shoes
  - Sandals or flip flops
- Water bottle
- Shampoo, conditioner, personal items
- Sunscreen
- Insect repellent
- Sunglasses
- Hat
- Light jacket (particularly November – May)
- Small bag or purse
- Backpack
- Watch
- Alarm clock
- Phone charger
- Prescription medication in original bottle
- Any over the counter medications you may use frequently or may need (pain medications, GI medications such as imodium or pepto)
- Feminine hygiene products (can be hard to find in town)

### **Optional items**

- Pajamas, robe, and/or shower shoes as desired for shared lodging situations
- Handwipes
- Camera
- Hairdryer
- Headlamp
- Special snacks if you have food requirements
- Swimsuit

### **Available at the Center**

- Linens, towels, pillows
- Flashlights
- Limited internet, with additional internet available in town at restaurants

### **Important advice:**

- Don't drink the water from the faucet, even when brushing your teeth, or showering.
- Don't throw your toilet paper in the toilet, use the trash bin provided.
- When you go on the plane and are filling out your customs paperwork, please fill out the top and the bottom, it is somewhat repeated information, but required by the Mexican immigration office. And do NOT lose the bottom part.
- Bring an ATM card to get pesos from the ATM machine in Todos Santos. This is the most reliable way to get money. There are no Money Exchange booths, and while you can use the bank, you need your passport and we are often working during all bank hours. So the ATM method IS THE MOST RELIABLE and safest way.
- When you get off the plane and finish with customs and immigration, proceed through the two sets of doors. Politely saying NO to all offers for time shares/taxis/rides, and anything, until you pass through the second set of doors, turn right and walk outside. There you will see a line of drivers waiting to pick up their charges. Search until you find the CSU/Colorado State University sign. This will be your shuttle to Todos Santos. It will bring you to the Center, and from there you will receive an orientation. \*\* Use the restroom prior to boarding the shuttle, it is an hour ride to Todos Santos from the airport, with few bathroom stops on the way\*\*
- From Colorado to Mexico can be a long travel day, pack a snack or two (but not fresh fruit because it will be confiscated on the plane).
- For Southwest, when checking in online 24 hours in advance you need to have your passport ready at your side, to input the passport number and expiration dates. And you have to use the website and not the Southwest Mobile App.
- There is wifi and internet accessibility at the CSU Todos Santos Center, but it is very limited, skype and video chat is not an option.
- You will be on both long car and boats rides during your trip, please bring appropriate motion sickness medication in preparation for those journeys.

### **Small Pre-trip tips:**

- Call Credit card company/bank to alert them of use of cards in Mexico
- Download What'sApp for communication with home, or contact your provider for coverage options, though each provider has different reliability
- Download a currency converter, which will help you track your pesos and their worth
- Don't plan on wearing expensive jewelry.
- Be prepared for anything
- You may get pretty dirty working. Laundry services can be sought, but not guaranteed
- Towels and pillows are provided
- Mountain bikes are available to check out