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Recreational 4WD Courses Offered in Early 2025

Learn how to Safely Operate Your Vehicle over Challenging Terrain

Only two courses are offered at this time.

- Introduction to 4WD Off-Road - Discovery Course.



January 25-26 at Prairie City SVRA near Sacramento, CA.

- **Total Approach to Getting Unstuck Off-Road – Recovery Course.** February 1-2 at Prairie City SVRA near Sacramento, CA.

These maybe the ONLY recreational courses offered by Off-Road Safety Academy for the first half of the coming year. 2025 is a very busy year for Off-Road Safety Academy as I have scheduled many corporate and government 4WD courses and adventure tours. I wish I had more time to offer recreational 4WD courses, but I don't. Grab an open spot now to attend. Only 12 drivers are allowed in each course.

All major authorities and experts on off-roading and overlanding agree: Professional 4WD training is a must for worry-free adventures. **Why not take that training from the only full-time professional off-road trainer that's written three books on the topic?**

To learn more about these professionally crafted 4WD courses go [HERE](#). If you have additional questions, feel free to call: 909-844-2583.



Adventure Tours Offered in Early 2025



Time for Comradery and Adventure!

Three different Adventure Tours are offered at this time:

- **Hidden Heart of Baja Adventure Tour.** February 20 - 28. This is only the second time this tour has been offered. The tour follows a completely different route than the Camp on Baja Beaches Tour. On this new route you'll drive through more Southern portions of Baja. We just concluded the first Hidden Heart of Baja tour two weeks ago. Read below for details about this Adventure Tour.
- **Death Valley Overland Adventure Tour.** March 20-23. I've received lots of requests for this popular tour. Death Valley is a real treasure that can only be seen when venturing off-road. This tour is conducted entirely off-road.
- **Camp on Baja Beaches Adventure Tour.** May 23-30. On this very popular tour, you will camp on beautiful beaches, both on the Sea of Cortez and Pacific sides of the peninsula. This tour also visits the very remote and extremely well preserved Mission San Borja.

To learn more about these 2025 tours go [HERE](#). If you have additional questions, feel free to call: 909-844-2583.



Death Valley Tour



Baja Tour



Baja Tour

Just Completed... First Ever "Hidden Heart of Baja" Adventure Tour



Last February, I sold every spot in my first ever Hidden Heart of Baja Adventure Tour in three days. The wonderful overlanders that joined me on this adventure waited almost an entire year to begin the tour. Thanks to all that trusted me to lead them safely through Baja.

Allow me to begin this report with comments from two of the seventeen explorers on the tour.

The trip was spectacular! We thoroughly enjoyed our time in the desert with you. Once again Bob, you amaze us with your leadership and knowledge of the

outback. What incredible places you showed us! We cherish your friendship and the time we get to spend with you on these adventures. The heart of Baja is a resounding Success!

Signed K.L.

I feel very fortunate to have been able to take both of your classes and now two trips to Baja with a third booked next May. Your knowledge and expertise is unmatched and obviously you are a born teacher. My daughter is a teacher, I like teachers. The world needs more good ones.

Signed G.C.

The New Route

Off-Road Safety
Academy's Hidden
Heart of Baja
Adventure Tour takes
you on a 1600 mile
excursion as far south
on the peninsula as
Bahia Concepcion. On
the tour you will camp
on spectacular
beaches right next to
the water on the Sea of



Cortez. You'll have the opportunity to visit the small towns of San Felipe, Guerrero Negro, San Ignacio, Mulege, and Bahia de los Angeles. On the tour we stop to explore the fabulous and still-in-use stone missions of San Ignacio and Mulege. Both missions were built in the mid-1700s!

When the Gray Whales are wintering in Scammon's Lagoon, we use a professional tour boat operator near Guerrero Negro to take us out to examine these magnificent giants up close and personal.

Two days of remote off-roading takes us across the peninsula from the Pacific coast to the Sea of Cortez. During this portion of the tour, we visit the 11,000-year old cave paintings (pictographs) of the el Carmen mesa. This date positions them roughly at the end of the first ice age. If this dating is accurate, they are the oldest

pictographs in North America by thousands of years.

On the off-road segment of the tour we camp at a very remote desert location in the middle of the Valle de los Cirios. This campsite has absolutely no rancho or town light-leak on the horizon, only dark skies in the middle of the peninsula. The stars at this campsite shine beyond words.







Inside Mission San Ignacio

What You'll Learn on this Tour about International Vehicle Travel

International overland
travel is much different than



backcountry adventures in the USA. On this Baja tour, you'll learn how to:

- Complete your Mexican Tourist Card (FMM) online, saving you lots of time at the border.
 - Purchase required Mexican vehicle insurance.
 - Prepare your vehicle for safe and comfortable international travel.
- Exchange US Dollars for Pesos.
 - Politely and confidently cross the border from the USA to Mexico.
 - Cross military and immigration checkpoints inside Mexico.
 - Properly fuel your vehicle and pay for gas/diesel.
 - Safely drive the narrow paved highways in Baja.
 - Safely drive as a group on the highway and off-road.
 - Use your cell phone on the Mexican telecon system.
 - Disperse camp internationally.
 - Be an international self-reliant vehicle-supported adventurer.

It's Safest to Tour Internationally in a Group

I will admit to international solo overlanding (exploring without other vehicles on the trip), However, it's not totally relaxing being remote and international all on your own. Especially in third-world countries like Mexico. Anyone that is honest will concur and admit that they play it much more cautious when traveling without other vehicles.

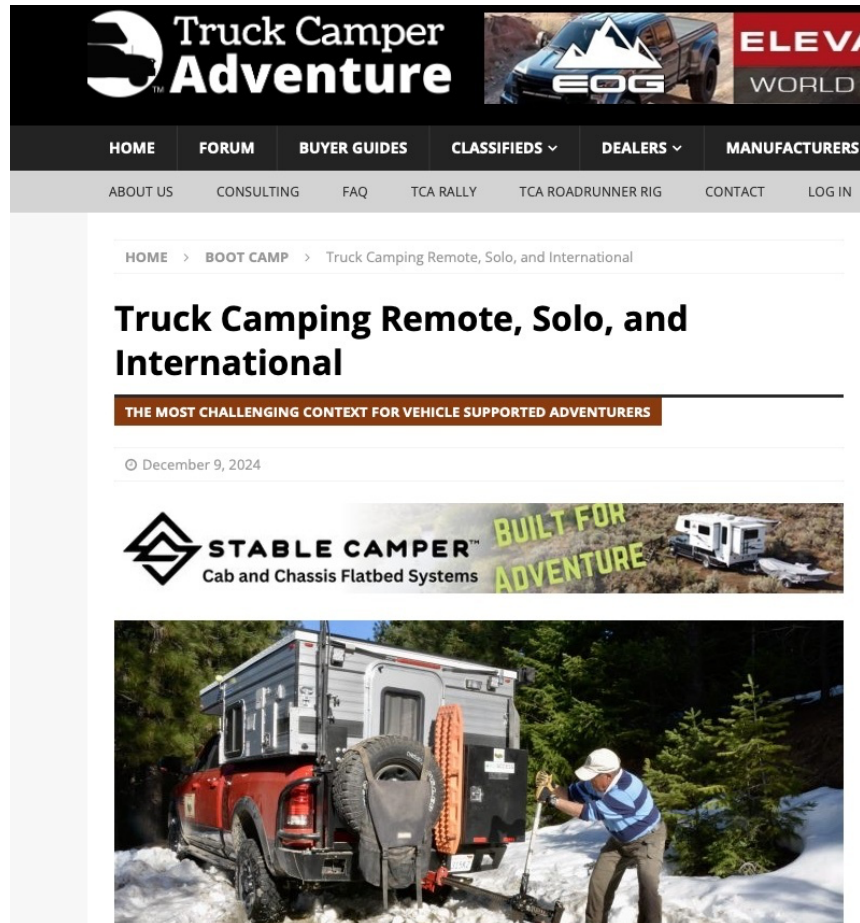
I like traveling internationally in a group. I suspect you might also. This is one of the reasons my Baja tours are so popular.

The next Hidden Heart of Baja Adventure Tour is February 20 - 28, 2025. I want to personally invite you along on this trek. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to purchase a spot.



Bay of Conception

**Read My Newest Article in Truck
Camper Adventure Magazine**



Click [HERE](#) to read the entire article. This article speaks about what I consider the most challenging "context" (situation) when overlanding.

Recovery Clinic at the 2025 Truck Camper Adventure Rally – February 12-16

On my way to meet adventurers for my next Hidden Heart of Baja Tour, I'll stop off at Quartzsite, Arizona to teach a two-hour Recovery Clinic at this event. My recovery clinic as well as other valuable presentations are included in the price of admission. Mike Smith and his crew put on a wonderfully informative



educational event.

Come by and say "hello" and hang out. Let's talk about all things off-roading. I hope to see you there.

For Rally details and to purchase a ticket, click [HERE](#).



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