

after receiving stamp approval of what's in the package and its cost, you then buy regular stamps, then return + put stamps on and then register it. It took us 5 hours to complete one package mainly because of lack of knowledge of how to proceed, for example we taped packages & then we had to unseal and rewrap. One trailer owner said they should weigh trailers entering Mexico & then charge them for the difference in weight as they leave the country. The people in trailers I talked to, <sup>some</sup> had a lot of money in pesos and was equivalent to 300 dollars and planned to stay 3 or 4 months on that amount of money. Trailer people did not complain about insurance cost and \$500 for insurance seem excessive. Buses go about anywhere. Trains follow schedule routes but one can take a bus laterally at most stops. Roads in Baja Calif. were severely damaged by the recent storms and they say it might take as many as 5 years to rebuild, especially 5 of California. Before the storms the road was paved all the way and passable. Road is now open but there are many rough detours. Biologists from San Diego who have lived in Baja Calif, say that it is the most beautiful place in the world. They were happy that the roads were repped up because it help to slow down the development of the peninsula. The peninsula becomes attractive as soon as one leaves Calif and gets beyond the border habitations. The extreme southern tip of the peninsula is becoming developed by people from Calif. all ferries are prepared to take vehicles and service starts just N of Alcopulca Acapulco to far up the coast. One can ship vehicles on train cars at several different points along the intercoastal highway rather than driving over mt. systems to the central highway and at a very reasonable fee. Baja Calif is no problem if one travels alone and camps out at night. Water, <sup>food</sup> and evading weather is of more concern than with people. Americans are safer in Mexico than Mexicans are safe in the U.S. Scenery in Central Mexico is an extension of the Sonoran deserts of Arizona and consists of old homes, <sup>towns</sup> flowers, rolling hills. Coastal area have views of bays etc. The most unspoiled areas are the canyon of the mt. system E of the Sea of Cortez.