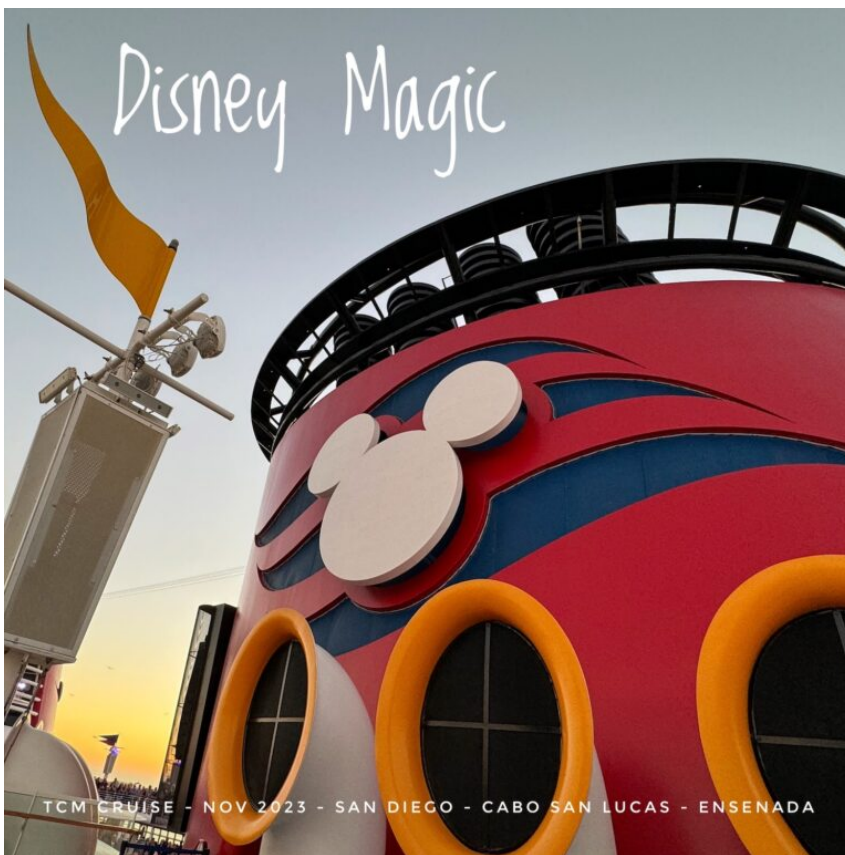


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TRAVEL

TCM CRUISE, SAN DIEGO TO CABO, NOVEMBER 2023

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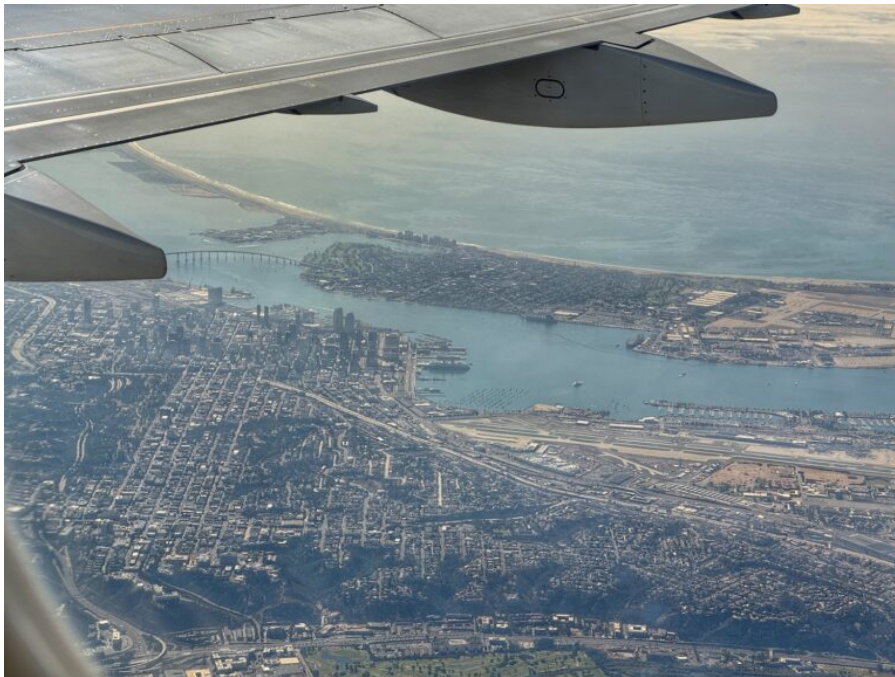
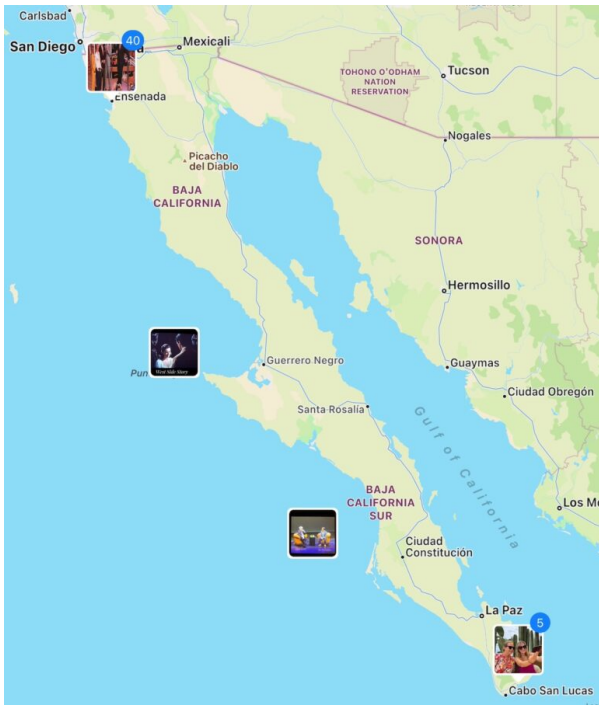


From November 6-11, 2023, Dick and I, along with our daughters Ellen and Gillian, took a cruise from San Diego to Cabo San Lucas and back.

The ship was the *Disney Magic*, and the cruise was sponsored by Turner Classic Movies (TCM). Featured entertainment was a constant stream of classic movies, shown in the ship's many auditoriums, and interviews and discussions about classic films by former movie stars and TCM hosts.

We went ashore for dining, sightseeing, and shopping at Cabo San Lucas and Ensenada.

All four of us contributed pictures to this post; thank you, fellow photographers Dick, Ellen, and Gillian!



San Diego harbor from the air. The Disney Magic is the large ship with two smokestacks right in the middle.



Disney-themed decorations



Waiting in line to board the ship

San Diego

We saw many billionaire-type yachts everywhere we went. This one was in the harbor at San Diego.



Our ship and at sea

This was our stateroom. It was “cozy,” but we made it work. The top bunk in the porthole area lowered from the ceiling.



We saw lots of other cruise ships at sea and in ports.

Entertainment: Movies, stars, and hosts





Movie star Elliott Gould and TCM host Ben Mankiewicz



Movie star Kim Novak



Eddie Muller - Film Noir expert

Eddie Muller is a TCM host and Film Noir expert. Ellen bought his book and got it auto-graphed on shipboard.

Cabo San Lucas and San Jose

We anchored offshore and took tenders to Cabo. From there we rode in buses to San Jose.



The iconic rocks of Cabo



Ellen walking in San Jose



Ellen and Gillian taking a selfie at lunch in San Jose

Shopping

Tchotchkes were available everywhere, especially the popular Mexican figurines. Also popular were jewelry and articles of clothing.





These colorful figurines are called alebrijes.



These alebrijes reminded Ellen of Bailey, her dog, and Luna, her cat.

More entertainment

Entertainment on shipboard also included music, a walking and jogging deck, shuffleboard, ping-pong, and bingo.



Shuffleboard on the jogging deck

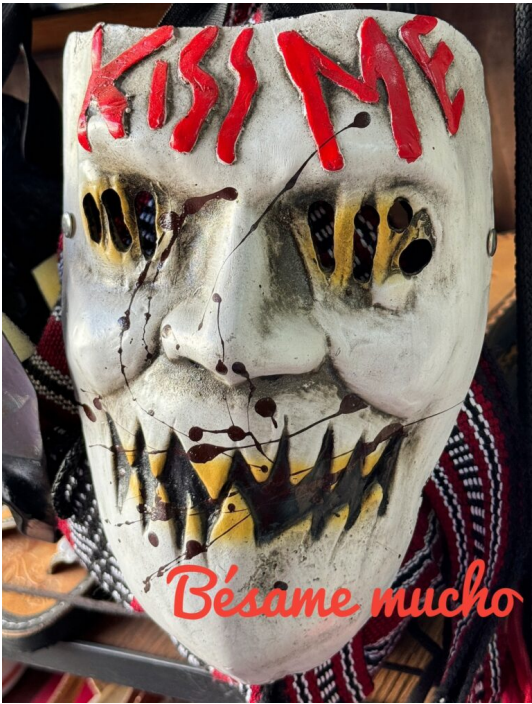


Ben Mankiewicz and his daughter Josie calling the bingo numbers

More shopping

Figurines and jewelry were not the only items available.

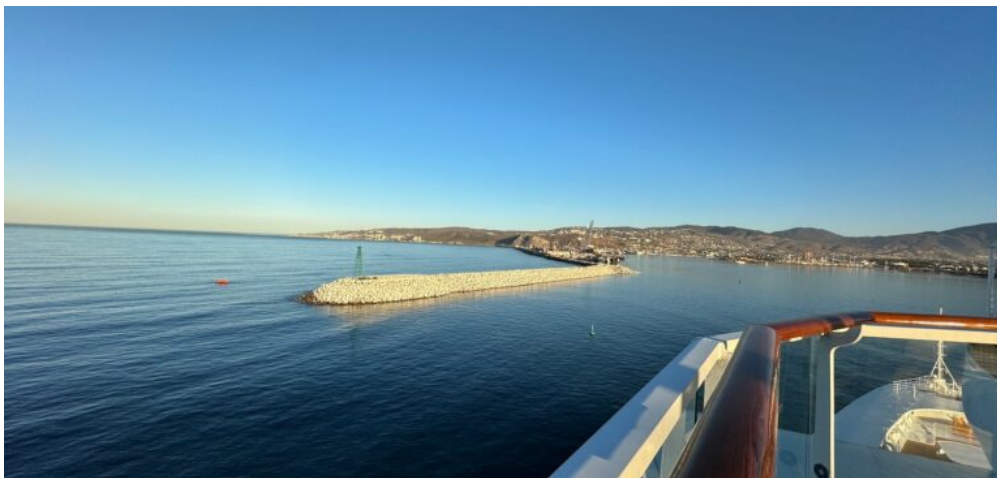






Ensenada

While Cabo is pretty much totally exposed to the open ocean, Ensenada has a harbor where our ship could dock. It's a bustling place with both pleasure and container ships coming and going.



Coming into the harbor at Ensenada



Container dock at Ensenada



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Another cruise ship coming into Ensenada harbor

One of the places we visited in Ensenada was the former Riviera del Pacífico hotel, which opened in 1930 and is now a cultural and convention center.



We also tasted wine made from grapes grown in the Valle del Guadalupe, which is just inland to the northeast of Ensenada.



Return to San Diego

Our cruise adventure ended where it had started, in San Diego. From there we all flew back home.



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