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THE DESTINATION IS JUST THE BEGINNING

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Sea Lions & Baja-Style Beach Glamping



April 6 - 12, 2024



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TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Enjoy an escape to the remote beaches and colorful village of Todos Santos in Baja, Mexico
- ▶ Swim, snorkel, and play with Baja's local sea lions
- ▶ Learn how to make delicious Mexican cuisine from a talented Mexican "Maistro" using fresh local produce and seafood
- ▶ Get active in Baja with hiking, kayaking, paddle boarding, and snorkeling while staying on a secluded beach in the Sea of Cortez

TRIP ROUTE



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QUICK VIEW ITINERARY

- Day 1 arrive in Baja, welcome dinner
- Day 2 morning yoga, surfing lessons, cooking class
- Day 3 head to a remote beach for three nights, hike on the island
- Day 4 swim with sea lions, relax on the beach
- Day 5 choose what you want to do today - kayak, stand up paddle board, or snorkel
- Day 6 head back to Todos Santos, explore the historic town, farewell dinner
- Day 7 depart for the U.S.

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Active

TRIP PRICE

Main Trip: \$3,995

Optional Single Accommodations: \$1,000

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DAY 1
Saturday
4/6/24

Accommodations
Los Colibris Casitas

Meals Included
dinner

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Arrive Todos Santos

Welcome to Baja, AdventureWomen! Bordered by both the wild Pacific Ocean and the protected Sea of Cortez, this finger-like desert peninsula is a haven for exotic plants, birds and animals (both terrestrial and marine) and is home to friendly and welcoming people. Refresh and de-stress the AdventureWomen way, where you share the perfect combination of pampering, mouth-watering meals, and active outdoor adventure with your fellow companions who are as enthusiastic about exploring Baja as you are!

Over your seven days in Baja, you'll get to know your expert Mexican guide, who will help you learn about local traditions and foods, as well as about the local wildlife and even the best way to interact with sea lions underwater. You are also accompanied by an AdventureWomen Ambassador, committed to helping make your experience a fun and personally rewarding adventure, and cheering you on as you reach beyond your comfort zone to take on new challenges in your own unique way!

Arrival Information

Arrive at San Jose del Cabo Airport (SJD) today before 3:00pm.

Pick-up and Transfer

You will be picked up at the San Jose del Cabo airport and transferred to your hotel.

Welcome Dinner

Get to know your guide, your AdventureWomen Ambassador, and your fellow travelers over a delicious welcome dinner this evening.

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DAY 2
Sunday
4/7/24

Accommodations
Los Colibris Casitas

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breakfast, lunch,
dinner

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Todos Santos

Todos Santos is an undiscovered gem, backdropped by the Sierra La Laguna Mountains and rimmed with gorgeous beaches and lush gardens. It's an official Pueblo Magico, one of Mexico's 50 off-the-beaten-path towns known for their "magical ambiance."

Morning Yoga

Enjoy an early morning yoga class on the sky deck. What better way to start your day than yoga overlooking the ocean?

Surfing Lesson

Take a surfing lesson today. No experience? No problem! Your instructors guarantee that you will stand up - at least for a moment - during your very first lesson!

Lunch

Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant where you will meet with a local female restaurateur who is a chef, entrepreneur, mother, grandmother, and daughter of a local artist. Hear about her experience cooking traditional, homestyle Mexican cuisine.

Mexican Cooking Class

Take a Mexican cooking class this evening. Start by learning to make the perfect margarita. Make sure you pay attention as you learn from the chef - you are making your own dinner!

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Monday
4/8/24

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Todos Santos to Isla Espiritu Santo

One of the most striking things about the Baja peninsula is the incredible juxtaposition of desert and sea, happy home to both cactus and seagull. Artists and photographers are lured here by the quality of light, marine sports enthusiasts come to enjoy the challenging fun above and below the surface of the inviting big blue sea, and the local residents enjoy a stress-free lifestyle, welcoming visitors who seek a multi-layered getaway.

Travel to Isla Espiritu Santo

Drive to La Paz, stopping to try on your wet suit and get your snorkeling gear. From La Paz, you will get on a boat for your 60-minute ride to your exclusive camp on the beach. Wear your bathing suit this morning, just in case there is a chance to swim along the way!

Afternoon Activities

Spend your afternoon kayaking or stand up paddle boarding exploring hidden lagoons and desert beaches.

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Baja-Style Beach
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DAY 4
Tuesday
4/9/24

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Meals Included
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Isla Espiritu Santo

Jacques Cousteau once called the Sea of Cortez “the aquarium of the world” and “the Galapagos of North America.” About 39 percent of the world’s marine mammal species and 70 percent of the world’s marine cetacean species live or migrate through here, making this region one of the planet’s most bio-diverse ecosystems.

Swimming with Sea Lions

Swimming with sea lions is magical, with unforgettable nose-to-nose encounters. Grab some provided snorkeling gear and jump in with them.

Dinner

Enjoy a dinner from the camp kitchen and a relaxing night on the beach. Share stories about your experiences with the curious sea lions earlier today.

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DAY 5
Wednesday
4/10/24

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Stand Up
Paddle
Boarding,
Kayaking, or
Snorkeling

Decide how you want to explore the sea just off the coast of Isla Espiritu Santo. Talk to your guides to take out a paddle board, throw on some snorkeling gear, or jump into a kayak. There’s no wrong answer; this water has a way of never disappointing.

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DAY 6
Thursday
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Isla Espiritu Santo to Todos Santos

Leave the beauty of Isla Espiritu Santo and head back to Todos Santos.

Return to Todos Santos

Leave your beautiful camp and make your way back to Todos Santos.

Explore Todos Santos

Visit local art galleries and do some last-minute shopping in Todos Santos today.

Farewell Dinner

Start your farewell dinner with a mezcal tasting. Reminisce over all of the memories you have made and celebrate the end of an incredible trip with your new AdventureWomen friends!

Accommodations
Los Colibris Casitas

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DAY 7
Friday
4/12/24

Meals Included
breakfast

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Depart Todos Santos

After a fond farewell and breakfast, say "hasta luego" to your guide and new friends!

Transfer to the Airport

Say goodbye to your new AdventureWomen friends as you transfer to the airport for your flights home.

Departure Information

Depart from San Jose del Cabo Airport (SJD) today after 12:00pm.

Please note: AdventureWomen will attempt to adhere to the itinerary as much as possible. However, certain conditions (political, climatic, environmental, and cultural) may necessitate changes in the itinerary. AdventureWomen reserves the right to alter any itinerary at any time, if necessary. We will attempt to notify participants of changes as far in advance as possible. Costs incurred by such changes will be the responsibility of the participants.

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Accommodation Details

Los Colibris Casitas

Los Colibris - The Hummingbirds - is in Todos Santos, just a ten-minute walk from the area's beautiful beaches. The property features three big casas (houses), two casitas (little houses), and two suites. Each building is configured and decorated in a unique way. The accommodations all include kitchenette appliances, a balcony, porch or patio, ceiling fans, and lovely views of the Pacific Ocean and lagoon.

Amenities: En suite bathrooms with soap, shampoo, conditioner, hair dryer; electricity; Wifi

Baja-Style Beach Glamping

You will love your base camp on one of the Isla Espiritu Santo's most beautiful beaches! It features tents with real mattresses, lovely linens, and pillows. The accommodations are so comfortable that you won't want to leave. There is a kitchen tent where your on-site chef makes wonderful meals for you every day, and there are sun showers and portable toilets in separate cabanas.

Amenities: Composting toilet cabanas (not en suite); sun shower cabanas with soap and shampoo; solar charging station for small devices; campsite is off grid

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Included:

- ▶ Accommodations as per itinerary based on double occupancy
- ▶ All meals as listed in the itinerary
- ▶ Guided sightseeing and activities as indicated in the itinerary
- ▶ Bi-lingual, naturalist guides throughout the trip
- ▶ All ground transportation
- ▶ One group transfer on arrival and departure
- ▶ Drinking water available in large jugs to refill personal bottles
- ▶ Happy hour on Isla Espiritu Santo
- ▶ Gratuities for drivers, hotel staff, wait staff, and luggage porters

Not Included:

- ▶ International airfare to and from Baja
- ▶ Optional activities
- ▶ Meals not specified in the itinerary
- ▶ Alcoholic beverages (unless otherwise specified)
- ▶ Fees for passport, visas, immunizations, or travel insurance
- ▶ Cost of hospitalization or evacuation
- ▶ Items of a personal nature
- ▶ Gratuities for main guides and island staff

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Cancellations and Refunds

Notification of cancellations must be received in writing. Full payment is due 90 days prior to departure date, and the registration deposit is non-refundable.

For cancellations received 61-90 days prior to the trip departure date: 50% of the total trip cost is non-refundable. For cancellations received 1-60 days prior to the trip departure date: 100% of the total trip cost is non-refundable.

You are highly encouraged to purchase trip cancellation insurance to cover emergency situations. Travel insurance information will be sent to you once you have registered for your trip.

Switching Trips

Our deposits are nonrefundable and nontransferable. If for some reason you need to switch to a different trip, please call us and we will do our best to accommodate you, but switching is not guaranteed.

No Smoking Policy

Beginning in 1995, our trips became smoke free. Please note that there will be no smoking by any participants on AdventureWomen vacations.

Health Insurance

You must have your own health insurance to participate in an AdventureWomen trip.

Adventure Travel Today

At AdventureWomen, we want everyone to understand that our excursions are adventure travel vacations and not "tours." We define "adventure travel" as travel in which one **actively participates**, as opposed to a "tour," in which one is more or less a passive observer. AdventureWomen designs and organizes vacations all over the world for women who want to **experience an active, out of the ordinary vacation, and meet new friends**. Most of all, we want our trips to be **fun!**

In this spirit, the successful adventure traveler should be a

good-natured realist and have a sense of humor! Adventure vacations, by nature, require that participants be self-sufficient, flexible, and able to accept situations as they exist, and not just as they would have preferred or expected them to exist. The constraints of scheduled group traveling also necessitate that each of us be understanding of and sensitive to others. **Being on time** is important, and contributes to the congeniality, success and well-being of both individuals and the group!