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Day of the Dead Adventure



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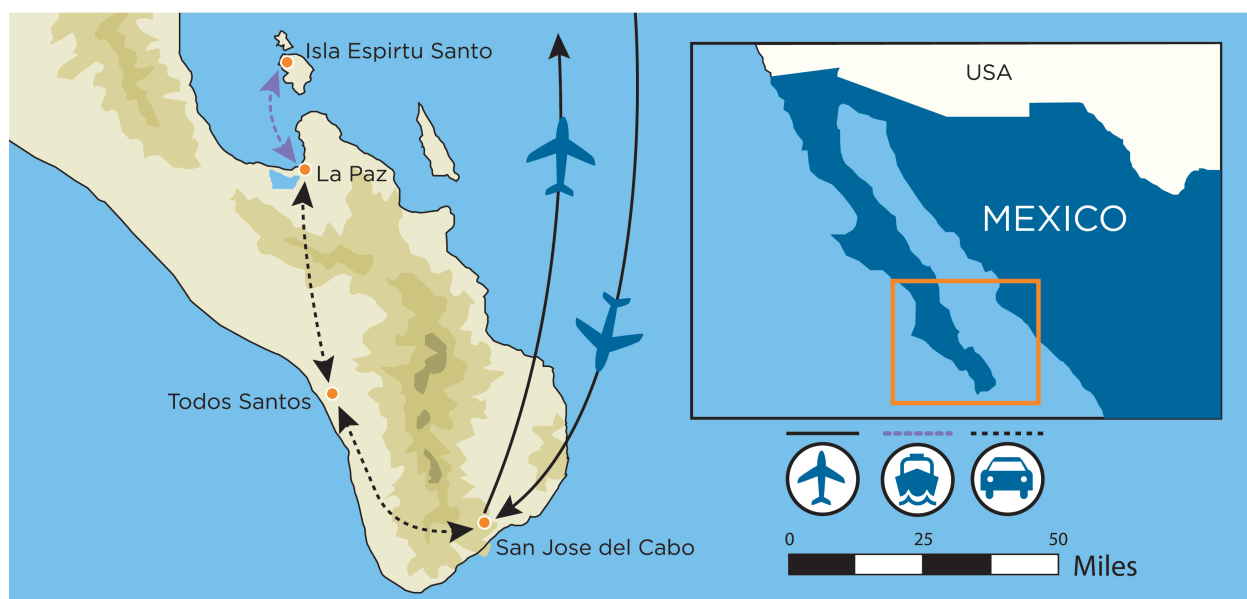
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TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- ▶ Participate in the colorful El Dia de los Muertos traditions, Baja-style
- ▶ Kayak in blue lagoons and take a morning yoga class overlooking the ocean
- ▶ Brave the wave! Take a bucket-list surfing class in a women's-only session
- ▶ Savor fresh local cuisine and sample margaritas in their birthplace
- ▶ Delight in the playful antics of sea lions as you snorkel among them in the Sea of Cortez
- ▶ Reach out and touch the stars during a three-day stay on a remote beach

TRIP ROUTE



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QUICK VIEW ITINERARY

Day 1	arrive in Baja, welcome dinner
Day 2	surfing lessons, Catrina contest, yoga
Day 3	head to a secluded beach for three nights
Day 4	swim with sea lions, relax on the beach
Day 5	kayak, stand up paddle board, or snorkel
Day 6	head back to Todos Santos, explore the town, farewell dinner
Day 7	depart Baja

ACTIVITY LEVEL

Active

TRIP PRICE

Main Trip: \$3,995

Optional Single Accommodations: \$1,000



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DAY 1
Tuesday
10/29/24

Accommodations
Los Colibris Casitas

Meals Included
dinner

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Arrive Todos Santos

There's no better time to visit Todos Santos than during the annual Day of the Dead festival, which honors and celebrates the importance of ancestors. The Catrina contest, symbolized by La Catrina, or "elegant skeleton," is the culmination of the Day of the Dead festivities. The symbolic Catrina is steeped in history, dating back to the early 1900s. She is inspired by Mictecacihuatl, the goddess of death and Lady of Mictlan, the underworld. The Day of the Dead festivities themselves originated from the Aztec tradition of honoring the dead.

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 by your guide and transferred to your hotel.

You will receive specific instructions on the exact meeting location about a month prior to your trip. The Cabo airport is very busy, but AdventureWomen will make sure you know where you're going!

Welcome Dinner

Get to know your guide, your AdventureWomen Ambassador, and your fellow travelers over a delicious welcome dinner this evening. Learn about the history and traditions of the Day of the Dead festivities.

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DAY 2
Wednesday
10/30/24

Accommodations
Los Colibris Casitas

Meals Included
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.

Local Makeup Artist

Learn about the tradition of face painting for the Day of the Dead festivities from a local woman who will entertain you with her stories and personality!

Catrina Contest

Head into town and join in the iconic Catrina celebration! You won't be eligible to win, but you can fully participate. Have your face painted by a local expert in the stunning traditional Catrina style, and celebrate the Day of the Dead in true Mexican fashion. More details will be shared about this celebration closer to the trip departure.

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Thursday
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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.

Happy Hour

Enjoy the sunset with your group as you sip a cold drink and sit with your toes in the sand.

Accommodations
Baja-Style Beach
Glamping
Meals Included
breakfast, lunch,
dinner

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Friday
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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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Baja-Style Beach
Glamping
Meals Included
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DAY 5
Saturday
11/2/24

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Isla Espiritu Santo

Spend the day on Isla Espiritu Santo. Go hiking to explore the lava rock formations and striking cliffs of the island and look for all of the strange birds in the air and curious animals on the mainland. When the time comes to get in the water, go for a swim, kayak, snorkel, or stand up paddle board.

Island Hike

This one- to two-hour hike gets you out on the island to learn about the local flora and fauna on foot. Wear closed-toed shoes - there are cacti around!

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
Sunday
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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.

Shopping in Todos Santos

Enjoy some time this afternoon to visit local art galleries and do some last-minute shopping.

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

Meals Included
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DAY 7
Monday
11/4/24

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 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!