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Baja: Whale Watching and Ocean Adventures

DURATION | 8 Days

TRIP LEVEL | Level 2 - Moderate

Trip Overview

Float eye-to-eye with gray whales, swim with sea lions, and explore the sun-kissed beaches of Baja, Mexico! Touch down in Mexico and head to Los Colibris Casitas in the seaside town of Todos Santos. Set high on a hill, this beautiful property offers airy rooms with breathtaking ocean views. Then you're off to Isla Espiritu Santo, reserved exclusively for AdventureWomen for beachside camping where you'll stroll the island, kayak the protected blue waters, swim with playful sea lions, and master the stand-up paddleboard. Depart camp for Magdalena Bay and the warm calving waters preferred by gray whales. Enjoy a day of whale watching from boats that sit low in the water to provide an up-close look at these very gentle giants. Return to Todos Santos for a final sunset and exquisite group dinner where you and your new friends can reflect on this amazing trip.

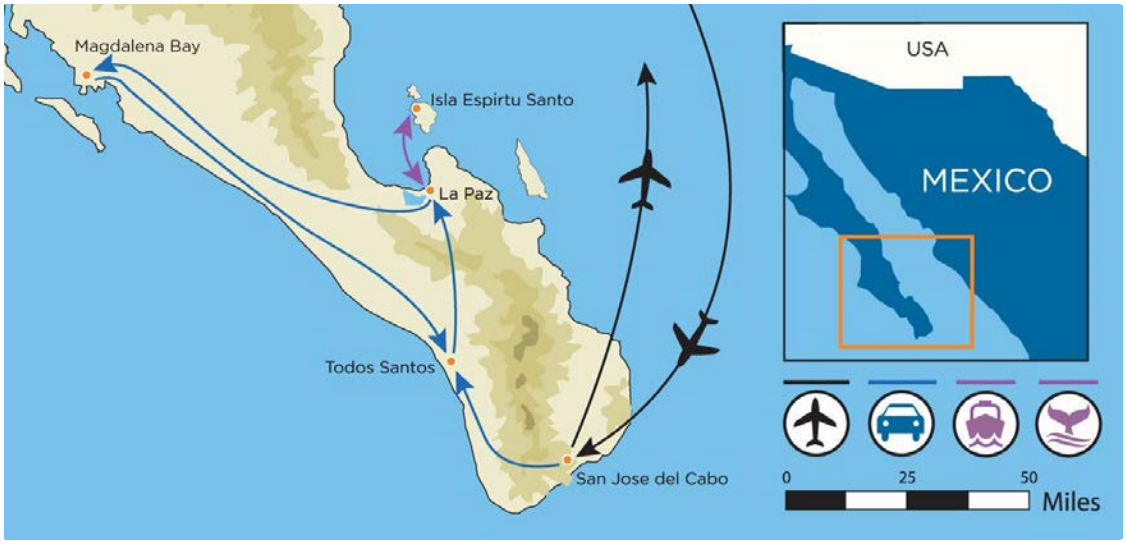
Trip Highlights

• Witness gray whales up close in Magdalena Bay, where they migrate 6,000 miles to mate and give birth. An awe-inspiring, unforgettable encounter with these majestic creatures.

• Swim and snorkel with playful sea lions in Baja's warm waters. Experience their acrobatics and friendly nature up close in this vibrant underwater world.

• Enjoy hiking, kayaking, paddleboarding, and snorkeling in Baja. Learn to cook delicious Mexican cuisine using fresh local produce and seafood.

Map View



Arrival: Arrive in San José del Cabo, Mexico (SJD) on Day 1 by 3:00 PM.

Departure: Depart from San José del Cabo, Mexico (SJD) on Day 8 after 12:00 PM.

Trip Itinerary

Day 1

Welcome to Baja!

Your guide will meet you at the San Jose del Cabo airport. Bordered by both the wild Pacific Ocean and the protected Sea of Cortez, Baja is a haven for exotic plants, birds, and animals (both terrestrial and marine) and is home to friendly and welcoming people. Over the next eight days, you'll learn about the area's traditions, foods, and wildlife. Please note: The Cabo airport is very busy, but AdventureWomen will make sure you know where you're going! You'll receive instructions on the exact meeting location about a month prior to your trip. Once you are settled in, you'll enjoy a delicious welcome dinner with your fellow travelers to kick off your trip.

Meals: dinner | Overnight: Los Colibris Casitas

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 two big casas (houses), two casitas (little houses), and 5 suites. Each building and room is configured and decorated in a unique way. The accommodations all include a balcony, porch or patio, lovely views of the Pacific Ocean and lagoon, a small refrigerator, and a ceiling fan. The property has a water filtration system, so you can safely drink from the water from the tap.

Amenities: complimentary toiletries, hair dryer, coffee maker, Wi-Fi, air conditioning

Trip Itinerary

Day 2

A Baja Adventure: From Breakfast to Beach Camp

Kick off your journey with a delicious Mexican breakfast crafted by a local chef, then head to La Paz to gear up for your ocean adventure. After suiting up, board a boat for a scenic ride to your remote beach camp on Isla Espíritu Santo. Wear your swimsuit—you might get a chance to dive in early! Spend the afternoon kayaking or paddleboarding through hidden lagoons, then unwind with sunset drinks and a beachside dinner shared with your group under the stars.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Baja-Style Beach Camping

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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. 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

Trip Itinerary

Day 3

Swim with Sea Lions

Explore Espiritu Santo National Park, part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site. The park is one of the best marine life viewing destinations in the world, home to whales, dolphins, sea turtles, manta rays, and tropical fish. Bird species like Blue-footed Boobies and Great Blue Herons frequent the island. The island itself features towering cliffs, sandy bays, lava rock formations, and ancient rock art. Swimming with sea lions is magical, with unforgettable nose-to-nose encounters. Grab some snorkeling gear and jump in with them. Enjoy a dinner from the camp kitchen and a relaxing night on the beach.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Baja-Style Beach Camping

Trip Itinerary

Day 4

Journey to Magdalena Bay

Depart your beautiful camp by boat for La Paz. Drive 3 hours north to Magdalena Bay and your comfortable tent camp, Camp Cecil de la Bahia. The camp is located on a sliver of land with the Bay and the gray whales on one side, and a protected estuary with mangroves, abundant birdlife, dolphins and more on the other. Spend the rest of the day out on the water interacting with the amazing graywhale mothers, babies and sporting males. Savor a tasty dinner prepared at the camp kitchen.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Camp Cecil de la Bahia

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Camp Cecil de la Bahia is located on a sliver of land with the Bay and the gray whales on one side, and a protected estuary with mangroves, abundant birdlife, dolphins and more on the other. Each year the gray whales migrate 6,000 miles from arctic waters to the Pacific lagoons of the Baja peninsula to mate, give birth, and enjoy a warm winter respite. Magdalena Bay is one of the most important of these lagoons, and Camp Cecil de la Bahia is one of the best whale watching spots in all of Baja. Whales are simply everywhere! The camp chef prepares three beautiful meals a day and daily happy hour. There are two sunshower cabanas at the camp. It is a dreamy, wild and remote spot, completely ensconced in nature, enhanced by delights of great food and comfortable lodging.

Trip Itinerary

Day 5

Whale Encounters

Head out onto the water for a morning of interacting with whales. Highly experienced staff will ferry you through the waters of Magdalena Bay to whale watch from motorized skiffs, perfect conveyances from which to have a “whale’s eye view” of the great grays. Enjoy lunch and a nature walk after your morning on the water, then head out for another afternoon of whale watching. It is impossible to predict anything with wildlife, but in the past, AdventureWomen guests have seen mother whales bringing their babies up to the boat to say hello and males sidling up and spouting water.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Camp Cecil de la Bahia

Trip Itinerary

Day 6

More Whale Watching and Nature Walks

Head out on unforgettable whale watching excursions, spotting gentle giants of the sea in their natural habitat. Closer to shore, this area is a paradise for birding, teeming with an abundance of coastal and desert species to observe. Enjoy guided nature walks that reveal the rich ecosystems of the bay, from mangroves to desert flora and fauna.

Meals: breakfast, lunch, dinner | Overnight: Camp Cecil de la Bahia

Trip Itinerary

Day 7

Farewell to Whales

Enjoy another couple of hours of whale watching, spending a little bit more time with these majestic, gentle creatures. Drive about five hours back from Magdalena Bay to Todos Santos. Enjoy lunch at a local restaurant along the way. Start your farewell dinner with a Mexican cooking class and top the evening off with a lively dance party. Reminisce over all of the memories you have made and celebrate the end of an incredible trip with your new AdventureWomen friends!

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Day 8

Depart Todos Santo

Say goodbye to your new AdventureWomen friends as you transfer to the airport for your flights home. Reflect on the amazing experiences and memories you've made during your time in Baja. This trip is filled with adventure, fun, and learning, all while being surrounded by the stunning beauty of Baja's landscapes and wildlife.

What's Included

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• 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, island staff, and boat captain

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.