



# **Know Before You Go**



# SAN IGNACIO LAGOON

The Most Extraordinary Whale Interaction on the Planet

La Paz Departure



Welcome to beautiful San Ignacio Lagoon! We hope you have an outstanding experience during your time here.

#### Whale Encounters

The most important part of your visit is your whale experience. For your safety, whale watching is weather-dependent and leaves from the beach in front of camp. There are up to 3 scheduled departures daily, with the first round in the morning for early risers. Your camp manager will discuss the timing at dinner every evening.

# **Camp Amenities**

The village where you are staying is self-contained, including a dining tent and a club tent complete with honour bar. At the centre of camp, you will find a larger social and bar tent equipped with a pool table and a wide selection of beer, wine, and spirits. As well as, mountain bikes, volleyball, and pickleball. Kayaks and paddleboards are available just a short panga ride away in the mangroves across the lagoon. Don't forget to book your massage, or ask about tours of the local turtle sanctuary and visits to the nearby oyster farm.

# **Safety First**

For your safety, our managers, naturalists and hosties are all trained in first aid. AEDs, medical oxygen, and trauma kits are located in the bar tent and onboard the panga flying the "Red Cross" flag. An ambulance is based at the clinic in the town of San Ignacio, 45 minutes away. Fire extinguishers are located in each tent, and a fire pump is next to the bar tent. A watchman will be on duty at night in case of any problems.

#### Weather

The weather can change suddenly at the Lagoon, ie. chilly and overcast in the morning, and then very warm by noon with clear skies and calm winds, and windy by late afternoon. Don't forget your complimentary "sea-safe" sunscreen, even on cloudy days when you go out on the water. Every day is different. We highly recommend layering up to stay warm when it's windy or cool and then you can strip down to a t-shirt when it warms up and the wind lies down. We have loaner windbreaker jackets available, as well as a full line of gift shop clothing, including fleece and warm jackets.

#### Safe in the Desert

While this is the desert, we generally don't have problems with scorpions, snakes or spiders. However, as a precaution, we suggest:

- Check your shoes before putting them on.
- Pull back the sheets on your bed to check before climbing in.
- Keeping your suitcase or bag zipped up.
- We highly recommend only wearing boots or closed-toe shoes in camp.

# **Whale Watching Guidelines**

Please note that all the operators in the lagoon work together to maximize guest experience while ensuring no negative impact on the whales. For this reason, all whale encounters take place in a small, defined area of the lagoon. Pangas take turns entering the restricted area and for a maximum of 90 minutes. These schedules are coordinated in advance among the operators, which means we must abide by the set departure times. For this reason, we are unfortunately unable to offer "ad hoc" unscheduled whale watching departures.

We wish you the very best and a great San Ignacio adventure.

Mike Lever,

TYPICAL ITINERARY

**BAJA ULTIMATE WHALE ADVENTURES** 

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**YOUR NEXT ADVENTURE!** 

**SAMPLE GUESTS WAIVER** 

A NOTE ON GRATUITIES

WHAT CAN I BRING INTO MEXICO?

# **Concierge Service**

Allow us to serve you better! Whether you have special requests, help with a pre-trip adventure, or assistance with transfers or hotel arrangements, our concierges are on standby to assist.

+1 (604) 241-1918 +52 (624) 129-9243 (WhatsApp) concierge@nautilusdive.com



Take advantage of some day boat adventures or complimentary photo and video workshop.

#### **Address:**

Calle Miguel Hidalgo 10, Centro, 23450 Cabo San Lucas, B.C.S., Mexico

#### **Contact Info:**

Tel: +52 (624) 143-6915 WhatsApp: +52 (624) 179-6953 info@seecreaturesbaja.com

# Join us for even more fun with a pre-trip extension:

- Our favourite hotels
- 2 or 3 tank diving
- Scuba courses
- Cabo Pulmo
- Gordo Banks
- Isla Espíritu Santo
- La Paz

- Sailing adventure
- Kayaking adventure
- Swim with whale sharks (Dec Jan)
- Whale watching
- Guided overlanding
- Surf lesson Todos Santos



# Itinerary Overview\* 4 Days / 3 Nights Trip

Welcome to Baja! We are excited to have you join us. We encourage you to fly in early and enhance your vacation with additional adventures. There is so much to do from hotel stay to adventures out of La Paz, sea kayaking, scuba diving, complimentary whale watching, guided overlanding and sailing.

#### Please note:

To serve you better, our concierge team will reach out ahead of time to assist in every way possible from hotel reservations, transfers and special requests to collecting the required passport information.

\*Itinerary is subject to the unpredictability of wildlife, weather, and mother ocean!

### The Day Before Your Trip

For those who sign up ahead of time, we offer a complimentary afternoon humpback whale watching adventure.







### Day 1 - Meet the Gray Whales!

Your adventure begins with a private flight from La Paz to our airstrip at the Lagoon.

Please let us know which hotel you will be staying in to plan the pick-up time. Usually for hotel near La Paz downtown the pick-up is at 7 am, please be ready at 6.45 am, because the pick-up might slightly vary depending on the route of the day.

On arrival, our staff will meet you at the airstrip with welcoming smiles, glasses of champagne, and we will travel to camp for brunch and welcome aboard briefing. After brunch, you have the option of two whale watching encounters or enjoying camp. Cocktail hour. Watching the sunset around one of our fire pits. Presentation by one of our naturalists. Dinner..

# Days 2-3 - San Ignacio Lagoon

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Option 2: Sleep in and relax. Breakfast between 7 am and 9 am. One more whale watching encounter at 2 pm.

After lunch, enjoy another whale watching encounter in the afternoon. Or as long as the weather cooperates, enjoy kayaking or paddleboarding the mangroves across the lagoon or a leisurely walk, mountain biking, walk along the shore, and bird watching with one of our naturalists or just kicking back, and relaxing. Cocktail hour, sunset viewing, making new friends around one of our fire pits, a game of billiards and an evening presentation by a naturalist are all fine ways to finish off your day in camp.

#### Day 4 - Return to Cabo or La Paz

Early breakfast. One more whale watching encounter (always weather dependent) and then the beautiful flight back to SJD Los Cabos. Arriving 1 pm. If you are flying home this day, we recommend not booking a flight departure before 2:45 pm. Otherwise transfer back to SeeCreatures Cabo.

Returning to La Paz? No worries — after the drop-off in Cabo, our charter will continue to La Paz to conclude the trip. Since air traffic in Cabo can often be quite heavy, it's not possible to set an exact ETA for the arrival in La Paz, but we'll get you there as soon as possible.

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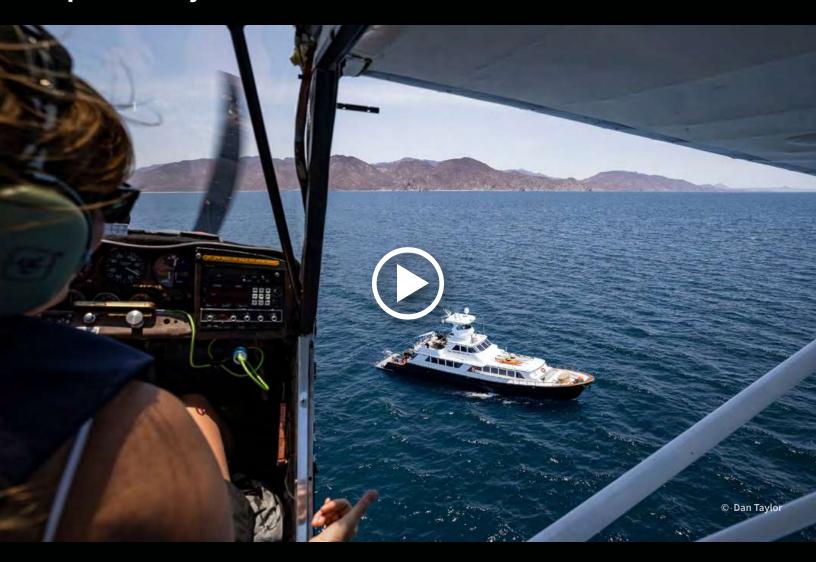
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# Optional Baja Ultimate Whale Adventure



The great whales come home to Baja every winter, giving us a plethora of experiences and adventures. Our ultimate whale trips combine our spotter airplane, swimming with whale sharks, snorkelling with sea lions, and spending 3 nights on your own 116-ft expedition yacht searching for blue whales, humpback whale mommas and babies, fin whales, and pods of dolphins. The adventure continues with a private sightseeing flight across Baja to our luxury camp at San Ignacio Lagoon with the most extraordinary whale interaction on the planet. This is an unforgettable 8 day / 7 night adventure and a tremendous value.

Your expedition begins in Cabo San Lucas with humpback whale watching, followed by a transfer to a boutique hotel in La Paz. The next morning includes swimming with whale sharks (weather permitting), a beach lunch at UNESCO Isla Espíritu Santo, and swimming with sea lions. Then, board our 116-ft expedition yacht for cocktail hour and dinner as we sail north toward Loreto, searching for the blue whales that frequent the national park during winter.

The adventure continues as you return to La Paz for a private 1-hour 40-minute flight to San Ignacio Lagoon, where you'll experience the most extraordinary whale interactions on the planet over 4 day / 3 night. Conclude your journey with a private flight back to the SJD executive terminal in Los Cabos.

\$4,995 USD (Luxury camp accommodation). Divers are encouraged to bring their scuba gear for limited diving.

**Upgrade to Baja Ultimate Whales** 

# TRAVEL DETAILS

### What airport do I fly into?

La Paz, Manuel Marquez de León International Airport. (LAP)

#### When should I fly in?

At least one day early. Of course, this is La Paz peak winter season and we encourage you to fly in well before that and enjoy La Paz and the Sea of Cortez. There is so much to do and our concierges are on standby to help you with questions, recommendations and arrangements.

#### Can I make my own way to the airport to board the flight?

Unfortunately no. We depart from the secure private FBO Executive terminal, and it's not possible for a taxi or rental car to get past security.

#### What kind of airplane is used for flights to the lagoon?

Late model Cessna 208B Grand Caravan. These are 13 passenger airplanes with a jetprop engines, air con, leather seats, good soundproofing and a large cargo pod.



#### Is there a baggage allowance on the airplane?

Yes, 22 pounds (10kg) per person. Soft sided bags please. You are very welcome to leave your suitcases in storage at SeeCreatures Cabo San Lucas while you're in camp.

#### Is there another way to camp or do I have to fly from LAP?

We happily cater to self-arrivals whether it is by private aircraft or driving in. Our speciality is supporting guests with the rental of our Toyota Tacoma TRD overlanding camping trucks. (Not available between Feb 15 and March 15)

#### What time does the flight arrive back in LAP?

The first stop of our charter plane is SJD airport In San Jose del Cabo, after that, our charter will continue to La Paz to conclude the trip.

Since air traffic in Cabo can often be quite heavy, it's not possible to set an exact ETA for the arrival in La Paz, but we'll get you there as soon as possible.

#### When is the best time to visit?

We only operate in peak season when large numbers of whales are present from January through April.

## How do I get from La Paz Airport into town?

Duna Transportadora Turistica is our recommended provider of airport transfers to and from La Paz Airport. For booking, please send a WhatsApp to Victor at +52-161-2158-2133

We also recommend the local taxis at the Airport.

#### Do you have hotel recommendations in La Paz?

Yes, you have a number of options

We recommend the Marea boutique hotel conveniently located close to our office in La Paz and with beach access. It is located close to downtown La Paz in one of the firsts city sectors in a former fishermen area, which makes it super quiet at night.

To book Marea hotel, please write at lizeth@marealapaz.com https://www.marealapaz.com/ +52 612 149 7148

Looking for a hotel in the downtown area and close to the seafront? If so, then Catedral hotel is the place for you. Catedral is a small hotel located beside La Paz Cathedral in the heart of La Paz downtown and only 3 blocks away from the Seafront.

You can book directly on their website, https://www.hotelcatedral.mx/english/index.php +52 612 690 1000

#### Where do we meet?

We will pick you up at your hotel in La Paz around 7:00 am (Only hotel pickups in La Paz City or Puerta Cortez complex, no Airbnbs, Vrbo's, or accommodations in Pichilingue area).

We encourage all our guests to check-in online 2 days before the flight to camp at https://book.nautilusdive.com/checkin.

Make sure to fill in your guest form the "Hotel" information, the pickup will be planned according to this information. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out.

#### What will the weather be like?

Well, it's the desert, which means that it can be cold at night, down to the low 40s°F. Low temps in the mornings and then the clouds burn off by early afternoon and become warmer. Some days are calm. Some days can be quite windy. We are very lucky to have our camp on the north side of the lagoon where there is far more protection from the elements than the other camps on the south shore

### Can you accommodate special dietary requirements?

Yes, with at least 30 days advance notice, we will be happy to accommodate your dietary needs, whether vegetarian, vegan, lactose intolerant, gluten-free or halal/kosher quasi-vegetarian.

#### What's included with my trip?

Transportation from our recommended hotels private terminal, whale watching, accommodation, all activities, all meals and snacks, and non-alcoholic beverages.

#### What is NOT included in my trip?

Park and airport landing fees totalling \$35 USD per person, alcoholic beverages, single occupancy (if available, surcharge applicable), internet access (\$25 USD per device), and if you think the service is deserving, crew gratuities - typically between \$225 to 275 per person.

# **ABOUT GRAY WHALES**

## Will I see gray whales on this trip?

Yes! There are lots of whales in the lagoon and typically 300 to 400 are friendly and interactive with humans. Gray whales first arrive in the lagoon in December and are present through May. There is seasonality to the sightings. More mating activity happens at the beginning of the season and this is when we see newborn calves. The mamas and calves stay in the lagoon until the babies are big enough to safely make the 3000-mile northward trek to BC and Alaska. Towards the end of the season, the calves can be especially friendly.

#### Why are we trying to touch the whales? Is this bad for them?

Encounters and interactions with them are entirely on the whales' terms. We only interact with the whales in a small designated area and are very careful to stay away from them in the rest of the lagoon. The whales who are interested in humans literally swim over to this area and approach the pangas. The encounters are not forced in any way. The local captains are very careful not to approach or harass the gray whales. One of the extraordinary things about this interaction is that the whales only approach humans in Baja lagoons. During the rest of the year they are quite shy and reclusive and maintain the normal distance that you would expect between whales and nearby boats.

Interesting to note that gray whales were known as "devil fish" because during the terrible days of industrial whaling, harpooned gray whales would turn around and attack the whalers. Sometimes managing to sink the whaling boats and kill the whalers. All of that changed in 1972 when whaling was outlawed virtually everywhere in the world, and a local fisherman named Pachico felt an irresistible urge to reach out and touch a whale that presented itself beside his boat. We suspect that both Pachico and the whale were astonished by the interaction. Within a year, four whales and a handful of fishermen were interacting with each other. The behaviour we are so lucky to enjoy now grew from those first encounters.

#### How much whale watching is included in my trip?

Typically two afternoon whale watching encounters on the first day in the lagoon. Opportunity for two morning sessions and an afternoon session on day two and three in the lagoon. And one morning session before flying out on day four in the lagoon. Not all guests choose to do this much whale watching. It's entirely your option. It is important to note that it can be windy sometimes in the lagoon, which might limit the number of whale encounters that day. Rest assured that we always do our very best for you.

Important to note that the whale watching takes place entirely in one designated area with a maximum of 16 boats at one time. This means that when the lagoon is at its busiest. Each panga can stay in the reserve for 90 minutes maximum and then needs to exit to allow another panga to enter.

#### What kind of boats do you use for whale watching?

Whale watching excursions take plane on "panga" boats typically 24 - 28-ft in length. While these boats can easily accommodate up to 12 guests, we do our best to run with just 6 to 7 guests plus a captain and a naturalist whenever possible. Please note that operational realities in the lagoon may mean that sometimes we have to run with more guests in the pangas. The operation of these boats is a joint venture with the local captains and fishermen which we see as eco-tourism at its finest. Some of our pangas are brand new, purchased by BajaEx, and leased back to local captains for one dollar per year to help them maximize their earnings with the nicest possible boats.

Pangas are widely used throughout Baja and known for their sea kindliness and efficiency coupled with a good amount of speed. Interestingly, the design dates back to a 1970s project and joint venture between Yamaha outboards and the world bank. The design brief was to build a fast and efficient boat for the local fishermen. The name "panga "evolves from the panga fish that the boats were originally designed to fish for.

# My mobility is somewhat impaired. Will I have any trouble boarding the pangas?

No, we have wooden boarding ramps with handrails on both sides of the ramp which make the pangas quite accessible.

### I have a bad back. Is this a problem?

No. Just please let us know ahead of time. We have a limited number of comfortable special chairs that we can rig up in your panga.

#### Can I drink onboard the pangas?

Due to regulations and safety reasons, drinking alcoholic beverages is not allowed during whale watching activities.

## WHAT TO BRING

#### What should I pack?

We strongly recommend bringing layered clothing. It's not uncommon to be wearing a shirt, several sweaters and a windbreaker at 7am and then just a t-shirt by noon. Rain is very uncommon in this area, with the exception of one or two Pacific clouds that pass through every season. Rubber boots are an excellent idea. We have loaner boots and jackets available for everybody.

Comfortable clothes for camp: cotton T-shirts, long sleeve shirts, warm sweaters, shorts and pants, windbreaker, many people bring waterproof pants, a warm jacket, warm sleepwear, lots of extra warm socks, tennis or hiking shoes, water friendly sandals, dry bag, flashlight, sun hat, sea safe sunblock, personal medications, and a camera with loads of SD cards.

#### Can I bring my own beer, wine or alcohol into camp?

Sorry, no. For liability reasons, we are not able to allow any outside alcohol into camp. We stock one heck of a bar with a great selection of craft beer, wine, single malt scotch, fine vodkas and much more all at very reasonable prices. We know that you're on vacation. We want you to have a great time and that includes a great selection of drinks at lowest possible pricing.

#### Do I need to bring my passport?

Entry into Mexico requires a passport that still has six months of validity.

#### Do I need a visa?

Mexico requires visas from a certain but small number of countries. Please double check your specific requirements online or contact us for assistance.

### Do I need medical evacuation insurance?

Yes. Because of the remote location of the camp, medical evacuation insurance is required for all guests. We can assist with a purchase of this insurance and it's very affordable. **Click here**.

#### Should I buy travel interruption insurance?

Yes, highly recommended. We have seen too many guests with a cancelled or delayed flight or problems at work or some other reason for a trip being delayed or cancelled.

# **CAMP DETAILS**

#### What are the tents like?

The short answer is pretty darn luxurious! Most of our glamping tents are Weatherhavens which are well known from expeditions as far as the Arctic and all the way south of Antarctica. Each tent has adjustable twin beds or one quasi king and an ensuite bathroom and shower. 24-hour Alternative Current power. Lights. Heat. Hot and cold running water. Internet access. And of course, a chandelier over the bed.

Our luxury tents are considerably larger with adjustable twin beds or one king bed. As well as a sitting area with couches and chairs, a dresser, and a much larger bathroom even including twin vanities.

We also have a limited number of family tents which are the same size as the luxury tents, except the sitting area is replaced with extra beds for kids and teens.

Double-size tents are used for the different dining areas and bar.

#### Is there Internet access in camp?

WiFi is available for your convenience. Starting in 2025, there will be a charge of \$25 per device per trip. We use Starlink Internet and ask everyone to please be considerate of how much data you use so that everyone has reasonable access.

#### Is there a 24 hour power in our tent?

Yes!

#### How often can I shower?

Every tent has a full ensuite with hot and cold running water. There is ample water in camp for everyone to take a hot shower every day. But we do ask you to limit it to one shower because water is a very precious commodity in the desert.

#### Is there anything to do in camp other than whale watching?

Yes! Of course! Our camp is located on the beachfront right on the lagoon in the Vizcaino desert and biosphere reserve. It's a gorgeous setting. Watching the sun come up over the Sierras, the mountains, in the morning is stunning. Watching the sunset over the desert at the end of the day is good for the soul and very beautiful. The desert is a quiet and still place but there is lots to do from birdwatching to kayaking, paddle boarding, star gazing under the spectacular Mexican night sky to the billiards table and volleyball court that we set up in camp.

# Will it be quiet in camp or will a generator be droning away?

Our eco-experience camp is silent but don't be fooled! We have 24-hour Alternative Current power.

#### Are kids and teens welcome in camp?

Yes! One of our luxury camps and our salty dog bar is reserved for adults only. Kids and teens are welcome everywhere else. We do have special family tents with convertible futons in leau of a sitting area.

#### Are mosquitoes and bugs a problem?

Spiders, black widows, and scorpions can be found in the area. If you are allergic to any of these, please bring your epipen. While they aren't typically a problem, it's a good idea to keep your tent zipped up at all times—to keep out both critters and coyotes!

#### What happens in the case of an emergency?

Our camp operates with the same emergency preparedness and protocols as our ocean-going liveaboard ships. You can be sure that our camp will be stocked with an AED, emergency oxygen and extensive first-aid equipment and that we have trained "first responders" on site. In the very unlikely event of a medical emergency, medevac flights are available to an acute care hospital in Cabo.

# **MORE ADVENTURES**

# What can I do in La Paz before or after my visit to the Lagoon?

Plenty!!! Take a day trip to the Sea of Cortez with us and swim with whale sharks (weather permitting), snorkel with sea lions, spend a day kayaking around the Unesco World Heritage site, Isla Espiritu Santo, or a day at Balandra Beach or a couple of days in our eco-experience camp. For divers, we have daily departures for 2 and 3 tankers out of Cabo, day trips to Cabo Pulmo and for more experienced divers, the sea mounts at Gordo Banks. For non-divers, ask about our Discover Scuba intro. Of course, the ultimate activity is to charter our 45-ft luxury sailing catamaran in the Sea of Cortez or join one of our liveaboard trips.

# Can I make this a longer trip? What activities are available if I fly in early?

We have loads of different activities on offer as pre-and post trip extensions. From our very popular Baja Ultimate Whales that adds a complete package, from swimming with whale sharks and sea lions to cruising on our expedition yacht looking for mama and baby humpback whales, finback whales, huge pots of dolphins and much more. To day trips that might include an Introduction to Scuba, snorkelling with whale sharks, kayaking adventures, lots of different options for certified scuba divers, Mobula and Orca Ocean Safaris, multi-day sailing, or eco-experience camp, and to our extremely popular expeditions to Socorro Island.



# **Introducing Heavenly Massage at San Ignacio**







Does it get any better than enjoying a massage while on safari with the gray whales of San Ignacio Lagoon? It's not just the whales that are extraordinary. At Baja Expeditions, we continuously strive to provide excellence and our carefully curated massage offerings are designed to do just that. We encourage pre-booking because these massages sell out fast.

#### **Stone Therapy Massage**

Duration: 90 minutes | Price: US\$200

Experience the benefits of geothermal therapy by combining therapeutic massage with the use of hot and cold stones. These stones are placed at chakra points to ensure proper energy flow, relieving discomfort and enhancing overall well-being. The volcanic origin of the stones not only improves your energy flow but also allows your body to absorb the earth's natural energy.

#### **Cupping Massage**

Duration: 90 minutes | Price: US\$200

Cupping therapy is an ancient technique known for its multiple benefits, including pain relief, alleviating muscle tightness, stress reduction, and skin rejuvenation. By increasing blood flow and expelling toxins, this treatment helps alleviate muscle tension and promote overall relaxation and renewal.

### **Massage with Herbal Pindas**

Duration: 90 minutes | Price: US\$200

Pinda massage is designed to balance the mind, body, and soul through relaxing movements, combining the therapeutic powers of phytotherapy and aromatherapy. Herbal pindas, filled with a unique blend of herbs, apply pressure to the body, activating chakras on both an energetic and physical level.

#### **Deep Tissue Massage** -

Duration: 70 minutes | Price: US\$120

Target deeper layers of muscles and connective tissue to relieve aches and pains. This massage focuses on relieving tension, improving flexibility, and promoting overall physical wellness.

#### **Relaxation Massage**

Duration: 70 minutes | Price: US\$100

Relaxation massage is designed to reduce stress and create a sense of calm.

#### Reflexology Add-On (add to any massage)

Add-On: +20 minutes | Add-On: +US\$40

Reflexology, also known as Zonal Therapy, is a holistic treatment that balances the physical, energetic, and spiritual aspects of the body. This therapy views the human being as part of a greater whole, integrating the body, mind, and energy (spirit) into a single entity.

When receiving Reflexology, you can experience:

- Deep relaxation, an essential element for proper nervous system function. This relaxation helps release physical and mental tensions, reducing stress levels.
- Improved blood flow, vital for organs to perform their functions effectively.
- · Self-awareness, which integrates emotions and physical sensations as parallel, interconnected processes.

This add-on enhances any massage session, leaving you feeling more connected, balanced, and restored.



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# 1 DAY ADVENTURES Scheduled departures—Bookable online (prices include 16% IVA tax)

# Los Cabos Departures with SeeCreatures -

\$140

**Boat diving** 

Discover scuba

Whale watching (Dec - May)

\$245 Snorkelling

Dive gordo banks **Diving courses** 

Nitrox course

\$295 \*incl. transfers, lunch, wetsuit, gear Cabo Pulmo - dive or snorkel Isla Espíritu Santo adventure Swim with whale sharks (Dec - Jan)

Kayaking for everyone - La Paz Surf camp - Todos Santos

# La Paz departures with Baja Expeditions

\$135 \*incl. lunch

Balandra beach + sea lions

Swim with whale sharks + sea lions Panga supported kayaking adventure \$185

Isla Espíritu Santo adventure

**SOCORRO** 

# SAN IGNACIO LAGOON ADVENTURES

# The Friendliest Whales on the Planet

January - April

Legendary gray whale encounters. Extraordinary interactions in this very special UNESCO national park and reserve. Mommas and babies. Mating and breeding behaviour. You will still be dreaming about these amazing whales long after you meet them.

There is no better way to experience this than with Baja Expeditions and Nautilus. Warm, authentic Baja staff who serve from the heart and instinctively want every guest to have the most perfect stay at our desert camp on the edge of the ocean. Expect glamping and luxury camping, private fly-in flightseeing flights, and combined with relentless focus on safety and excellence in guest experience.

 $The icing on the cake? \ Visiting \ local turtle \ conservation, on-site \ massages, \ cocktail \ hour,$ evening naturalist presentations at one of the camp bars, kayaking, nature walks, biking, and complimentary humpback whale watching in Cabo San Lucas.

4 Day / 3 Night

S2645 Glamping

\$3195 Luxury

6 Day / 5 Night (Extended Stay)

\$3395 Glamping

\$3595 Luxury

Inquire about self-arrival

# More days. More adventures. Options from 8 to 12 days in Baja. -



San Ignacio + Whale Sharks 8 Day / 7 Night

Humpback whale watching in Cabo, 4 nights in La Paz, and 2 full days of panga swim with whale sharks, sea lions, beach lunch, and UNESCO Isla Espíritu Santo.

\$4000



San Ignacio + Sailing Adventure 8 Day / 7 Night

4 nights onboard a crewed sailing yacht with captain, chef, and naturalist. Includes sea lion swims, kayaking, beach walks, and whale watching with observation airplane support.

**S4000** 



San Ignacio + Expedition Yacht 8 Day / 7 Night

3 nights onboard our 116 ft expedition yacht. Searching for blue and humpback whales + 1 nt boutique hotel La Paz + UNESCO Isla Espíritu Santo & more!

S5095



Baja Blast: San Ignacio+ Adventure 8 Day / 7 Night

Humpback whale watching in Cabo, then enjoy 4 nights in La Paz with daily adventures. Isla Espíritu Santo and snorkelling with sea lions. Panga supported kayaking. Balandra Beach.

\$4000



Baja Blast: San Ignacio+ Adventure 10 Day / 9 Night

Everything in our 8-day Baja Blast. PLUS 2 ocean safari days searching blue, fin, and humpback whales with observation airplane support. Based in Loreto or La Paz, wherever whales lead.

\$4925



Baja Blast: San Ignacio+ Adventure 12 Day / 11 Night

All the adventure of our 10-day trip. PLUS your choice of 2 nights at a surf camp near Todos Santos or a beach camp on UNESCO Isla Espíritu Santo.

\$5825

# **ADVENTURE TRAVEL**



#### **Socorro Island**

Nov - Jul / 9 Days, 8 Nights

Legendary diving with 13 species of sharks, super friendly giant mantas, and dolphins.

Diving socorro is highly addictive!!!

From **\$2595** 



#### **Ocean Safari**

Apr - Aug / 8 Days, 7 Nights

Swim with hundred or thousands of mobulas. Peak season for orca encounters.

Observation airplane supported.

From \$4150



#### **Ultimate Whale Sharks**

Jun - Oct / 8 Days, 7 Nights

Whale Sharks!! Who doesn't want to swim with whale sharks.

Imagine loads of them in a deserted bay deep into the Sea of Cortez all for yourself. Observation airplane supported.

\$2695



#### **Mexico Sardine Run**

Oct - Jan / 7 Days, 6 Nights

Incredible. Bait balls. Striped marlin. Sea lions. Sharks. Sea birds. Turtles. Even bryde whales!

Mothership supported eco-tourism using local captains and pangas. Snorkelling and Freediving. Observation airplane supported!

From **\$3195** 



### Sea of Cortez 5-Night Getaway

Jul - Nov / 6 Days, 5 Nights

Jacques Cousteau called it the "Aquarium of the World." We call it the perfect 5-night getaway including, dives, hikes, beach time, and Baja hospitality. Calm waters, amazing wildlife, and observation plane support.

From **\$1895** 



### Sea of Cortez La Paz & Loreto Diving

Jul - Nov / 8 Days, 7 Nights

Desert mountains, white sand beaches, and clear blue water in summer and fall. Top dive sites from La Paz to Loreto, with up to 4 dives a day, plus snorkeling, kayaking, paddleboarding, or just relaxing.

From \$2495



### Mothership Supported Kayaking

Oct - May / 2 to 7 night trips

The best of both worlds. Kayaking for all ages, experience and fitness levels, beach camping and the luxury of mothership support.

From **\$2250** 



#### **Ocean & Rainforest**

August

132-ft liveaboard safari boat. Unique adventure combines peak humpback whale season with diving Caño Island and naturalist guided rainforest adventure.

From **\$950** 



#### Cocos Island of the Sharks Aug - Sept / 10 or 11 day trips

Cocos is the dive destination that experienced divers speak of in whispers. It's legendary, super sharky, and some of the best diving anywhere on the planet.

\$5195



### Sailing Adventures 45-ft Fully Crewed Yacht

Year-Round

With your captain, chef and naturalist / dive master at your service this is the way to experience the Sea of Cortez.

Includes all water activities.

3 Day / 2 Night

\$1000

4 Day / 3 Night

\$1500



# Guided Self-Drive Overlanding

Oct - May

Spend a night on an endless deserted beach and the sand dunes on the edge of the Pacific ocean.

Tacoma TRD Pro self-drive with guided vehicle, naturalist and chef, and mobile base camp.

3 Day / 2 Night

\$750

4 Day / 3 Night

\$1125



## UNESCO Isla Espiritu Santo Beach Camp

Oct - May

Beach camping in an UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Includes all activities: kayaking, SUP, discover scuba, snorkelling, beach walks and hiking into the desert.

3 Day / 2 Night

\$750

4 Day / 3 Night

**\$1125** 



# PASSENGER GUEST WAIVER, RELEASE AND INDEMNITY (the "Waiver")

In consideration of you allowing me to participate in your camping and/or whale watching and/or excursion (the "Excursion"):

I voluntarily waive, release and forever discharge NAUTILUS DIVE ADVENTURES AND/OR all its related entities: ICARUS AVIATION LTD also doing business as "Lever Diving" AND/OR NAUTILUS EXPLORER MEXICO, S. DE R.L DE C.V. AND/OR BAJA EXPEDITIONS AND/OR BSK, S.A. DE C.V. AND/OR SEECREATURES AND/OR CABO DIVE CENTRE, S. DE R.L. DE C.V (collectively the "Company") and its employees, directors, officers, agents and contractors (collectively the "Operators") from any and all liability, including but not limited to liability arising from the negligence (including gross negligence) or fault of the Operators or any of them for personal injury or death, property loss or damage or any other claims of any kind which may occur to me during or in connection with the Excursion and/or the use or misuse of any equipment, vessels or vehicles.

I agree that all agreements made between the Operators and myself (including this Waiver) shall be governed by the laws of Mexico and the courts of Mexico City, shall have exclusive jurisdiction over any matter relating to the said agreements or this Waiver.

I agree that this Waiver shall be binding upon my heirs, executors, administrators, successors, assigns and my estate and I agree that in the event that a claim is made against the Operators or any one of them in respect of any cause of action relating to me, I will indemnify the Operator(s) for their losses, damage and expenses arising from such claim.

I confirm that I have both read and fully understood the description of the risks involved in participating in the Excursion as set forth in the Company's disclosure information entitled "DIVING EXCURSION RISKS" published on the Company web site (https://nautilusliveaboards.com/diving-excursion-risks/) and in the pre-trip information package provided to me.

#### I also confirm that I:

- (a) am physically fit; without any health related reasons that would otherwise preclude my;
- (b) have had sufficient instruction, preparation and/or training for; and
- (c) have not been advised by any medical professional to avoid participation in the Excursion.

Finally, I confirm that I read and fully understood this Waiver before signing and, that I had the opportunity to do so before making any commitment of whatsoever kind or nature to the Company.

Please note that you will be required to sign this waiver form upon the arrival at the hospitality suite.

# Our Responsibilities, Your Responsibilities

# Our Responsibilities

- To ensure your safety.
- To give you the best possible experience.
- To treat you with respect and consideration and to provide excellence in service.
- To be responsive to special requests and needs.
- To plan each trip with respect to weather, sea conditions and animal behavior in order to maximize your experience.

# **Your Responsibilities**

#### 1. Animals

We love Mother Ocean! Unfortunately, sometimes guests will demonstrate unsafe or irresponsible behavior towards animals that impedes other guests' experiences and/or may cause harm to the animals. It is your responsibility to follow the staff's directions and recommendations with respect to interaction with the animals. In the unlikely event that an individual is impeding other guests and/or causing harm to the animals, the camp manager will speak to that person and give them a formal warning. If the guest continues the same behavior, the camp manager has the authority to hold that guest off the water for the remainder of the trip.

#### 2. Alcohol

With over 30 years of operational experience, we have learned the safest alcohol policy is to restrict guests from bringing their own alcohol to the campsite. We provide a wide selection of beer, wine and alcohol at our bar at reasonable prices. We are also happy to hold your duty-free purchases or local purchases of alcohol in bond with your luggage in La Paz until the end of your trip. Due to regulations and your safety, drinking alcohol during whale watching is prohibited.

#### 3. Government Rules

You must comply with all Mexican government rules and regulations. Please note that government regulations and laws may change without notice. Our contract with you is subject to "force majeure" without compensation.

#### 4. Marijuana

Marijuana is illegal in Mexico including medicinal prescription marijuana. We have a zero tolerance policy regarding guests bringing marijuana to our camp.

#### 5. Illegal Substances

We maintain a zero tolerance for illegal narcotics or substances. We're required under Mexican law to report any problems to the Mexican Federal Police.

#### 6. Staff

Treating our staff with courtesy and respect.

#### 7. Getting Sick

We sincerely hope that you stay healthy and don't get sick during your trip. Please let the crew know if you are not feeling well so that we can give you extra love and attention and also do our best to prevent anyone else in camp from getting sick.





I hope we have left you with the feeling that our crew has served you with warmth, good cheer, and has done their very best ensuring your safety and excellence in guest services. I am incredibly proud of our hardworking and dedicated staff.

Attitudes towards tipping vary around the world. In Mexico, it is considered disrespectful to the crew and staff to not leave a gratuity if the service is deserving. For your guidance, most guests leave a tip of US\$200 to \$275. Please note that the panga captains are independent service providers from the local village, and it would be appropriate to tip them directly if the service is deserving.

We greatly value your feedback about your experience with us, including anything we can improve on. I would really appreciate any comments or thoughts you might share. Simply click on "Your Feedback" on the camp Wi-Fi portal to share your thoughts.

On a personal note and as my thanks to you, I invite you to join our Last Minute Club, exclusively for repeat clients. Members receive incredible savings of up to 75% on last-minute adventures, offered 3 or 4 times a year. If you love awesome deals, simply click on "Last Minute" on the camp Wi-Fi portal to sign up.

Thank you very much for trusting us with your vacation!

Sincerely,

Mike Lever

Proprietor, Baja Expeditions







# What objects can I bring in my luggage to Mexico?

If you are visiting Mexico, you may bring the following tax-exempt items, whether new or second hand:

- Baby gear, such as strollers, car seats, cribs, walkers and their accessories.
- Two cameras or camcorders and camera gear; three cellphones or other wireless devices; one GPS; one electronic organizer; one laptop, notebook, omnibook or other portable computing device; one portable copier or printer; one CD burner and one portable overhead projector and its accessories.
- One tent and other camping articles.
- Two sets of personal sport gear; four fishing rods; three gliders with or without sails and their accessories; trophies and awards, as long as you can carry them without any difficulty.
- Two musical instruments and their accessories.
- One hand tool set, including its case, a drill, pliers, wrenches, screwdrivers, power cords, etc.
- One pair of binoculars and one telescope.
- Five laser disks, ten DVDs, thirty CDs, three software packs and five storing units for any electronic device.
- Five toys, including collectables, one videogame console and five videogames.
- One blood pressure monitor and one blood glucose monitor (or one monitor for both purposes), reagents included; drugs and other psychotropic substances, including cannabis, in which case you must present the prescription, have the medical identification number or any other contact detail of your physician and exclusively bring the amount needed for your trip.
- Valises, trunks, suitcases or any other item needed to carry your personal belongings.
- If you are over eighteen, ten packs of cigarettes, twenty-five cigars or two hundred grams of tobacco; three litres of alcoholic beverages and six litres of wine.
- Wheelchairs, walkers, canes, crutches or any other assistive device for the elderly or disabled people.
- One portable audio recorder, audio player or audio recorder and player (or two digital sound and image recorders or players instead), one portable DVD player and one set of portable speakers and its accessories.

If you enter or leave Mexico, you must declare any sum of money equaling US\$10,000 or more that you bring in cash, checks, money orders, other cashable documents or a combination of them. Failing to declare carries a fine ranging from 20% to 40% of the exceeding amount. Failing to declare sums of US\$30,000 or more is punishable by six months to six years of imprisonment and the amount being seized for the federal treasury if its lawful origin is not demonstrated. Should you not prove its lawful origin, you will be sentenced to a period of five to fifteen years of imprisonment and to one thousand to five thousand day-fines.

For more information, please contact the following Mexican government agencies:

- Servicio de Administración Tributaria (SAT):
   www.sat.gob.mx
   (55) 627 22 728 in Mexico City or +1 (877) 448-8728 from the USA and Canada
- Instituto Nacional de Migración (INM): www.gob.mx/inm 53 87 24 00