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CAMPING ON THE SEA OF CORTEZ

Trip Summary

HIGHLIGHTS

- Experience incredible marine wildlife by boat, kayak and stand-up paddle board
- Relish delicious local food
- Learn about the flora that inhabit the Mexican National Park of Isla Espiritu Santo
- Snorkel in paradise and swim with sea lions
- Camp under the stars with the ocean lapping near your toes
- Explore the artsy and charming town of Todos Santos

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TRIP AT A GLANCE

Location: Mexico

Activities: Multisport


Arrive: Fly into Los Cabos International Airport/San Jose del Cabo (SJD) by 2PM

Depart: Once we've had breakfast and checked out of the casitas, we'll be transported back to the Los Cabos International Airport/San Jose del Cabo (SJD) in time for flights after 1PM

Trip Overview

Baja beach bliss! Baja California Sur is a gorgeous region of Mexico, and with white sandy beaches, moderate temperatures and incredible flora and fauna, there is something for everyone. We will have an evening in the charming town of Todos Santos before driving then boating to our exclusive tent camp on the National Park Island of Espiritu Santo. The Sea of Cortez is one of the most diverse seas on earth, and each day will be a choose your own adventure schedule, as packed to the gills or as low key as you'd like it to be. This is the perfect vacation for adventurous nature lovers to relax and experience the 'Galapagos of North America'. This trip is a true wilderness camping experience with the added benefits of chef-prepared meals and expert guides to facilitate activities and wildlife viewing. Maximum group size: 12

Rating

This trip is designed for women in good condition who want an active vacation in a warm winter environment. Our days can be full, but we build in down time (and Happy Hours!) to relax. You also have the option to opt out of activities if you want downtime. No snorkeling experience necessary but you must be able to swim comfortably in open water. Four nights will be tent camping. **Rating:**  2 3 4 5.

What's Included

- All transportation during itinerary including roundtrip airport transfer
- All accommodations including 2 nights at the Los Colibris Casitas and 4 nights tent camping on Isla Espiritu Santo
- All meals from dinner on day 1 through breakfast on final day
- Daily happy hour on the Island
- All activities as described on the itinerary and related equipment (snorkel, kayak, stand up paddle board)
- Local bilingual naturalist guides who are certified Wilderness First Responders, NOM-9 graduates and Leave No Trace certified
- Entrance fees and permits

What's not included: Travel to and from Mexico, alcoholic beverages (outside of happy hours on the Island), snacks, guide gratuities, and travel insurance.

OUR ITINERARY

Below is the itinerary we have planned for the trip. As is true on any adventure travel trip, plans for any specific day may be modified due to weather considerations, unforeseen circumstances, new opportunities, and group interests.

DAY 1

Fly into Los Cabos International Airport/San Jose del Cabo (SJD) by 2PM where you'll be met by our local guides and transferred to Todos Santos, a truly magical place with a vibrant and artsy culture. Situated between the Sierra de Laguna Mountains and the azure waters of the Pacific Ocean, you'll find your home away from home for the night at the locally owned and operated Los Colibris Casitas. With "the most stunning view in Todos Santos", Los Colibris is perfect for nature lovers who appreciate both beauty and tranquility. Once settled at the hotel, we'll go out for our first group dinner at a local restaurant. During dinner our guides will go over logistics for the week and a safety orientation. (D)
Overnight: [Los Colibris Casitas](#)

DAY 2

Hello sunshine! Take an early morning hike down to the beach or enjoy the infinity pool before breakfast and our transfer to Isla Espiritu Santo. From Todos Santos we'll drive for about an hour northeast across arid mountains on the Baja peninsula to the Sea of Cortez side. From the bustling port town of La Paz, we'll climb aboard a boat for a scenic 90-minute ride to our exclusive beach camp. Here we settle in for a few glorious days of uninterrupted relaxation. We'll camp on the beach in tents with real mattresses and luxury linens, where the sounds of the waves crashing will lull you to sleep each night and birdsong will serenade you out of bed in the mornings. Today we'll get an instructional primer in each of the available activities (kayaking, stand up paddle boarding and snorkeling) and have our first taste of "sea to table" freshly caught cuisine! (B, L, D)

Overnight: Isla Espiritu Santo

DAY 3

Espiritu Santo is a pristine 31 square mile island that was declared a biosphere reserve by UNESCO in 1995. Mexico declared it a national park in 2007, thus ensuring its environmental protection for generations to come. The waters of the Sea of Cortez that surround the island are home to a stunning plethora of marine wildlife including sea lions, whale sharks (don't worry - they are filter feeders, they strain tiny food like plankton from the water!), dolphins, sea turtles, manta rays and beautiful tropical fish. Don't spend all your time looking down, though! This area also has fantastic bird watching; you may see herons, turkey vultures, cormorants, pelicans and more. At the end of the day, collapse into your comfortable tent. When you think of camping, you may think of roughing it in the wilderness. Though we'll be in tents we'll enjoy the unique experience of a makeshift beach-front cafe where our on-site chef prepares our meals and serves a daily happy hour! Margarita, anyone? (B, L, D)

Overnight: Isla Espiritu Santo

DAY 4

Each day our local guides will plan excursion options around and across the island based on the tides, winds, and weather. With a diversely colored strata proudly displaying the island's geology, our camp is so much more than just a gorgeous beach. The island originated from tectonic elevation, and you can see as much in its surface of volcanic rocks and marine sediment. The high ground reaches nearly 2,000 feet above sea level and is studded with cardon cacti, an ecological cousin to the mainland saguaro cacti. The Perico people who inhabited the island thousands of years ago left funerary caves, rock art and fishhooks made of seashells. In 1535, the island was christened "Island of the Pearls" after the rich pearl oyster beds found along the western shores and was then baptized and renamed as "Espiritu Santo", or "Holy Spirit", a century later. Although hiking on the island is minimal, excursions may take you to lava rock formations, interesting cave art, alluring hidden lagoons, and tranquil beaches. (B, L, D)

Overnight: Isla Espiritu Santo

DAY 5

The island has rightfully earned the nickname "the aquarium of the world". Both beginner and experienced snorkelers alike will all revel in being able to swim with colonies of sea lions and watch teeming underwater activity on colorful reefs. We will see such tropical fish as barracudas, groupers, and parrotfish among others. In case you grow tired with crystal clear turquoise waters, there's also kayaking and stand-up paddle boarding to mangrove swamps and bays with virgin beaches accompanied by spectacular desert views! (B, L, D)

Overnight: Isla Espiritu Santo

DAY 6

Last morning on the Island - time to soak up the birdsong, melodic crashing waves, and breathtaking beauty of this incredible gem before we leave. Around midday we'll boat back to the Baja mainland and return by private transport to Todos Santos for a celebratory dinner in town and an overnight stay back at Los Colibris Casitas. (B, L, D)

Overnight: Los Colibris Casitas

DAY 7

It has been an incredible week of playing, relaxing, and connecting and now it's time to say goodbye. After breakfast we'll drive from Todos Santos to Los Cabos, where you can plan to fly out any time after 1PM. (B)

ADDITIONAL TRIP INFORMATION

Getting There

Plan to arrive at the Los Cabos International Airport/San Jose del Cabo (SJD) by 2PM on Day 1.

- On Day 1, you will be met at the airport by our local guides and transported as a group to our lodging.
- If you arrive prior to Day 1, transportation from the airport is not included and you should plan to meet us at Los Colibris Casitas by 4PM on Day 1. If you have the time, it can be a good idea to arrive in Mexico one day before the trip begins, particularly if your international flight connections are tight or you are departing from a region where it is likely that bad weather may cause flight delays.
- The group will gather at Los Colibris Casitas by 4PM on the first day.

If you would like assistance with airfare, we recommend contacting our AirDesk Partner, [Exito Travel](#). Start by submitting this [form](#). Just fill in your dates and destinations, including any additional notes about preferred carriers, class of service, possible stopovers, etc., and an agent will typically respond via email within a few hours. If you prefer to call, the number is 800-655-4053; be sure to tell them you are traveling with Adventures in Good Company.

Please note: Most of the international airlines are in-network for Exito, so they do not charge extra for their services (and often have access to discounted rates). When necessary, processing fees out-of-network carriers are minimal at around \$35-\$50 per ticket.

Accommodations

All accommodations on Camping on the Sea of Cortez are shared, there are no single supplements available. Two nights will be spent at [Los Colibris Casitas](#). With “the most stunning view in Todos Santos”, Los Colibris Casitas is perfect for nature lovers who appreciate both beauty and tranquility. Los Colibris Casitas. Every room has a magnificent view of the Pacific Ocean, a freshwater estuary and a palm grove oasis to the front, and the Sierra de la Laguna mountains to the side and back. From your casita you can watch fishermen cast their nets on the beach in the early morning light, enjoy the magnificent Baja sunset in the evening, and delight in the vast expanse of a star-filled sky at night. Los Colibris is just a 10-minute walk to 70 miles of pristine, virtually empty beach, and a 5-minute drive to the delightful restaurants, artist’s galleries, and shops of Todos Santos.

The rest of the trip will be spent at Isla Espiritu Santo Biosphere Reserve near La Paz, Mexico. While on the island you can have an immersive experience in Baja Sur's pristine wilderness while also camping under the stars with real mattresses, soft linens, chef-prepared meals, and daily happy hour.

Travel Insurance

We recommend that you purchase a travel protection plan to help protect you and your travel investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer travel protection through Travelex Insurance Services. For more information on the available plans or to enroll, visit www.travelexinsurance.com or call 1-800-228-9792 and reference location number 06-0331.

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