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JOURNEY TO THE SEA OF CORTEZ

Sea Turtles & Whale Sharks

Oct. 16 - 23, 2018 – 8 Day Expedition
La Paz, Baja California Sur, Mexico

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Trip Highlights:

- Join us onboard the 110' motor yacht, the MV Adventure, as we take you on an adventure to the Sea of Cortez.
- This stunning Galapagos style setting is an amazing environment for hiking, snorkeling, kayaking, and beachcombing. It is an ideal backdrop for a true wilderness adventure.
- Experience a blend of adventure travel, education and cultural interaction while exploring the natural history of the marine environment. An unforgettable journey of discovery!
- The expedition reconnects guests with nature in a very meaningful way, leaving memories of a lifetime. Guests often return to continue a journey they didn't realize they started!
- This time of year offers juvenile whale sharks feeding in the area, nesting sea turtles and their hatchlings, mobula rays and the best snorkeling of the year in warm, crystal clear waters.
- **Snorkeling and Kayaking** – Enjoy crystal clear waters, an array of environments and spectacular undersea life. The Sea of Cortez offers world class snorkeling.
- **Hiking and community visits** – Explore the volcanic desert terrain discovering the flora and fauna and visit with remote communities experiencing their way as fishermen and goat herders.
- **Wildlife Encounters** – Whales, dolphins, mobula rays, sea lions, whale sharks and more awaits discovery. Seabirds, birds of prey, wading birds and more provides spectacular birdwatching.
- The **Sea of Cortez** and its' desert islands offer an amazing biodiversity of marine and terrestrial life. From sea to sky we will explore the natural history of this unique marine environment.
- Rich in natural history, unspoiled in beauty, unrivalled in marine life, the Sea of Cortez is a world of a different time, place and rhythm.



The Ship, the MV Adventure:

- The "MV Adventure" is a 110' aluminum hull ship.
- As a certified passenger vessel, the crew, vessel paperwork, safety and navigation equipment all meet the legal requirements under the "Nacional de Seguridad Maritima" laws.
- Multiple level decks are ideal for wildlife viewing.
- Accommodations are private staterooms with single berths (upper/lower), double occupancy.
- Each stateroom comes complete with air conditioning, cupboards and drawers to un-pack in, sink/vanity and comfortable spacious bunks.
- Shared restrooms and showers are separate to the staterooms.
- The Captain, engineer and crew are onboard to insure the safety and well-being of the group. They bring many years of marine experience offering the warmth and kindness that reflects the people of Baja, Mexico.

Climate:

- Weather in the Baja is warm and beautiful.
- During the month of October, daytime temperatures range from 26-32 C (79-90f). A t-shirt and shorts are usually all you need. The evenings cool down and may require light pants and a jacket.
- Water temperatures range from 24-30 C (78-86f).

Itinerary:

Day 1 (Tues, Oct. 16): Arrival

- Our drivers will pick you up at the Cabo (SJD) or La Paz (LAP) airport and transfer you to the ship in La Paz. Anticipate a *beautiful* 2.5 hour drive from the Cabo Airport.
- Once guests have boarded the ship we will depart for the islands.

Day 2 - 6: At Sea

- Today we begin our adventure at sea. Areas to be explored include; Isla Espiritu Santos, Isla Partida, Isla San Francisco, Isla San Jose and Isla Pardito.
- On day 6 we disembark the boat at 9:00 am and transfer to our day boat to snorkel with the whale sharks. When we return we will check into the Hotel Catedral for a 2 night stay.

Day 7: Beach and Land Adventure

- Early morning start to head to the area of nesting turtles where we will participate in a sea turtle hatchling release. Enjoy time for shopping & lunch at one of the small towns on the east cape.

Day 8 (Tues, Oct. 23): Departure

- Hotel check out, our drivers will return you to the Cabo or La Paz Airport for your return flight home.

Planned Activities:

- Snorkeling
- Kayaking
- Hiking/beachcombing
- Nightlight
- Cultural interaction – visits to remote island communities.
- Wildlife Encounters
 - Whale sharks
 - dolphins
 - sea lions
 - sea turtles
 - birds
 - undersea life
 - desert island flora / fauna





Expedition Includes:

- Airport transfers while in Mexico (expedition dates)
- 6 days / 5 nights onboard the MV Adventure
- Ship amenities (meals, alcohol / non-alcohol beverages, accommodations, snorkel gear, kayaks and ships library)
- National Park fees
- All-inclusive cruising!
- 2 nights accommodations at the Hotel Catedral
- Half day tour to snorkel with the whale sharks
- Day tour to turtle hatchling release, shopping and lunch

Expedition DOES NOT Include:

- Airfare
- Medical / Travel Cancellation / Trip Interruption Insurance
- Crew gratuities
- Meals during hotel stay (applicable to lunch and dinner only)
- Items of a personal nature

Expedition Cost:

- **\$1895.00** USD per person
- group size 16 participants

Panterra Facebook Photo Album - links to past expeditions with similar activities:

[Dive / Snorkel Expedition 2017](#)

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