

DISCOVER THE WORLD OF PANTERRA



SUMMER CRUISE FOR EDUCATORS

Professional Development

July 12 – 16, 2018 - 5 Day Expedition
La Paz, BCS, Mexico

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August 30, 2018

Trip Highlights:

- Join us onboard the 110' motor yacht, the MV Adventure, as we take you on a Journey to the Sea of Cortez.
- The goals of the expedition:
 - To offer a profound Pro D opportunity exploring one of the most prolific seas in the world.
 - To share the efforts of Mexican wild life conservation programs helping to save our oceans.
 - To introduce educators to our school programs while discovering the natural history of a marine environment.
 - To leave guests with a trip photo album which can later be used in lesson planning for the science classroom.



Natural History:

The Sea of Cortez is one of the most bio-diverse seas on earth. It is home to thousands of species of marine mammals, birds, fish and invertebrates.

The raw untouched beauty of the sea and surrounding islands offers the explorer a true adventure. It holds thousands of years of history and endless trails of discovery.

This stunning Galapagos style setting is an amazing environment for snorkeling, kayaking, and hiking. It is an ideal backdrop for a true wilderness adventure or an outdoor classroom.

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.
- Certified passenger vessel, crew, vessel paperwork, safety and navigation equipment 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/quad occupancy.
- Each stateroom comes complete with air conditioning, cupboards & drawers to un-pack in, sink/vanity & comfortable 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 mariner experience offering the warmth and kindness that reflects the people of Baja, Mexico.

Climate:

Lose yourself to the warm, crystal clear waters of the Sea of Cortez.

In July, the air temperature ranges from 28-38 C (82-100f), water temperature 24-30 C (78-86f).

In the Baja the days will be hot and beautiful with the evenings cooling down enough to enjoy cocktails and appetizers on the bow!

Itinerary:

Day 1 (July 12): 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 - 5: 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.
- Anticipate lots of snorkeling to stay cool!

Day 5 (July 16): Departure

- Disembark the ship and our drivers will return you to the Cabo or La Paz Airport for your return flight home.

Planned Activities:

- Snorkeling
- Kayaking
- Hiking
- Astronomy
- Nightlight
- Wildlife Encounters
 - whales
 - dolphins
 - sea lions
 - desert island flora / fauna
- birds
- undersea life
- mobula rays
- Visits to remote island communities.



Expedition Includes:

- Airport and ground transfers while in Mexico (expedition dates)
- 5 days / 4 nights onboard the ship the [MV Adventure](#)
- Ship amenities (all inclusive - meals, alcohol / non-alcohol beverages, accommodations, snorkel gear, kayaks and ships library)
- National Park fees

Expedition DOES NOT Include:

- Airfare
- Travel Insurance
- Service provider gratuities
- Items of a personal nature

Expedition Cost:

- **\$995.00** USD per person (price subsidized by Panterra)
- group size 16 guests

Panterra Facebook Photo Album links to past:

[Summer Cruise for Educators and Travel Agents 2017](#)

[Summer Cruise for Educators and Travel Agents 2016](#)

[Summer Cruise for Educators and Travel Agents 2015](#)

[Panterra Trip Advisor Reviews](#)

ADDITIONAL Notes:

- If after the trip, and for a 2 year period, your school would like to book a group with us we will refund you back the Panterra portion of the summer cruise.
- You are welcome to invite a spouse, partner or friend to join you on the cruise.

As a teacher, Panterra has allowed me the chance to remember what it is like to be the student experiencing aspects of science for the first time. It has let me be the explorer, asking the questions and observing the ecosystem around me.

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