



Discover Corps

Unforgettable Vacations With Purpose



BAJA: MARINE WILDLIFE ADVENTURE



MEMORABLE MOMENTS

- **Swim next to the largest fish in the world - the whale shark!**
- **Camp on Isla Espiritu Santo, a National Marine Park and UNESCO World Heritage Site**
- **Meet with trailblazing organizations helping to protect coral reefs and remove plastics from the ocean**
- **Learn to cook some of Baja's best dishes with local Chef Iker Algorri**
- **Learn to surf and explore the quaint, artsy Pacific enclave of Todos Santos**

Swim with whale sharks, snorkel with sea lions & help protect coral reefs in this Baja ocean adventure.

PHYSICAL DEMAND

Moderate

GROUP SIZE

Average 6, Maximum 12

LODGING

Premier (nights 1, 4 & 5) / Standard (nights 2 & 3)

TRIP AT A GLANCE

6 Days / 5 Nights

LA PAZ

DAY 1 - Arrive in La Paz, Baja California Sur. Relax at the 4-star Hotel Catedral and enjoy a charming welcome dinner along the seaside boardwalk.

DAY 2 - Meet with Efecto Arena, a group working to preserve coral reefs. Take a 60 minute boat ride to Island Espiritu Santo. Settle into camp then head out with our guide to snorkel and swim with sea lions.

DAY 3 - Set out to sea to spot whales or paddle board alongside sea lion colonies, the choice is yours!

DAY 4 - Swim alongside whale sharks, the largest fish in the world. Meet with Mar Libre, a group dedicated to protecting the reefs of Baja. Venture to Todos Santos on the Pacific Coast.

DAY 5 - Enjoy a morning surf lesson or head into the artsy village of Todos Santos. Cooking class & farewell dinner with local chef.

DAY 6 - Say adios to Todos Santos and head to the airport in San Jose del Cabo for our flights home.



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OUR PURPOSE

Named "the Aquarium of the World" by Jacques Cousteau, the tranquil waters around La Paz on the southern Baja peninsula are home to 39% of the world's marine mammals. Add to that a climate that boasts sunny days year round and some of Mexico's most progressive culinary trends and you have a destination that is unrivaled in natural beauty and culture.

The turquoise waters of the Sea of Cortez and the neighboring Pacific Ocean are home to an abundance of sea life that is unmatched in this part of the world. We'll explore all of this by kayak, paddle board, surfboard and snorkel, but also take time to meet with three organizations working to protect this landscape and its unique wildlife. Learn about how coral reefs are being preserved one day with a pioneering group of conservationists and meet up with Mar Libre, a volunteer group dedicated to cleaning the mangroves and reefs of Baja California the next. On the Pacific in Todos Santos, take a tour of town with the Zero Waste Alliance, a group working to remove plastics from the oceans. Together, these experiences will provide a behind-the-scenes glimpse into the impactful environmental work being done in Baja.

Over the course of 6 days, embark on a true wildlife adventure. Swim with whale sharks, scout for whales, and snorkel alongside sea lion colonies. Spend two nights camping under the stars on the amazing Isla Espiritu Santo before heading to the artsy village of Todos Santos where we'll have an authentic Mexican cooking class, surfing lessons and time to relax in our high-end villas overlooking the ocean. A family-inspired ocean & wildlife expedition of truly epic proportions!





HIGHLIGHTS



SWIM WITH WHALE SHARKS

A bucket list experience for most, whale sharks are the “gentle giants” of the sea. Reaching up to 33 ft in length, these creatures visit La Paz every year between October through April to feed in the nutrient rich waters. Venture out into the bay by boat and snorkel right next to these amazing creatures as they meander slowly through the bay. It is truly an experience that can't be described in words!



ISLA ESPIRITU SANTO CAMPING

Isla Espiritu Santo is both a National Marine Park and UNESCO World Heritage Site for good reason. The striking blue waters lap against sandy beaches while whales, sea lions, sea turtles and colorful fish swim offshore. We'll spend two days camping on the island snorkeling, swimming, paddle boarding in the calm waters. Tents are dome style with a plush mattress, compost toilets and an onsite chef and dining area. A comfortable camping experience with some of the most impressive views in Baja.



BAJA'S ENVIRONMENTAL DEFENDERS

We've scoured Baja to find the most interesting organizations working to protect this unique natural environment. During the journey, you'll connect with Efecto Arena to participate in coral reef restoration efforts and help conduct assessments as well as Mar Libre, a volunteer group dedicated to cleaning the mangroves and reefs of Baja California Sur. In Todos Santos, we'll meet members of the Zero Waste Alliance of Todos Santos and Pescadero. We'll experience some of their projects helping to keep plastics out of the ocean and support local farmers in the community.



MAGICAL TODOS SANTOS

Founded as a Mission in 1724, Todos Santos is a true palm-lined oasis on the Pacific coast. Home to the original Hotel California, Todos Santos has attracted artists and musicians through the years with its colorful downtown area and stunning views of the Pacific Coast. Far from the massive resorts of Cabo San Lucas, Todos Santos has retained its small-town, laid back beach town vibe and is the perfect place to spend a couple nights. We'll explore Todos Santos quaint shops, restaurants and galleries, try out surfing and enjoy a cooking class with one of the area's top chefs.



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DAY 1: Welcome to Baja California Sur!

Arrive in San Jose del Cabo and transfer 2.5 hours north to the seaside town of La Paz on the Sea of Cortez. Settle into our charming 4-star boutique hotel overlooking the main square followed by a welcome dinner on the malecon, or boardwalk. (D)

DAY 2: Restore Coral Reefs and Take a Boat to Isla Espiritu Santo

This morning, we'll meet with a conservation group called Efecto Arena who are working to restore and protect the coral reefs of Baja. Learn about these corals then head into the water to snorkel over their coral nursery as well as help plant your own restored corals that will one day spawn into a colorful reef! Then we're off to Isla Espiritu Santo and Camp Cecil today! After breakfast, we'll hop in the boat for the 60 minute ride out to the islands. A National Marine Park, UNESCO World Heritage Site, and one of the best marine life viewing destinations in the world, this will be an epic 2-night adventure. Whales, dolphins, whale sharks, sea turtles, manta rays and plenty of beautiful tropical fish call the surrounding waters home, while a terrific range of bird species including Blue-footed Boobies, Reddish Egrets, Great Blue Herons and Yellow-footed Gulls frequent the island's skies and shores.

The island itself is stunning, with magnificent towering cliffs, spectacular sandy bays, amazing lava rock formations, and rock art left by the now-extinct Guaycura and Pericu Indians. We'll spend the days doing exactly what pleases us - kayaking, snorkeling, hiking, swimming with sea lions, stand up paddle boarding, bird watching, and exploring hidden lagoons and desert beaches. Our dome tents will back up to the sea and our on-site chef will be there to dream up culinary delights. (B,L,D)

DAY 3: Uncover the Marine Wildlife of Isla Espiritu Santo

Rise with the sun and the sound of the waves lapping against the sand. Our chef will prepare breakfast before another day exploring the natural surroundings. Plan on swimming with sea lions, kayaking along the placid bays or hiking for panoramic views of the island. Your guide will be with you to point out all of the unique flora and fauna that calls Isla Espiritu Santo home. Tonight, enjoy cocktails at sunset (and juices for the kids) followed by a fresh beachside dinner prepared by our chef. (B,L,D)





DAY 4: Swim with Whale Sharks

After breakfast, we'll depart from the island and head for one of the most amazing experiences yet - swimming with the largest fish in the world - the whale shark! Of course, you may be asking yourself: is it a whale or is it a shark? Hint: whales are mammals and sharks are fish. These gentle giants feed on plankton in the Bay of La Paz, and it is here that we have the remarkable experience of observing and swimming right next to them.

After our whale shark swim, we'll meet up with Mar Libre, a volunteer group dedicated to cleaning the mangroves and reefs of Baja California Sur. We'll assist them with cleaning a section of the local mangroves near the whale sharks, so you'll literally be leaving Baja a cleaner place than when you arrived. Afterwards, we'll continue the pueblo magico town of Todos Santos. We'll settle into our boutique hotel overlooking the Pacific Ocean and enjoy a gourmet taco dinner together at sunset. *(B,L,D)*



DAY 5: Learn to Surf & Explore Todos Santos

Todos Santos boasts one of the best surf breaks in Baja and this morning our instructors guarantee that you will ride a wave! For those that aren't keen of the ocean, we'll head into Todos Santos to explore its art galleries and bohemian shops. We'll have lunch at a terrific beachside cantina, then in the afternoon will have some free time to spend in Todos Santos to pick up last minute souvenirs or simply enjoy this magical Mexican town.



This evening local lawyer turned chef Iker Algorri, author of *Cooking Adventures in Baja California Sur* and chef-in-residence at Los Colibris Casitas, will lead a wonderful Mexican Survival Cooking Class. The emphasis is on having as much fun as humanly possible, learning to make the perfect margarita, and gaining the skill to make some truly unforgettable Mexican dishes for a memorable farewell dinner together. *(B,L,D)*

DAY 6: Adios Todos Santos!

After breakfast, we'll pack up and take the 2.5 hour drive back to San Jose del Cabo for our flights back home. *(B)*





Premier Lodging (Nights 1, 4 & 5) / Standard Lodging (Nights 2-3)

Start your trip at the charming 4-star **Hotel Catedral** in the seaside town of La Paz. A contemporary boutique hotel in the historic city center, you'll feel like you've taken a step back in time as the church bells ring across the street. Take in the sites and sounds of the city from the roof deck, swim in the rooftop pool or simply relax by the hotel's iconic cocktail bar.

We'll then venture out by boat to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Isla Espiritu Santo. A marine park that covers 48,000 hectares will be your backyard as we spend **two nights camping** under the stars. Keep in mind this is not the camping you may be imagining. Our dome tents include comfortable mattresses, a chef that dreams up our meals and mixes drinks and a view that is unrivaled.

The last two nights will be spent in the vibrant coastal oasis of Todos Santos. Your home will be **Los Colibris Casitas**, a boutique hotel sitting in the hills overlooking the Pacific Ocean. Each of the casas and casitas has magnificent views 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.





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DATE	ADULT	CHILD
November 24-29, 2024	\$4,295	\$3,995
December 14-19, 2024	\$4,295	\$3,995
December 21-26, 2024	\$4,295	\$3,995
January 11-16, 2025	\$4,295	\$3,995
January 25-30, 2025	\$4,295	\$3,995
February 12-17, 2025	\$4,295	\$3,995
February 22-27, 2025	\$4,295	\$3,995
March 22-27, 2025	\$4,295	\$3,995
March 29-April 3, 2025	\$4,295	\$3,995
April 5-10, 2025	\$4,295	\$3,995
November 22-27, 2025	\$4,295	\$3,995
November 29-Dec 4, 2025	\$4,295	\$3,995
December 13-18, 2025	\$4,295	\$3,995
December 20-25, 2025	\$4,295	\$3,995
December 27-Jan 1, 2026	\$4,295	\$3,995
January 24-29, 2026	\$4,295	\$3,995

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 3 nights accommodation in 4-star boutique hotels and 2 nights at an island camp
- All transportation including roundtrip airport transfer
- All meals from welcome dinner on Day 1 through breakfast on final day
- Happy hour and drinks with dinner on the island & margaritas with cooking class
- All adventure activities and related equipment as indicated in the itinerary
- Bilingual naturalist guides who are certified Wilderness First Responders, NOM-9 graduates and Leave No Trace certified
- \$50,000 emergency medical evacuation insurance
- Trip literature and pre-departure support from Discover Corps
- 24-hour Discover Corps emergency hotline

WHAT'S NOT INCLUDED

- Tips for the Discover Corps guide and driver
- International airfare

Double Occupancy Price. Children's pricing applies to travelers 16 years old and younger sharing a room with an adult

Single Room Supplement = \$795 per person. This will guarantee you your own, single occupancy room for the entirety of the trip. If you are a solo traveler and would like us to match you with a roommate of the same gender, please book as double occupancy. See full details on the website page for the trip.

RESERVE YOUR TRIP TODAY

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RETURNING ALUMNI?

We like to reward those who travel with us again and again. Enjoy a \$250 discount off our trip if you are a returning Discover Corps traveler.

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Have a group of 6 or more? We can operate a trip for your group. Whether it's a family reunion, corporate group, alumni association or a professional or student organization, we'll make it easy and turnkey for your group to have an incredible experience.

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THE FINE PRINT

Child prices apply to those 16 years younger sharing a room with an adult.

Although unlikely, prices, dates, and accommodations subject to change with a 60 day notice from Discover Corps.

(B, L, D): Breakfast, Lunch Dinner

Dates don't work? Contact us about adding a new date for the trip.



Our Mission

The mission of Discover Corps is to inspire travelers to become advocates for our planet's natural wonders, cultural treasures, and local communities through immersive and sustainable travel experiences.

OUR DESTINATIONS

ALASKA	JAPAN
AUSTRALIA	KENYA
BELIZE	MEXICO
BHUTAN	PERU
COSTA RICA	SOUTH AFRICA
CUBA	TANZANIA
DOMINICAN REPUBLIC	THAILAND
EGYPT	UGANDA
GALÁPAGOS ISLANDS	



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