

Baja & the Sea of Cortez

March 4–11, 2028

8 days | 7 nights



WHAT TO EXPECT ON THIS TRIP



Embark on the ultimate expedition into Baja and the Sea of Cortez—one of the most vibrant marine wonderlands on the planet. Alongside expert guides from the ODC Network and Todos Santos Eco Adventures, you'll dive into thrilling wildlife encounters: snorkel beside gentle whale sharks and playful sea lions, and witness the raw, awe-inspiring beauty of gray whales up close.

Afterward, recharge at Camp Cecil, a National Geographic–featured glamping paradise.

TRIP HIGHLIGHTS

- 8 days and 7 nights, with a maximum group size of 14 travelers
- Snorkel beside whale sharks—up to 59 feet long and the largest fish in the world
- Meet gray whales up close in Magdalena Bay, at the end of a 6,000-mile migration
- Explore Isla Espiritu Santo, in a National Marine Park and part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site
- Three distinct stays: oceanview casitas, a glamping camp and a hotel on the La Paz town plaza
- Expert, bilingual naturalist guides who are certified Wilderness First Responders

YOUR ROUTE

From San Jose del Cabo through Todos Santos, Magdalena Bay, La Paz and Isla Espiritu Santo and back again.

> **Please note:** This tour is not recommended for travelers who use wheelchairs, walkers, or other mobility assistance devices.



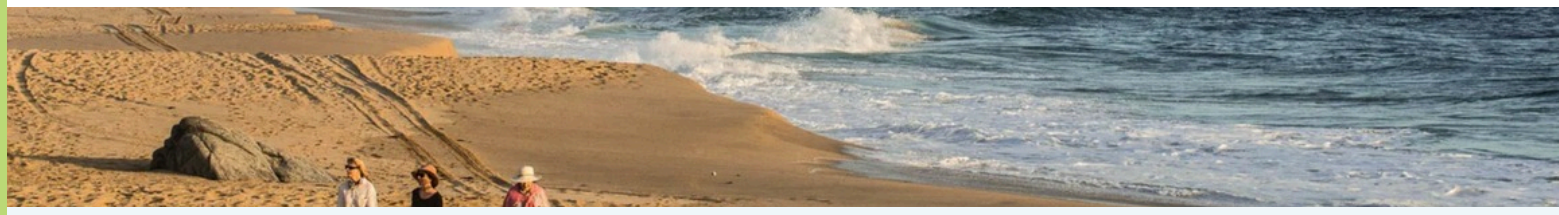
Route overview (A–D mark Todos Santos, Magdalena Bay, La Paz & Isla Espiritu Santo areas).

DAY 1

TODOS SANTOS



Arrive on your own and meet ODC trip leaders at San Jose del Cabo (SJD). Todos Santos Eco Adventures staff members will be waiting to pick us up for the transfer to Todos Santos, a 90-minute drive. At Los Colibris Casitas, unpack and settle into your lovely accommodations with fantastic ocean views. Then enjoy your welcome dinner at Iker's Colibris Café. During dinner our guide will host a trip briefing, outlining the adventures to come. (D)



DAYS 2-3

MAGDALENA BAY WHALE-WATCHING ADVENTURE



Today we'll drive 3 hours north to Magdalena Bay and our luxury tent camp, Camp Cecil de la Bahia. The camp sits on a sliver of land with the bay and the gray whales on one side, and a protected estuary with mangroves, abundant birdlife, dolphins and more on the other. Each year the gray whales migrate 6,000 miles from arctic waters to the Pacific lagoons of the Baja peninsula to mate, give birth, and enjoy a warm winter respite. Magdalena Bay is one of the most important of these lagoons, and Camp Cecil de la Bahia is one of the best whale watching spots in all of Baja.



The tents are beautifully appointed walk-in safari-style tents with gorgeous beds, seating areas, rugs, chandeliers, and ensuite bathrooms. The camp chef prepares three beautiful meals a day and daily happy hour.

We'll spend the days out on the water with the amazing gray whale mothers, babies and sporting males, and when not with the whales we can explore the incredible birdlife of the mangrove estuary by kayak, go sand boarding, do some beach combing and just enjoy being in camp. It is a dreamy, wild and remote spot, completely ensconced in nature, enhanced by delights of great food and comfortable lodging. (B · L · D)



DAY 4

LA PAZ GRAY WHALE ENCOUNTERS



Things that often happen to us in Magdalena Bay:

- Gray whale mothers bring their babies right up to the boat to say hello
- Gray whale babies present themselves for a good rub or a pat
- Gray whale males sidle along the boat and spout water on us—they clearly think it's very funny
- Gray whales of all types bring their huge heads out of the water and look us straight in the eye

Today we'll depart camp for our final boat ride with the whales, then transfer to La Paz with a celebratory boat ride along the way. Tonight we'll stay at Hotel Catedral right on the town plaza and enjoy dinner out on the town.
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DAY 5

SEA OF CORTEZ & ISLA ESPIRITU SANTO ADVENTURE



After breakfast we'll head to our bodega to get snorkeling gear and wet suits, then it's on to the boats and out into the Sea of Cortez! Isla Espiritu Santo is in a National Marine Park, part of a UNESCO World Heritage Site, and is one of the best marine life viewing destinations in the world. 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. There's even an endemic ring-tailed cat, the babisuri. 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. B · L · D





DAY 6
ISLA ESPIRITU SANTO

Another day of island riches. Perhaps paddle board with sea turtles, or snorkel with sea lions, maybe spot some whales, or dance with some Blue-footed Boobies. Whatever surprises the day may hold, you can be sure that it will also include magnificent food and drink! B · L · D



DAY 7
TODOS SANTOS

Today we'll depart Camp Cecil and head for one of our most exciting adventures yet—swimming with the whale sharks, so named because at up to 59 feet and 15 tons they are definitely a whale of a shark. In fact, they are the largest fish in the world. And while your mother probably told you to stay away from sharks, these gentle giants are only interested in plankton—all human flesh is safe! Please note that we will have to transfer from our Camp Cecil boat to a boat specially permitted for the whale shark area. We'll return to Todos Santos and Los Colibris Casitas in the afternoon.



Tonight local lawyer turned chef Iker Algorri, author of *Cooking Adventures in Baja California Sur* and chef-in-residence at Los Colibris Casitas, leads this 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 memorable Mexican dishes following Chef Iker's cooking philosophy, the Magnificence of Simplicity. You'll also probably learn about some great Latin music you've never heard before. But be warned—dancing often known to follow! B · L · D



DAY 8

SAN JOSE DEL CABO—HOME!

Say adios, but not goodbye! Following a final breakfast, transfers will be provided back to Cabo for departures. (B)

WHERE YOU'LL STAY

LOS COLIBRIS CASITAS · TODOS SANTOS

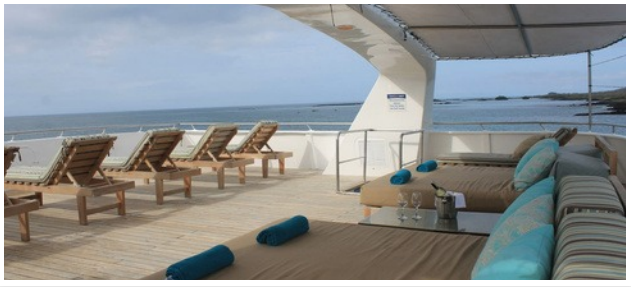
Boasting the most stunning views in Todos Santos, the casitas are built on the side of a hill overlooking the Pacific Ocean and only a short walk down to the beach. Each beautifully appointed casita has private outdoor spaces, and guests of the property can enjoy the infinity pool, hot tub and yoga sky deck.

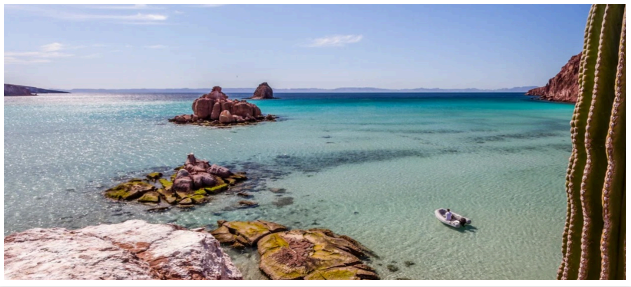
CAMP CECIL · GLAMPING ON ISLA ESPIRITU SANTO

We have a tented camp on one of the island's most beautiful beaches, featuring walk-in dome tents with mattresses, pillows, sheets and beach towels. There is a kitchen tent where our on-site chef will make wonderful meals for you every day. There are also sun showers and compost toilet cabañas.

HOTEL CATEDRAL · LA PAZ

Located in La Paz, Hotel Catedral is near major attractions in the city. Rooms are neat and are equipped with TVs, bathrooms and safety deposit boxes. The hotel has an outdoor swimming pool, bar and restaurant.





TRIP COSTS

Double occupancy, shared queen bed

There is a 4% surcharge for credit card payments.



$5,250	$2,650
Per person	**Deposit at registration**

Remaining balance due December 1, 2027.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

ODC Network host to accompany the group, all meals and beverages as stated in the itinerary (B, L, D), all transfers and excursions as stated in the itinerary, all accommodations as stated in the itinerary, all adventures and related equipment, bilingual naturalist guides who are certified Wilderness First Responders, all transportation, fees for park admission and gratuity, and activities indicated in this brochure.

NOT INCLUDED

Flight to San Jose del Cabo, meals while in transit to and from Baja, souvenirs, snacks, alcoholic beverages, additional excursions, and activities apart from the group.

CANCELLATION

If ODC Explorer Network must cancel a trip, we will issue a full refund of amounts paid to us for the trip less ODC's administrative costs and any non-refundable expenses incurred. However, we cannot be held responsible for personal expenses incurred in preparation for the trip, such as the cost of non-refundable airline tickets or pre-paid hotel expenses.

If you cancel, no refund will be made unless a replacement can be found for your spot on the trip. In that case, a reimbursement will be made less ODC's administrative costs and any non-refundable expenses incurred.

Travel insurance is recommended. Please contact Lannette to learn about insurance through USI Travel Insurance.

**Itinerary subject to change due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.*

QUESTIONS? LET'S TALK.

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