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Sea of Cortez cruise

8 DAY CRUISE ITINERARY

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Roundtrip San Jos del Cabo, Baja California Sur.

Cruises commence 11, 18 and 25 November, and 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 December 2017



DAY 1: San José del Cabo / La Paz – Embarkation

Bienvenidos! You will be met at the Los Cabos International Airport in San José del Cabo and transferred to our hospitality area. Joined by your expedition team, an overland orientation transfer to La Paz acquaints you with the dramatic Baja landscape and the week that lies ahead. The captain and crew welcome you aboard just in time for a cocktail and dinner.



DAY 2: Isla San Francisco

In a playground of steep red bluffs and sweeping desert beach, kick off your weeklong adventure with a day of play. Don some flippers for a snorkel among colorful sea life, put on your walking shoes for an exploratory hike, grab a paddle, or relax on the beach with the sand between your toes. The rugged beauty of the island makes it an ideal spot for escapades.



DAY 3: Bahía Agua Verde

At Bahía Agua Verde, clear waters are bordered by sparse craggy mountains hemmed in green. Explore the coast by small skiff, visit with a local ranchero and his family, and take to the canyons and mountains on a mule ride and experience the “real Baja.” Scenic vistas, outstanding exploration, excellent birding, and unmatched camaraderie—the day is done.



DAY 4: Captain’s Choice

While it’s unlikely you’ll find any black pearls, today you’ll sail amongst islands once explored by early conquistadors. Your expedition team will be at-the-ready with more adventurous options to choose from - kayaking, hiking, paddle boarding, or beachcombing. Discover nature’s diversity and learn about the geologic forces that formed these islands.



DAY 5: Marine Life Search

Magdalena Bay (mid-January – early-March) Mother Nature is your guide today. The gray whales arrive each year on Baja’s west coast—migrating more than 12,000 miles—to calve in Bahía Magdalena. Dock in Puerto Escondido, then drive across the peninsula to ride in a panga and observe these mammals and their babies in the lagoon. —OR— Bahía de la Paz

(November – mid-January; March; order of days changes) Whale sharks—the largest known species of fish—are known to frequent the bay. Keep watch for the watery “footprints” of these gentle giants, and conditions permitting, gear up for an unforgettable swim alongside this colossal creature or observe from above in the skiff.

DAY 6: Los Islotes / Isla Partida

At Los Islotes—a steep craggy seamount leaping straight from the sea—observe a sea lion colony from the boat and skiff, or slip into a wetsuit for an early morning snorkel with curious, agile young sea lion pups. Afterwards, heave anchor and set sail for Isla Partida, for an afternoon of water play or island hikes along desert beaches or into rocky arroyos.



DAY 7: Isla Espíritu Santo

Tuck into a secluded cove surrounded by long fingers of red rock and a golden beach. Spend your last full day enjoying the feel of warm sand under your feet on a beach walk, investigate nooks and crannies in the rocks by kayak, or explore a little further afield on a guided hike. Celebrate your week at tonight’s special Farewell Dinner with an entertaining slideshow by your expedition team.



DAY 8: La Paz / San José – Disembark

After breakfast, it’s “adios” La Paz, as you disembark the vessel and transfer back to San José del Cabo for your flight, or hotel stay.

Itineraries are guidelines; variations in itinerary and the order of days may occur to maximize your experience.