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With its pristine coastline and panoply of sea life, Baja California offers spectacular untamed wilderness. This region, vivid with life, is home to more than a third of the world's marine mammal species. Dolphins roil the sea's surface. Sea lions leap off rocks. As our ships ply these rich waters, you will be among the privileged few to enter the birthing lagoons of the California gray whales.

Discover this magical wilderness; blissfully remote, yet close to home.



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Cover photo: Gray whale, San Ignacio Lagoon. © Ryder Redfield

This page: Guests with a California gray whale, Magdalena Bay. © Michael S. Nolan



Experience Authentic and Immersive Exploration

Over the course of a nearly 20-year partnership, Lindblad Expeditions and National Geographic have created meaningful travel experiences that ignite a passion for the planet and its people. From the moment you join one of our expeditions in Baja California, you access all the resources that stem from this shared legacy in exploration.

Actively Explore Every Day

Our Baja California itineraries feature a range of activities designed to immerse you in wild desert isles and waters teeming with life. Snorkel alongside sea lions as they perform playful pirouettes, hike through forests of colorful cacti, or ride a panga into a sparkling lagoon inhabited by gray whales and their curious calves. No matter the expedition, you will be able to explore your way—and at your own pace—every day.



In-Depth Undersea Program

Our undersea program reveals the vivid world hidden beneath Baja California's waves. Each voyage features an undersea specialist who dons diving gear and deploys Remotely Operated Vehicles (ROVs) to document the marine environment, gathering footage for evening recaps in the lounge so that every guest can witness the vast kelp forests and incredible array of sea life found in these rich waters.



ALL IN: Activities and excursions are always included in the voyage price.



with Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic

An Unparalleled Experience On Board

Being in the wild doesn't have to mean renouncing first-rate amenities, superb food, or supreme comfort. Beautifully appointed cabins, suites, and common areas reflect the sights, sounds, and artistic traditions of your destination, and meals feature local cuisines and sustainable ingredients sourced directly from nearby lands and waters. Our wellness program has also been developed to connect you more deeply with your surroundings, whether you choose to greet the day with a yoga class on deck or unwind with a massage in the spa.



CHEERS! For 2023 departures, beer and wine are included on board the ship. Beginning in 2024, we will pick up your full bar tab, including cocktails and spirits.

Suite Exclusives

The suites aboard the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic fleet are your elegant retreat at sea, featuring spacious living areas and incredible ocean views. Now, booking one of these beautifully appointed accommodations comes with even more benefits. Our new Suite Exclusives package gives guests staying in eligible cabins access to an array of amenities designed to enhance your on-board experience, including priority booking for spa treatments, an in-room espresso maker, complimentary laundry, and other exclusive perks.



Commitment To Conservation

Sustainability is at the heart of our mission, and you can travel with peace of mind, knowing every voyage we sail gives back to the places we explore through the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic Fund. Together with our guests, we have contributed nearly \$20 million to protect our oceans, restore marine and coastal habitats, and foster environmental stewardship around the world. Learn more at expeditions.com/sustainability



An encounter with the gray whales of Baja California is one of nature's most moving experiences, where the resident creatures are just as curious about travelers as we are about them.





Discover the Wild Beauty of Baja California

In the Gulf of California massive pods of leaping dolphins roil the sea's surface in a spectacle of biomass. Mobula rays swirl just beneath our Zodiacs, launching themselves into the air in a dazzling display. As we don snorkeling gear and climb into the water, sea lions leap off rocks to perform undersea acrobatics around us. Making landfall on desert isles, we hike through forests of giant cacti on sun-drenched hillsides and venture into desert arroyos that hold water long after storms, giving way to rivers of desert blossoms.

Visit island sanctuaries for breeding seabirds covered with nests, filled with a symphony of bird calls so loud your naturalist needs to shout to be heard. On the Pacific side of the peninsula hike, leap, and slide down wind- and wave-sculpted dunes that stretch along the coast. And, be among the privileged few to enter the birthing lagoons of the California gray whales for life-affirming close encounters with gentle mothers and curious calves.

Our Ships: Equipped for Genuine Exploration

The small, nimble ships in the Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic fleet are designed to provide up-close experiences in the planet's wildest and most remote places. In Baja California, that might mean going ashore on deserted islands to stroll atop sculpted sand dunes, anchoring in secluded coves backed by towering sea cliffs, or slipping past shifting sandbars to explore serene lagoons rich with marine life.

Each vessel is stocked with a fleet of Zodiacs that allow us to sail without being dependent on ports or piers, while our kayaks and paddleboards let you glide into inlets for a closer look at leaping dolphins or nesting seabirds. When we're not out exploring, open decks and large windows offer front row seats to Baja California's sapphire seas and their remarkable spectacle of marine life.

Purpose-Built to Sail Pan-American Waters

National Geographic Venture

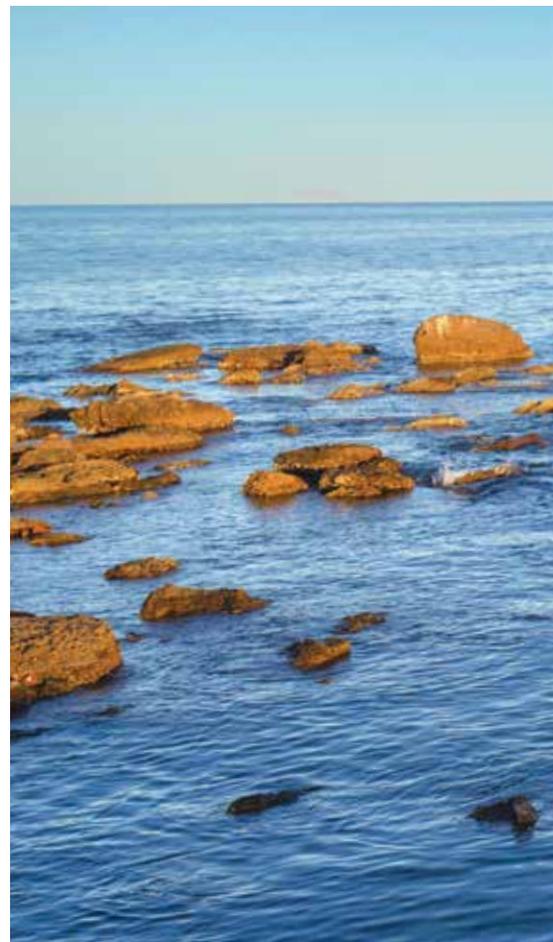
The 50-cabin *National Geographic Venture* offers an array of on-board amenities and has the ability to cover great distances while still using its small scale to sail among the islands and channels where we've been finding whales for over 40 years.

Baja California's Most Intimate Expedition Experience

National Geographic Sea Bird

National Geographic Sea Lion

The 31-cabin *National Geographic Sea Bird* and her sister ship *National Geographic Sea Lion* are the only expedition ships operating in Baja California small enough to anchor in Magdalena Bay, a nursery for gray whale mothers and calves.



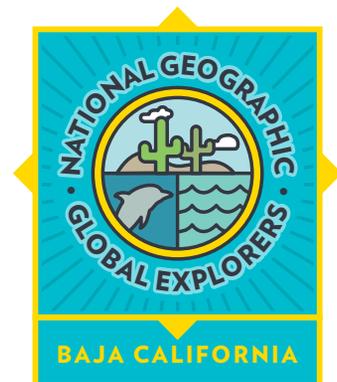


Nurture Their Passion for Exploration With Our Exclusive National Geographic Global Explorers Program

Whether it's getting up close with wild gray whales or exploring secluded coves and inlets by kayak, shared activities in Baja California's wild and exciting environment can bring a family together. With our National Geographic Global Explorers program in Baja California, there's no better way for families to explore the region. Our program for kids and teens is the only program of its kind in Baja California, giving families a unique way to explore and connect with each other and the natural world.

Developed in conjunction with National Geographic Education, the Global Explorers Program was designed to help kids and teens under 18 develop the attitudes, skills, and knowledge of an explorer. They're invited to engage in a variety of engaging activities, guided by a National Geographic certified field educator, and can collect 'points' on their way to become a National Geographic Global Explorer—with the certification to prove it! Guests under 18 (and their families) will:

- Develop their observation skills by watching out for specific wildlife, and recording observations in their Field Notebook
- Have fun with activities like earning their Zodiac driving 'license'
- Connect with nature through encounters with wildlife above and below the sea
- Learn the art of storytelling—with photos, videos, music, writing, drawing, and more—to communicate all they'll see and do



Our exclusive program for families is the only one of its kind in Baja California travel. Scan QR code below or visit expeditions.com/family for program details.







Travel With Inspiring Experts

Whether it means staying up until the wee hours to scan for passing whales of uncommon species so you won't miss out on rare sightings, taking advantage of an opportunity to snap photos of a pod of leaping dolphins, or holding an impromptu stargazing, our team is dedicated to revealing Baja California and making sure your experience is exceptional. Benefit from the personalities and knowledge of an expedition leader, a team of naturalists, an undersea specialist, a Lindblad-National Geographic certified photo instructor (CPI), and a wellness specialist to revitalize your mind and body as you explore Baja California.



▶ Learn more at expeditions.com/expertbios for full bios on our staff

Take Great Photos With the Pros

With our expedition photography program, you can capture once-in-a-lifetime photographs of Baja California's wild islands, whales, dolphins, pelicans, and



sea birds. Every expedition features a Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor who offers assistance, instructions and

shooting tips in the field. Their expertise will inspire you and help you improve your skills—no matter your current skill or interest level—and ensure you return home with incredible photos.

See page 20 to learn about our special Photo Expeditions, joined by a National Geographic Photography Expert.



Dive into the on-board OM System Gear Locker (formerly Olympus) to field test new lenses, camera bodies, and more—free. Plus, ask about pre-voyage discounts and benefits.



National Geographic Photography Expert Rich Reid shares camera tips with travelers in Baja California.

Baja California: Among The Great Whales



8 DAYS | FROM \$6,930

Scan QR code for itinerary details and current rates

or visit expeditions.com/bajawhales

Aboard *National Geographic Venture*

Explore along Baja California's Pacific and Gulf Coasts for opportunities to observe dolphins, sea lions, and up to four different varieties of whales. Witness the magnificent undersea, serene desert dunes, and the most beautiful sunsets on earth.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- See Gray whales and their newborn calves up close in lagoons, and witness breaching humpbacks from the bow of our ship, or on Zodiac excursions.
- Snorkel amidst the vibrant sea life and pristine coral reefs of Cabo Pulmo National Marine Park, a conservation success story.
- Hike desert islands and sculpted sand dunes, and witness the variety of flora and fauna thriving in this unique desert region.
- Conditions permitting, swim with playful sea lions at Los Islotes.
- Get steeped in culture walking the quaint maze of streets and sun-drenched promenades in lively La Paz.



Gray whale, Magdalena Bay.

**DAY 1: LORETO, MEXICO/
SAN CARLOS/EMBARK**

Upon arrival in Loreto, transfer to San Carlos and embark our ship. Tonight, we'll anchor off the coast of Isla Santa Margarita. (D)

**DAY 2: BAHÍA ALMEJAS/REHUSA
CHANNEL/ISLA MAGDALENA**

Observe a large frigatebird colony en route to the spectacular whale grounds of Bahía Almejas. Later we'll reposition to Isla Magdalena to explore the ever-shifting sand dunes and one of the most pristine beaches in the Pacific. (B,L,D)



Sand dune, Isla Magdalena.

DAY 3: BOCA DE SOLEDAD

Transfer by motorcoach to the northern extension of Bahía Magdalena. With the guidance of savvy local Mexican fishermen, we'll venture out in local pangas for a full day interacting with gray whales. Encounter a variety of shorebirds feeding voraciously on the shoreline while frigatebirds and pelicans soar overhead. (B,L,D)

**DAY 4: BAHÍA MAGDALENA &
CRUISING**

Explore the surrounding coastline via kayak, stand-up paddleboard, and Zodiac. Learn about the extraordinary intersection of two

inherently different environments where the arid Sonoran Desert meets the rich marine waters of Baja California. Traveling south along the coast of the peninsula this afternoon, there is a chance of seeing a wide variety of marine life, including humpback whales. Hear naturalist talks and learn photography basics. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: GORDA BANKS/CABO PULMO

Awake to a majestic sunrise over the iconic Friars Rocks at Land's End. Spend this morning searching the seas of Gorda Banks seamount, a renowned gathering place for whales, dolphins, and other sea life. Later set out to snorkel the pristine reefs of Cabo Pulmo National Marine Park, one of the most successful national marine parks in the world. (B,L,D)

DAY 6: LOS ISLOTES* AND LA PAZ

Conditions permitting, we'll anchor off the rocky island of Los Islotes, where we'll don flippers, a mask, and snorkel and swim with curious sea lions. Later, explore the vibrant streets of La Paz, garnering insight into Mexican culture. Stroll the lively "Malecon" and enjoy festive outdoor dining, featuring local cuisine, dancing, and folklore. (B,L,D)

*Please note: our stop in Los Islotes is heavily dependent on marine conditions.

**DAY 7: EXPLORING THE GULF
OF CALIFORNIA**

Our plan is flexible as we explore some of the Gulf's many uninhabited islands. Go ashore at Isla San Francisco, where a sweeping arc of white sand beach beckons active exploration. Or, hike to the nearby ridge for unparalleled



views with your naturalist. You may also visit hidden gems such as Bahia de Los Muertos to snorkel among the living coral. (B,L,D)

DAY 8: LORETO/DISEMBARK

Disembark in Loreto after breakfast. Schedules permitting, transfer to the city center to visit the first mission in Baja California and the nearby museum. After lunch, transfer to Loreto Airport for flights home. (B,L)

DEPARTURES

National Geographic Venture

2024-2025 January, February, March
Certain departures travel in reverse.
Itinerary stops and sequence subject to modification.

BLUE & FIN WHALE LORETO EXTENSION

Further your exploration of this richly varied region with this exciting two-night extension. See page 22 for details.

SPECIAL OFFERS

Book by Dec. 31, 2023:

- \$500 air credit.
- Waive the solo premium.
- Bar tab included.
- 4th guest travels free.

Select departures only. See page 26 for details.

Guests kayak near National Geographic Venture.



Wild Baja California Escape: The Whales of Magdalena Bay



6 DAYS | FROM \$3,940

Scan QR code for itinerary details and current rates

or visit expeditions.com/magbay

Aboard *National Geographic Sea Bird* and
National Geographic Sea Lion

Anchor overnight among the gray whales of Bahía Magdalena, where mothers and calves relax and play after the longest mammal migration on Earth. Our vessels are perfectly sized to enter the lagoons, and fully equipped for active exploration of the surrounding coastline.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Live among gigantic gray whale mothers and their calves in the nursery waters of Bahía Magdalena. See them from the ship and aboard 10-person boats, delighting in up-close encounters.
- Kayak and paddleboard stunning mangroves, or beachcomb along endless beaches.
- Explore diverse landscapes; fat-tire bike along desert island terrain.
- Scan the skies for bird species, from diving pelicans to magnificent frigatebirds.

Gray whales, San Ignacio Lagoon.

BUILD YOUR OWN 2024 WINTER GETAWAY

To accommodate your travel schedule and appetite for adventure, we're offering an exclusive offer package on 2024 departures. Enjoy a \$500 air credit per person, as well as the option to choose a pre- or post-voyage ocean-view hotel night OR 50% off a 2-night Blue + Fin Whale extension in historic Loreto, Mexico (see page 22). Plus, solo travelers can waive the solo premium. Offers available on select departures only. See page 26 for terms.



**DAY 1: LORETO, MEXICO/
SAN CARLOS/EMBARK**

Upon arrival in Loreto, transfer to San Carlos and embark in the late afternoon. (D)

**DAY 2: BAHÍA ALMEJAS/REHUSA
CHANNEL/ISLA MAGDALENA**

Make a special stop to view a large frigatebird colony on Isla Santa Margarita (conditions permitting) before making our first whale watching trip of the voyage in the active whale grounds of Bahía Almejas. As we explore via local panga, our team will do whatever it takes to provide you with memorable and meaningful encounters. During lunch, we'll sail toward Isla Magdalena to explore the ever-shifting sand dunes on a cross-island walk to one of the most pristine beaches in the Pacific. Enjoy a barefoot stroll and tally the treasure found on what we affectionately call "sand dollar beach." (B,L,D)

**DAY 3: TRANSIT THE HULL CANAL/
BOCA DE SOLEDAD**

Spend the morning transiting the scenic, winding Hull Canal. Within its narrow channels, bordered by mangroves and sand dunes, and filled with abundant wildlife, we'll hang out on deck with our keen-eyed naturalists to spot species and hear expert commentary. Weather permitting, we'll explore the vast mangrove system via kayak and Zodiac. Bird-watching here can be excellent. Among the species we might see are diving pelicans, wheeling cormorants, terns, great blue herons, ibis, whimbrels, and willets. It's not



Guests stand-up paddleboarding.

unusual to see 40 species of birds in just one day along these fertile shorelines. This afternoon, we'll head out to explore the breeding grounds of Boca de Soledad. (B,L,D)

DAYS 4 & 5: BOCA DE SOLEDAD

Each winter, during their long migration, gray whales travel south from their Arctic feeding grounds to breed and give birth to their calves in these sheltered waters. "Grand Central" for California gray whales, we'll spend two full days observing, and with luck, interacting with these majestic creatures. Together with savvy local fishermen we've known for years, we'll venture out in small boats to view the numerous mother-calf pairs that thrive in this region. We'll also have an opportunity to explore the beaches, and if you're feeling up to it, grab one of our fat-tire bikes to roam the seemingly endless beaches. (B,L,D)

**DAY 6: SAN CARLOS/DISEMBARK/
LORETO**

Disembark in Loreto after breakfast. Schedules permitting, transfer to the city center to visit the first mission in Baja California, as well as the



nearby museum. After lunch, transfer to Loreto Airport for flights home. (B,L)

DEPARTURES

National Geographic Sea Bird & National Geographic Sea Lion
2024-2025 January, February, March

BLUE & FIN WHALE LORETO EXTENSION

Further your exploration of this richly varied region with this exciting two-night extension. See page 22 for details.

SPECIAL OFFERS

Book by Dec. 31, 2023:

- \$500/pp air credit.
- 50% off Loreto Blue + Fin Whale extension (see page 22) or complimentary hotel night with ocean view room.
- Waive the solo premium
- 4th guest travels free.
- Bar tab included.

Select departures only. See page 26 for details.



Guest photographing sand dunes.

Baja California Holiday Voyage: A Living Sea & Desert Isles



8 DAYS | FROM \$7,240

Scan QR code for itinerary details and current rates

or visit expeditions.com/wildislands

Aboard *National Geographic Venture*

The pristine desert islands dotting the Gulf of California are places of incredible biodiversity set amid a UNESCO World Heritage Marine Site dubbed “the world’s aquarium” by Jacques Cousteau. Each of these islands is a world unto itself, with a palpable feel of rugged isolation.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Spend your holiday season in search of large pods of dolphins, blue and humpback whales, and other marine mammals including sea lions and leaping mobula rays.
- Explore the sculpted desert shoreline by kayak, hike uninhabited beaches, and snorkel among fish and acrobatic sea lions.
- Take in the stunning hues of a Baja California sunset at a festive, holiday-themed beach barbecue.
- Conditions permitting, visit Isla Rasa, where 90 percent of the world’s Heermann’s gulls come to breed.
- Visit the old mining town of Santa Rosalia, with its wooden homes and historic steel church, designed by Gustave Eiffel.

Below: Stand-up paddleboarding in late afternoon, Gulf of California.



DAY 1: LORETO, MEXICO/EMBARK
Arrive in Loreto and embark our ship. (D)

DAYS 2–7: EXPLORING THE GULF OF CALIFORNIA

Our routing is designed with flexibility in mind, to maximize opportunities for wildlife sightings. It will most likely include the islands and activities listed below, although the order may vary. (B,L,D)



Cardon cactus flowers.

ISLAS SAN ESTEBAN AND SAN PEDRO MÁRTIR:

Walk up a desert wash, to search for desert songbirds or the endemic pinto chuckwalla—a plump, harmless desert lizard. Later visit Isla San Pedro Mártir, a 1,000-foot-high guano-covered island that is home to thousands of seabirds: brown pelicans, magnificent frigatebirds, Brandt’s cormorants; and California sea lions.

ISLA SAN MARCOS:

At Isla San Marcos, there is a beautiful shoreline for swimming, snorkeling, and kayaking. In the afternoon, we are on the lookout for

pods of common and bottlenose dolphins. With luck they will join us as we go, riding the bow wave and leaping from the water.

ISLA SAN JOSÉ:

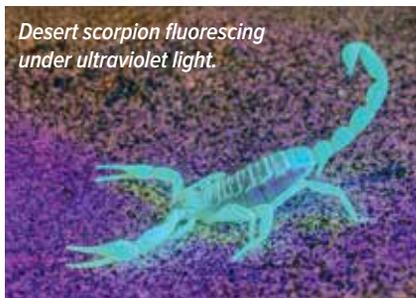
One of the larger islands in the Gulf of California, San José, offers several landings for exploration. Photograph the ochre cliffs of the island’s eastern shore, hike an “enchanted,” cactus-laden *arroyo*, or visit the abandoned salt works to the west.

BAHÍA LORETO MARINE PARK:

Search the waters south of Isla Carmen for fin whales, dolphins, and more. Later we visit an island of Bahía Loreto Marine Park, with ample time for kayaking, snorkeling, stand-up paddleboarding, and possibly hiking. After a sunset beach barbecue, venture into the night with a naturalist to find scorpions fluorescing under ultraviolet light.

ISLAS LOS ISLOTES AND SAN FRANCISCO:

At Los Islotes, don flippers, a mask and snorkel and swim with curious sea lions (conditions



Desert scorpion fluorescing under ultraviolet light.



permitting). We have a leisurely afternoon to swim, kayak, or hike at Isla San Francisco. Look skyward for yellow-footed gulls, brown pelicans, and blue-footed boobies.

DAY 8: LORETO/DISEMBARK

Disembark in Loreto after breakfast. Schedules permitting, transfer to the city center to visit the first mission in Baja California, as well as the nearby museum. After lunch, transfer to Loreto Airport for flights home. (B,L)

DEPARTURES

National Geographic Venture
2023-2025 December

SPECIAL OFFERS

- Book by Oct. 31, 2023:
- \$350/pp air credit.
 - Waive the solo premium.
 - 4th guest travels free.
 - Beer and wine included in 2023.
- Select departures only. See page 26 for details.



Porpoising common bottlenose dolphins in the Gulf of California, Baja California.

Baja California: A Remarkable Journey



15 DAYS | FROM \$12,610

Scan QR code for itinerary details and current rates or visit expeditions.com/remarkablebaja

Aboard *National Geographic Venture*

Embark on a comprehensive expedition that explores both the Pacific side of Baja California and the islands in the Gulf of California. With more time for adventure, rely on your expedition leader to take you where wildlife will be at its best.

EXPEDITION HIGHLIGHTS

- Get up-close views of gray whale mothers and their growing calves as they prepare for their journey back to Arctic feeding grounds.
- Kayak clear blue waters to search for wildlife, including magnificent frigatebirds, and investigate the intricacies of the shoreline.
- Snorkel the living sea: observe large schools of vibrantly colored fish, swim among playful sea lions, and much more.
- Visit seldom-explored islands at the outer reaches, such as San Pedro Mártir with clouds of nesting seabirds and crowds of sea lions onshore, and expanses of sea where huge pods of dolphins gather.

PHOTO EXPEDITIONS

Select departures include a Certified Photo Instructor as well as a National Geographic Photography Expert and will include special programming for photographers.

Find out more about our photographers and photo expeditions at expeditions.com/photo.

Below: Kayaking the sculpted shorelines of the Gulf of California.



**DAY 1: LORETO, MEXICO/
SAN CARLOS/EMBARK**

Upon arrival in Loreto, transfer to San Carlos and embark our ship. (D)

DAY 2: BAHÍA MAGDALENA

Explore the ever-shifting sand dunes of Isla Magdalena, on a cross-island walk to one of the most pristine beaches in the Pacific. Birdwatching can be excellent here, with opportunities to spot cormorants, pelicans, terns, frigatebirds, whimbrels, willets, great blue herons, and other migratory shorebirds. (B,L,D)

DAYS 3 & 4: LAGUNA SAN IGNACIO

The ship will anchor at the mouth of this remote and favored haunt of Baja California's gray whales, while we observe mother and calf pairs in local pangas. Whales here seem to be friendlier than in other lagoons, and it's not unusual for mothers and calves to approach our boats for a closer look. (B,L,D)

DAY 5: AT SEA

As we travel south along the Pacific coast of the peninsula, there is a chance of seeing a wide variety of marine life. (B,L,D)

DAYS 6-14: ISLANDS OF THE GULF OF CALIFORNIA

Today we round the peninsula and enter what Jacques Cousteau called "The Aquarium of the

World." The Gulf of California contains almost a third of the world's marine mammal species, and it's dotted with 244 islands islets with a surprising array of flora and fauna. This leg of our expedition will be a freewheeling exploration of this UNESCO World Heritage Site, with the chance of discovering new places and events never before witnessed in our 40 years of exploring this vast wilderness.

DAY 15: LORETO/DISEMBARK

Disembark in Loreto after breakfast. Schedules permitting, transfer to the city center to visit the first mission in Baja California, as well as the nearby museum. After lunch, transfer to Loreto Airport for flights home. (B,L)



DEPARTURES

National Geographic Venture
2024-2025 March, April

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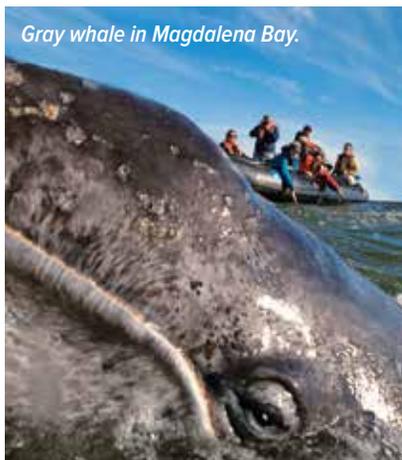
📷 Select departures are photo expeditions. Visit [expeditions.com/photo](https://www.nationalgeographic.com/expeditions.com/photo) or call for details.

SPECIAL OFFERS

Book by Dec. 31, 2023:

- \$500 air credit.
- Waive the solo premium.
- Bar tab included.
- 4th guest travels free.

Select departures only. See page 26 for terms.



Gray whale in Magdalena Bay.



Guest photographing at sunrise.

Optional Extension

Make the most of your time in Baja California

LORETO + BLUE AND FIN WHALES

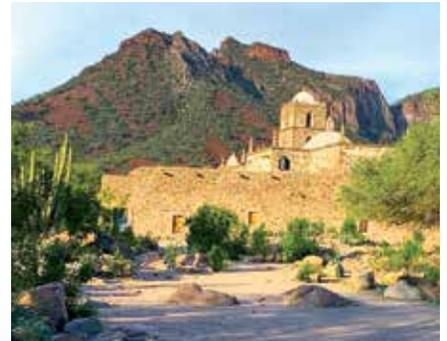
3 DAYS/2 NIGHTS POST-VOYAGE

PRICING FROM \$1,230*

Add an exploration of Loreto's inland wildness to your coastal expedition, and discover the region's human history through its missions and villages. Visit stunning San Javier, a mission built in the 1700s by Jesuits and see the surrounding town, with streets and buildings largely untouched since 1875, then hike outside the village to experience Baja California's inland wildness. In the Loreto National Marine Reserve, board local boats for a chance to see magnificent blue and fin whales, the two largest animals on Earth. Hike through the fascinating ecosystems of the desert and canyons of the Sierra de la Gigante. Available on all departures of *Baja California: Among the Great Whales* (page 14) and *Wild Baja California Escape: the Whales of Magdalena Bay* (page 16).

Learn more at expeditions.com/loreto

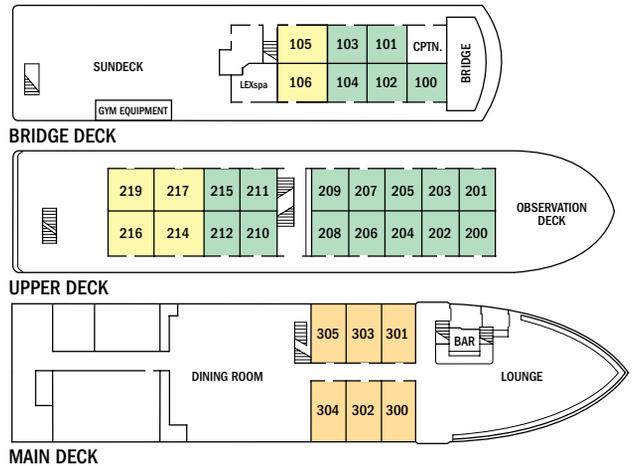
*Pricing is per person, double occupancy.



SPECIAL OFFER

Book by Dec. 31, 2023 and save 50% when you book *Wild Baja California Escape: The Whales of Magdalena Bay* (page 16). Select departures only. See page 26 for terms.





Clockwise from top: National Geographic Sea Bird; Category 3 cabin; lounge with full service bar and facilities for films, slideshows and presentations.

National Geographic Sea Bird & National Geographic Sea Lion

CAPACITY: 62 guests in 31 outside cabins.

REGISTRY: United States. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 152 feet.

PUBLIC AREAS: Our twin sister ships feature a library; global market; lounge with full-service bar and facilities for films, slide shows and presentations; observation deck; partially covered sun deck with chairs and tables, and LEXspa. Our “open Bridge” provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and captain and learn about navigation.

MEALS: Served in a single seating with unassigned tables. The menu features locally inspired fare.

CABINS: All face outside with windows, private facilities and climate controls.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: A fleet of 5 Zodiacs and 16 kayaks, paddleboards, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splash-cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, snorkeling gear and wet suits for all guests (where applicable), and OM System Photo Gear Locker.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest internet access, Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor, and undersea specialist.

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a wellness specialist and features exercise equipment, LEXspa and outdoor stretching area.

SEE MORE ONLINE: Learn more about *National Geographic Sea Bird* at expeditions.com/seabird and *National Geographic Sea Lion* at expeditions.com/sealion

CATEGORY 1: Main Deck #300-305 Cabins face outside with a large view window, feature two single beds, two nightstands and a closet.

CATEGORY 2: Bridge Deck #100-104; Upper Deck #200-212, 215 Cabins open to the outside, feature two single beds, two nightstands and a closet.

CATEGORY 3: Bridge Deck #105, 106; Upper Deck #214, 216, 217, 219 Cabins open to the outside, feature two single beds, two nightstands, a closet, small table and two chairs. Upper deck cabins have a pull-out Murphy bed to accommodate a third person and two single beds that can convert to a queen.

NOTE: Solo Occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates are available in certain categories at one half the double occupancy rate.

SHARED ACCOMMODATIONS: Shares can be arranged at the double occupancy rate in Categories 1 and 2 only.



National Geographic Venture

CAPACITY: 100 guests in 50 outside cabins and suites.

REGISTRY: United States. **OVERALL LENGTH:** 238 feet.

National Geographic Venture was designed with over 50 years of expedition heritage and built in the U.S.A. She sets a new standard in exploration and comfort.

PUBLIC AREAS: Global gallery; fitness center; LEXspa; lounge with full service bar and facilities for films and presentations; observation deck; mudroom with lockers for expedition gear, and a partially covered sundeck with chairs and tables. Our “open Bridge” provides guests an opportunity to meet our officers and captain and learn about navigation.

MEALS: Served in a single seating with unassigned tables. The menu features locally inspired fare.

CABINS: All cabins face outside with windows or portholes, private facilities and climate controls. Category 4 cabins have step-out balconies.

EXPEDITION EQUIPMENT: A fleet of 8 Zodiacs and 24 kayaks, paddleboards, Remotely Operated Vehicle (ROV), hydrophone, splash-cam, underwater video camera, video microscope, snorkeling gear and wet suits for all guests (where applicable), and OM System Photo Gear Locker.

SPECIAL FEATURES: Guest internet access, elevator, Lindblad Expeditions-National Geographic certified photo instructor, and undersea specialist.

WELLNESS: The vessel is staffed by a Wellness Specialist and features a gym with an elliptical machine, treadmill, exercycles, handweights and resistance bands. Treatments in the LEXspa are available by appointment.



From top: Enjoy expansive views and regional fare in the informal dining room; gather to watch for wildlife or enjoy an evening cocktail with friends in the open air, partially covered sun deck.



Clockwise above: the lounge, with 270° views, is the hub of the expedition community; Category 5 cabin is our most spacious; Category 4 cabin with single beds (which can be converted to queen) and private step-out balcony.

CATEGORY 1: Main Deck #301-306 Cabins face outside with two portholes, feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, two nightstands, full length mirror and a closet.

CATEGORY 2: Main Deck #307-315 Cabins face outside with two portholes, feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, two nightstands, full length mirror and a closet.

CATEGORY 3: Upper Deck #201-206 Cabins face outside with a large window, feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, two nightstands, full length mirror and a closet.

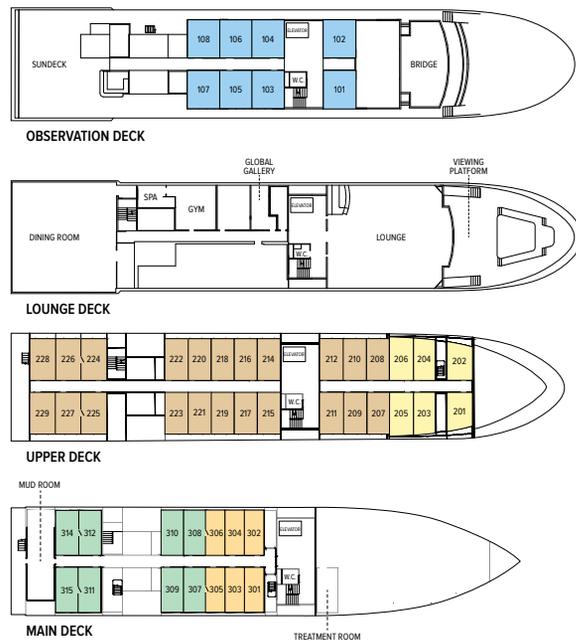
CATEGORY 4: Upper Deck #207-229 Cabins face outside with a sliding glass door and small private balcony, feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, two nightstands, full length mirror and a closet.

CATEGORY 5 (SUITE): Observation Deck #101-108 Cabins face outside with a large view window, feature two single beds that can convert to a queen, a writing desk, two nightstands, full length mirror, convertible sofa bed to accommodate a third person, expanded bathroom and extra closet space.

NOTE: Solo Occupancy cabins are available in Categories 1 and 2 only. Third person rates are available in Category 5 cabins at one half the double occupancy rate.

Connecting Cabins via internal doorway access: Main Deck: #312-314, #311-315, #306-308, #305-307; Upper Deck: #224-226, #225-227

SEE MORE ONLINE: Learn more about *National Geographic Venture* at expeditions.com/venture



Special Offers

FOURTH GUEST TRAVELS FREE: Bookings of three full-paying guests may bring a fourth person for free on select Baja California departures. Offer applicable only on bookings of two double-occupancy cabins, and second cabin must be in same category or lower as first cabin.

AIR CREDIT: Receive air credit in amount indicated per person, deducted from cabin fare prior to any additional applicable savings. Valid on select departures.

COMPLIMENTARY OCEAN-VIEW HOTEL OR 50% OFF 2-NIGHT BLUE AND FIN WHALE EXTENSION:

Enjoy a complimentary pre- or post-voyage hotel stay in Loreto, Mexico or 50% off a 2-night Loreto Blue and Fin Whale extension with the purchase of cabin fare for eligible departures. Valid on select departures of *Wild Baja California Escape: The Whales of Magdalena Bay*.

WAIVE SOLO PREMIUM: Waive the solo premium on solo cabins on select departures.

NEW IN 2024—BAR TAB INCLUDED: On all departures aboard *National Geographic Venture*, *National Geographic Sea Bird*, and *National Geographic Sea Lion*, excluding certain super premium brands which are available for sale. Beer and wine is included on all 2023 departures aboard these ships. Call for details.

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- ✓ All meals as indicated in the itinerary
- ✓ Snacks and non-alcoholic beverages, including 24-hour coffee, tea, and soda on demand
- ✓ Beer and wine on 2023 departures. Beginning in 2024, cocktails and spirits will also be included aboard. Super premium wines and liquors are available for purchase.
- ✓ Hors d'oeuvres and snacks during lounge recap
- ✓ All excursions
- ✓ Exploration tools curated to your destination, such as Zodiacs, stand-up paddleboards, kayaks, and a full complement of snorkeling equipment
- ✓ Lectures and presentations
- ✓ The guidance and expertise of our expedition staff
- ✓ Accommodations on land as indicated in itinerary
- ✓ Special access permits, park fees, and port taxes
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